

## BIOGRAPHY

RATU SIR KAMISESE MARA KBE  
PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Ratu Mara is also the Tui Nayan (Paramount Chief of Lau), one of the highest positions in Fiji customary society. He was born in Fiji in 1920, and educated in Fiji and New Zealand. He has an M.A. from Oxford and a Diploma in Economics and Social Administration from the University of London. From 1950 to 1966 he was a member of the civil service, becoming Chief Minister in 1966. Ratu Mara is President of the Fijian Association, and has travelled extensively. He is married to Adi Lady Lala, the Paramount Chief of Rewa (and the second highest customary Fiji rank). They have eight children.