



Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita



Noboru Takeshita was born on February 26, 1924, in a village in Shimane Prefecture in Western Japan. He received his higher education at Waseda University. Toward the end of World War II he was conscripted into the army as a trainee pilot; and he returned to Waseda after the war to complete his studies, graduating from the School of Commerce in 1947.

Mr. Takeshita then returned to his hometown as a teacher. In 1951 he was elected to the Shimane Prefectural Assembly. After serving for seven years, Mr. Takeshita won his first election to the House of Representatives in 1958. He has served in the Diet for 11 consecutive terms (30 years).

In 1971, Mr. Takeshita entered the Cabinet for the first time, serving as Chief Cabinet Secretary. He was again appointed Chief Cabinet Secretary in 1974, and later served as Construction Minister. He has served for a total of five terms in the post of Minister of Finance, being appointed for the first time in 1979 and keeping the post from November 1982 to July 1986.

From July 1986 to October 1987, Mr. Takeshita served as Secretary General of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). In July 1987, he became the Leader of the Keiseikai, the largest faction in the LDP. On November 6, 1987, Mr. Takeshita was appointed Prime Minister.

Toronto is Prime Minister Takeshita's sixth economic summit. He attended the Summit of 1980, and summits from 1983 to 1986 as Japan's Finance Minister. He will be accompanied by Sosuke Uno, Foreign Minister and Kiichi Miyazawa, Finance Minister. His Personal Representative is Hiroshi Kitamura.