

**PRIME MINISTER  
TOSHIKI KAIFU**

Born on January 2, 1931 in Aichi Prefecture, about 300 km west of Tokyo, Mr. Kaifu has spent most of his professional life in politics.

He began his university education at Chuo University and then studied law at Waseda University.

In 1960 Mr. Kaifu was elected to the Diet's House of Representatives. He was the youngest member in the House at the time and the first to be born under the Hirohito reign.

In 1966 Mr. Kaifu was appointed Vice-Minister of Labour. From 1974 to 1976 he held the position of Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary in the Miki cabinet and Chairman of the Liberal Democratic Party's (LDP) Diet Affairs Committee.

In 1976-78 and again in 1985-86, he was Minister of Education in the Fukuda cabinet and Nakasone cabinet respectively.

On August 8 of this year, Mr. Kaifu was selected by Japan's ruling LDP as Party President to complete the two-year term of former presidents Noboru Takeshita and Sousuke Uno.

On August 9 of this year, Mr. Kaifu was elected Prime Minister of Japan.

Mr. Kaifu is married to Achiyo Kaifu with whom he has one son and one daughter.

