

President
Carlos Salinas de Gortari

Carlos Salinas de Gortari was born in Mexico City on April 3, 1948. He received a degree with honourable mention in Economics from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) in 1969, and both a master's degree and a doctorate in Public Administration and Government from Harvard University.

Since 1970 Mr. Salinas has held various professorial positions in Mexican universities, as well as senior positions in the Secretariat of Finance and Public Credit. As head of the Secretariat of Planning and the Budget, he was a senior adviser to President Miguel de la Madrid.

Mr. Salinas joined the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) in 1966, when he was 18. In 1971 he joined the Institute for Political, Economic and Social Studies (IEPES) of the PRI and was a professor in the party's Institute for Political Training.

In 1979, Mr. Salinas was sub-director of Economic Studies in this institute. In 1981-82, during the political campaign of Miguel de la Madrid, he was director general of IEPES. Since 1982, he has been a member of the National Ideological Commission of the PRI. Mr. Salinas is the author of various publications, including a book entitled *Production and Political Participation in the Countryside*.

Prior to becoming president, Mr. Salinas was a director of more than 18 publicly owned and decentralized government agencies. He



also participated at various times as head of Mexican delegations to international conferences in Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, the U.S., Guatemala, Japan, and the People's Republic of China.

President Salinas is married to Cecilia Ocelli González and has three children: Cecilia, Emiliano and Juan Cristóbal.