

MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
SOSUKE UNO

Sosuke Uno was born in August 1922. He left Kobe University of Commerce upon being conscripted into the military in 1943. At the end of World War II, Uno spent two years in an internment camp in Siberia, an experience that he described in his first book Domoi Tokyo (Home to Tokyo).

At 38, Uno won election to the House of Representatives for the first time in the 1960 General Election, after serving two terms in the Shiga Prefectural Assembly. He was involved in the negotiations on the normalization of relations between Japan and the Republic of Korea.

From 1970, Uno served in many capacities, including Deputy Chairman of the LDP Research Commission on the Tax System; LDP Deputy Secretary General; Director General of the Defence Agency; Director General of the Science and Technology Agency; Director General of the Administrative Management Agency.

In 1983, he became Minister of International Trade and Industry, and in 1987 was appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Uno has published two collections of poetry and has written two books on the history of his home region. He paints in oil and also plays the piano and harmonica. He holds the rank of fifth dan in Kendo (Japanese fencing).

Uno and his wife, Hiroko, have two daughters and four grandchildren.

