



VARGA MIHÁLY

Minister for National Economy

He was born in Karcag on 26 January 1965.

He is married with four children. His wife is a chemist. He studied at Gábor Áron Secondary School in Karcag and completed his studies in 1983. In 1989 he graduated in trade from Karl Marx University of Economic Science of Budapest. After defending his thesis he served as an auditor at the State Construction Company No. 43 in Budapest, and then became an economist at the East Hungary Water Planning Company in Szolnok in 1990.

At the end of December 1988 he joined the Alliance of Young Democrats (FIDESZ). He was the founder of the Szolnok county FIDESZ group. He became a member of FIDESZ's National Board in 1990, and served as its chairman in 1992-93. From 1993 to 1995 he was chairman of the party's organisation in Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok County. From 1994 to 2003 he was the party's national deputy chairman, a member of the National Board and director of the party's Management Office. He chaired the Karcag constituency since the autumn of 2003.

He has been a member of Parliament since 1990. Elected from the national list in 1990 and co-opted on 26 September 1994; elected to represent constituency No 8, Karcag, Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok County in 1998.

From 1995 to 1998 he was Parliamentary Deputy Group Leader of FIDESZ.

From 14 July 1998 to 31 December 2000 he was Parliamentary State Secretary of the Ministry of Finance.

Between 1 January 2001 and 27 May 2002 he served as Minister of Finance.

He secured his seat from Karcag once again during the 2002 parliamentary elections. On finishing his governmental duties he became leader of the Budget and Finance Committee of the Parliament.

He won his seat in Parliament in the 2006 general elections from Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok county constituency No 8. He was elected chairman of the Committee on Budget, Finance and Audit Office on 30 May 2006.

Since 4 June 2010 he served as State Secretary of the Prime Minister's Office.

Between 2 June 2012 and 6 March 2013 he served as Minister without Portfolio responsible for liaising with certain international financial organizations.

Since 7 March 2013 he serves as Minister for National Economy.

Since 1997 Minister Varga has been serving as vice-president of the Hungarian - Kazakh Friendship Society. In 2000, he was awarded the membership of the Order of the Knights of St. John. In 2001 he became presbyter of the Reformed Church of Karcag and a member of the Rákóczi Association. In 2003 he became Chairman of the Nagykun Civic Association. He holds the title of honorary professorship of the College of Management in Szolnok.