Profile of Tsuyoshi Saito

Born in Yokohama in 1945, graduated from Kanagawa University. Elected as a member of Yokohama City assembly in 1987. Elected as a member of House of Councilors in 1995. Reelected as a member of House of Councilors in 2001. Acted as a leading member of the Democratic Party of Japan in the fields of decentralization, peace, tax system, etc. for ten years. Successively held various posts such as the Chairman of the Committee on Transport, Information and Telecommunications (now defunct), Senior Director of the Committee on Budget, Senior Director of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defense.

Ran for office in the snap general election called over the postal reform issue in September 2005.

Fought fair and square with former Prime Minister Koizumi in the same constituency, Kanagawa No 12. Defeated by a narrow margin.

Ran for office in the House of Councilors Election (the national proportional representation constituency) on July in 2007. Defeated by a narrow margin.

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