

**Minister for Foreign Affairs
Taro Nakayama**

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

Mr. Nakayama was first elected to the diet's upper chamber in 1968, where he served three consecutive six-year terms. From 1983 to 1985 he was a member of the house of councillors' Committee on Foreign Affairs. Mr. Nakayama was elected to the house of representatives in the 1985 general election.

He had served previously in a cabinet-level position as head of the Management and Co-ordination Agency, and in several Liberal Democratic Party (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 1989.

Mr. Nakayama and his wife, Hanako, have two sons.

