

Personal History of Mr. Eita YASHIRO

1973	Had a stage accident and became disabled. As a wheelchair user, joined the disability movement and community.
1974	Toured all over Japan to develop the campaign called “ Let’s Bloom the Flower of Volunteers for Persons with Disabilities“ and appealed to the public to enhance awareness for the persons with disabilities activity Declaration of the Rights for the Persons with Disabilities was adopted in the United Nations
1977	Elected to the House of Councilors (Upper House) with 840,000 votes. Campaign Slogan was “Send Wheelchair to the Diet!”
1980	First official address in the National Diet and introduced the “Ideal of the Normalization
1981	Joined the formation of DPI (Disabled People’s International) as one of the founders in the International Year of Persons with Disabilities. Since this year, served as a Chairperson of DPI in Asia and Pacific Region for 16 years.
1982	Joined the ruling party, Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), and started to tackle political issues related to welfare of person with disabilities inside of LDP.
1983	Re-elected to the House of Councilors for the second term with 1,600,000 votes, and also Asia-Pacific Decade of the Disabled was started
1987	Declared the Normalization Plan for Persons with Disabilities, and promoted the idea of integration to mainstream of society for persons with disabilities “ from the Institution to the Community”
1988	Appointed to the Vice-Minister for Science and Technology and promoted the life science Appointed to a Chairperson of the House Standing Committee on Social and Labor Affairs, promoting disability policies. Contributed for the passage of legislation called Sign Language Interpreter Law and independent living policy for persons with disabilities, also established the scheme of basic pension for

	persons with disabilities to secure the minimum income, and also promoted the sheltered workshop for persons with disabilities to secure their job opportunity
1988	Reelected to the House of Councilors for the third term. Appealed to the Diet to abolish all kinds of vocational discrimination.
1991	Revised all laws related to persons with disabilities including the Fundamental Law for the Disabled, Public Transportation Accessibility Law, and Employment Law for the Disabled, etc.
1992	Revised Fundamental Law for the Disabled was enacted.
	Awarded International Victory Award.
	Proclaimed Asia- Pacific Decade of the Disabled, and started.
1996	Elected to the House of Representatives (Lower House)
1997	Appointed to a Chairperson of the House Standing Committee on Justice
1998	Director, Foreign Affairs Division (LDP)
1999	Member of the Executive Council (LDP).
	Appointed to the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, and tackled Information Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities and IT strategy.
2000	Re-elected to the House of Representatives (Second Time)
2001	Proclaimed the new policy which persons with disabilities themselves could choose their own welfare services by their own decision
2002	Introduction of User Oriented Support System for Persons with Disabilities, and started to tackle with the second revision of Fundamental Law for the Disabled.
2003	Marked 25 th Anniversary as a member of the Diet.
	The Second Asia-Pacific Decade of the Disabled was started.
2004	Revised Fundamental Law for the Disabled