

In 1984, Takeshita became the first Japanese to chair the Joint Annual Meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. In 1985, he chaired the Group of Ten. In 1986, Takeshita received an Honorary Doctor of Law Degree from Columbia University in recognition of his contribution to the world economy and to fiscal reconstruction in Japan.

Takeshita is the author of six books, and has a deep interest in the fine arts. He plays golf and also holds the rank of fifth dan in Judo. He serves as Chairman of the Japan Yachting Association.

Takeshita and his wife, Naoko, have three daughters and five grandchildren.