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**Mieko Nakabayashi**, who served as a Member of Japan's House of Representatives from 2009 to 2012 (elected from the 1st District, Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture), is currently a Professor at the School of Social Sciences, Waseda University, Tokyo, and a Distinguished Fellow of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation.

During her tenure at the House of Representatives, **Nakabayashi** served as Director of the Foreign Affairs Committee, the Financial Affairs Committee, and the Special Committee on Anti-Piracy Measures, Prevention of International Terrorism, and Japan's Cooperation and Support. She also served as a member of the Budget Committee, the Governmental Affairs Committee, and the National Security Committee. As a member of the then-ruling Democratic

Party of Japan (DPJ), **Nakabayashi** served as the Vice Director-General of the International Department, as well as the Assistant Director-General of the party.

Prior to becoming a member of the Japanese parliament, **Nakabayashi** taught as a tenured Associate Professor on the Faculty of Management, Atomi Women's University from 2006 to 2009. She also served in the Japanese government, as a Commissioner of the Council on the Fiscal System at the Ministry of Finance; a member of International Committee of the Council on Science and Technology at the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology; a member of the Radioactive Nuclear Waste Subcommittee at the Agency for National Resources and Energy in the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry; a visiting scholar at the Legislative Council and the Research Bureau of the House of Representatives. In 2008 and 2009, she appeared as a key witness for many committee hearings held by the Financial Affairs Committee and the Budget Committee in both the Lower and Upper Chambers.

From 2002 to 2005, **Nakabayashi** worked as a resident fellow at the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI), where she produced and published numerous scholarly articles. She is the author of *What Kind of Person is President Trump?* (2018), *President Trump and Congress* (2017) and the best-selling book, *Simple Habits of Globally Competitive Professional Women* (2012). She has also authored or co-authored *A Challenge to Obama & America* (2009), *Civic Literacy* (2005), *New Schedule for Administrative and Fiscal Reform* (2005), and *Fiscal Reform of Japan* (2004).

In Washington, D.C., **Nakabayashi** served on the Republican professional staff of the Senate Committee on the Budget under Chairman Pete Domenici from January 1993 to April 2002. She also ran as an Olympic torch runner in D.C. for the Atlanta Olympics in 1996.

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