

# JAPAN

## **Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology**

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Science and Technology

### **Kisaburo TOKAI**

Born on 11 February 1948 in Hyogo Prefecture

#### **BACKGROUND**

1985 Secretary of Shintaro Abe, Minister for Foreign Affairs  
1970 Nikken Sekkei Ltd  
Faculty of Science and Engineering, Waseda University

#### **POLITICAL CAREER**

1986 First elected to the House of Representatives  
Dec. 1992 State Secretary for Science and Technology  
Jun. 1993 Forms New Party Sakigake  
Jan. 1996 Chairman, New Party Sakigake Policy Research Council  
Dec. 1999 Rejoins LDP  
Jul. 2000 Senior State Secretary for Science and Technology  
Jan. 2002 Chairman of the Committee on Administration Audit and Oversight, the House of Representatives

Oct. 2002 Senior Vice Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology  
Sept. 2003 Chairman of the Standing Committee on Audit and Oversight of Administration,  
the House of Representatives  
Oct. 2004 Executive Board Member of the Budget Committee, the House of  
Representatives  
Oct. 2005 Chairman, Research Commission to Promote Research and Establish a Nation of  
Innovative Science and Technology, LDP  
Nov. 2005 Director-General, International Bureau, LDP  
Oct. 2006 Chairman, Finance Committee, LDP  
Aug. 2007 Acting Chairman, Policy Research Council, Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)  
Sept. 2007 Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology