

**Prime Minister
Toshiki Kaifu**

Toshiki Kaifu was born January 2, 1931, in Aichi prefecture, west of Tokyo. He studied law at Waseda University in Tokyo, where he graduated in 1954.

After serving in the office of a diet member, Mr. Kaifu was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1960. He has served in the diet for 11 consecutive terms.

In the early 1960s, Mr. Kaifu headed the student subsection of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). He is a member of the Komoto faction within the LDP.

In 1966 Mr. Kaifu was named parliamentary vice-minister of labour. He first entered the cabinet in 1974, when Prime Minister Miki appointed him deputy chief cabinet secretary. In 1976 he was appointed minister of education in the Fukuda cabinet, and he returned to that position in 1985 in the Nakasone cabinet. On August 9, 1989, Mr. Kaifu was elected prime minister.

Mr. Kaifu visited Canada in September 1989 and has since met with Prime Minister Mulroney on several occasions, including the Houston Economic Summit in July 1990 and the World Summit for Children in New York in September 1990.

Mr. Kaifu is married to Sachiyo Kaifu and they have two children.

