

Antoni Duda

Graduate of the AGH University of Science and Technology in Kraków. In 1974 he began to work as an associate lecturer in the Higher School of Engineering in Opole making this city his permanent home.

When the Solidarity movement was born, he combined his professional activity with his social commitment and co-formed the structures of the original Solidarity movement at the university. At the same time, he got involved in the establishment of the Catholic Intelligence Club in Opole with which he has maintained an affiliation to the present day. He served as vice-president from 1993 and he has been the president since 2002. In 1983 he started to work in the manufacturing industry. In the landmark year of 1989 he became involved in the re-creation of trade union structures in PRiMUE Remak, one of the larger trade union organizations at that time in the Opole region. That led him to be a delegate from the Opole Part of Silesia at the second and third National Convention of Delegates of NSZZ “Solidarność” held in Gdańsk in April 1990 and February 1991.

In 1998 he became the director of the Opole branch of the ZUS Social Insurance Institution during the most difficult period of implementing the largest reform in the history of ZUS. In the meanwhile, he enriched his technical education with post-graduate studies in business and commercial law at the University of Wrocław.

He was a member of the Supervisory Board of the Regional Sickness Fund in Opole from 1999 to 2002, while from 2007 to 2008 he was a member of the Supervisory Board of BOT KWB in Turoszów.

He headed up the County Labor Office in Opole from 2003. He presided over the Assembly of Directors of County Labor Offices in the Opole region three times. The Opole Chamber of Commerce conferred the silver and gold award on the office headed up by Antoni Duda for skills and competences in the category of a “person or institution supporting the development of the market economy or education to meet a company’s needs” (in 2009 and 2012). In turn, he received the title of Excellent Leader in the 11th annual Quality Award of Opole (2014).

In 2015 he received a gold medal for his many years of service.

He was elected to be a member of parliament from the Law and Justice party’s list in the parliamentary elections held on 25 October 2015. He worked in three commissions in Poland’s Sejm: the Economy and Development Commission, the Social Policy and Family Commission and the National and Ethnic Minorities Commission.