

Parliamentarians League, a group of nearly 200 Diet members who have encouraged closer ties between the Parliaments of the two countries. He has visited Canada on several occasions and was present in Vancouver during the visit of former Prime Minister Tanaka in September 1974. In his capacity as Finance Minister, he attended the June 1975 Canada/Japan Ministerial Committee meeting held in Tokyo and met with Prime Minister Trudeau during his visit to Japan in October 1976. He met Prime Minister Clark twice in 1979, one of these two meetings being at the occasion of the Tokyo Economic Summit.

Mr. Ohira was an official in the Finance Ministry for 16 years before entering politics. He was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1952.

Mr. Ohira is married and is the father of two sons, Hiroshi, (40) and Akira (33) and a daughter, Yoshiko.