

MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
TARO NAKAYAMA

Born on August 27, 1924, Mr. Nakayama studied at the Osaka Medical College and obtained a doctorate in pediatric medicine.

He was first elected to the Diet's upper chamber in 1968, where he served three consecutive six-year terms. From 1983 to 1985 he filled the post of Secretary General of the Liberal Democratic Party's (LDP) Members League in the Upper House, the second most important party post in the legislature, and was a member of the House of Councillors' Committee on Foreign Affairs.

He had served previously in a cabinet-level position as head of the Management and Co-ordination Agency, and in several LDP positions, including Chairman of the LDP Finance Committee, and Chairman of the Upper House Rules and Administration Committee.

Mr. Nakayama was appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs in August of this year.

He and his wife, Hanako, have two sons.

