

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

SABURO OKITA

FOREIGN MINISTER OF JAPAN

Foreign Minister Okita, 65, is the only Member of Mr. Ohira's new Cabinet who has no Diet seat. Under relevant Japanese law, however, he will be seated at the Cabinet bench and will suffer no restrictions in addressing the House or committees.

Mr. Okita is an internationally renowned economist who has served in government and also in various international organizations, including the OECD and the UN Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East; he is also a member of the Trilateral Commission. In the late 1960s he was a member of the Pearson Commission, which looked in depth at the problems of Third World development, participating in its study on economic development undertaken for the World Bank.

Mr. Okita's contacts with Canada go back to the early 1960s, when he delivered a guest lecture at University of British Columbia. He has visited Canada many times as an