

MS YURIKO KOIKE

Member of the House of Representatives of Japan

Yuriko Koike, a member of the House of Representatives, served as Minister of the Environment from 2003 to 2006. She was successful in promoting a new business style called 'Cool Biz' to tackle global warming. Later Koike held two other cabinet posts: Special Advisor to the Prime Minister for National Security Affairs, appointed in 2006, and Japan's first female Defense Ministry, in July 2007. In 2008, she was in the run for the head of Japan's ruling party, which brings prime ministership, as the first female candidate. Koike began her career as a TV personality and Arabist. She has written books and magazine articles on Japanese politics, international affairs, and career women's networking.

