Esaki Yoshihide
Governor of Gifu Prefecture

・Date of Birth: November 27, 1964
・Birthplace: Yamagata City, Gifu Prefecture (former Miyama-cho, Yamagata-gun)
・Hobby: Aikido martial art (6th dan rank of Tentsuaikido, Master level)
・Motto: Knowing and not doing is the same as not knowing.

Profile

1964 Born in Yamagata City, Gifu Prefecture (former Miyama-cho, Yamagata-gun)
1983 Graduated from Kano High School
1989 Graduated from International Relations Course, College of Arts and Sciences, the University of Tokyo
1989 Joined the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) (currently the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI))
1991 Appointed Planning and Administration Division, Securities Bureau, Ministry of Finance
1996 Studied in the U.K. and worked at Directorate-General for Industry (DG III) of European Commission, EU
2005 Appointed Director, Energy Policy Planning Office, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy
2008 Appointed Deputy Executive Director, Department of General Planning
2009 Appointed Executive Director, Department of Commerce, Labor and Industry
2012 Appointed Director, Bio-Industry Division, Manufacturing Industries Bureau, METI
2015 Appointed Healthcare Industries Division, Commerce and Information Policy Bureau, METI
2017 Appointed Deputy Director-General, Commerce and Service Industry Policy Group, METI, and concurrently Deputy Director General, Health and Medical Strategy Office, Cabinet Secretariat
2018 Additionally appointed Deputy Director-General, Health Policy Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
2020 Appointed Deputy Director-General for Science, Technology and Innovation, Cabinet Office
2020 Resigned from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
2021 Established the Institute for Social Policy Issues and became its Director
2025 Appointed Governor of Gifu Prefecture (February 6)