



MR MICHAEL A. JOHNSON MP

**FEDERAL MEMBER FOR RYAN
FEDERAL OPPOSITION WHIP**

PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

Elected in 2001, 2004, and 2007, Michael is 40 and one of the youngest Members in the Australian Parliament. He is the first Member of the House of Representatives to have part Chinese heritage. In 2007, he was appointed Federal Opposition Whip.

Michael holds an Arts/Law Degree from the University of Queensland, a Masters Degree from the University of Cambridge, and is a graduate of the Kennedy School's Executive Leaders' Program at Harvard. Michael led the Australian Government's contribution to the UN International Observer Delegation of the 2003 Cambodian elections and was the Australian Government's Parliamentary Observer of the 2008 Mongolian Parliamentary Elections. He is a frequent visitor to Asia and is only one of two sitting Australian Members of Parliament who have been to North Korea (the other being current Prime Minister Rudd). Following his 2009 visit to Pyongyang, Michael gave interviews on CNN, Voice of America and Radio Free Asia.

Michael has a deep interest in international relations and global geo-politics, global energy security and international trade. He is especially passionate about promoting Australia's ties with the Asian region to secure Australia's future economic prosperity and strategic security. Michael was named by the Geneva based World Economic Forum (WEF) as a Young Global Leader (YGL) in 2007. He is also Chairman of the Australia-China Business Forum (ACBF), sits on the Australian Advisory Board of the Asia Society, and the Asia Society's Global Advisory Board. Michael has conducted interviews on all of Australia's leading television networks and is a regular guest commentator on Australia's leading subscription TV News Programme – "Sky-News Agenda". He is also a regular special commentator on Brisbane's Radio 4BC with Joel Helmes every third Saturday evening. Michael lives in Brisbane with his wife, Huyen, and their son, Ryan.