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MASAYOSHI OHIRA - 43RD PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN

247 feet 6 min. 51 sec.

1. (PICTURE-TAKING) An official picture-taking section for the new Japanese Prime Minister and his cabinet. Mr. Masayoshi Ohira is the 43rd premier in the nation's 94 years of parliamentary government.
2. (DIET BUILDING) In the House of Representatives - the lower chamber of the bi-cameral Parliament - the Prime Minister makes his inaugural address. Political activity, he believes should reflect the union of government and the people, and politics should be based on mutual trust.
3. (CABINET MEETING) A strong cabinet is also an invaluable asset to any Prime Minister. Mr. Ohira meets with his twenty-one ministers whose responsibilities cover every aspect of the country's government. Cabinet meetings such as this one take place twice weekly, giving the Prime Minister a chance to keep up to date on every development that demands his attention.
4. (BUDGET) A major task for every government is the drawing up of the annual budget bill. At a budget committee meeting in the House of Councillors Mr. Ohira spells out his budget proposals. They are aimed at achieving a steady economic growth rate and increased public spending, and at minimizing unemployment without inciting inflation.

5. (OFFICIAL RESIDENCE) Directly behind the Diet building is the Prime Minister's official residence. It is here that the incumbent Premier holds his press conferences, and deals with a great variety of government business. Today's duties include meeting with the former U.S. President, Gerald Ford, and the U.S. Ambassador to Japan, Mr. Mike Mansfield. On Mr. Ford's part, this is a courtesy call on Mr. Ohira before he leaves for home after a private visit to Japan. The Prime Minister is himself planning a trip to the United States for talks with President Carter.

6. (STILLS) Mr. Ohira's schedule is always full, and already in the few months he has been in office he has met an impressive number of official visitors from home and abroad. There are also frequent press conferences and receptions to attend.

7. (PRIVATE RESIDENCE) There duties, plus the preparations for his trip to the United States and his responsibilities for the Tokyo Summit Conference of Industrialized Nations in June, leave little time for the Prime Minister to spend at home. He cherishes a quiet stroll with his wife in the garden of his private residence.

8. (GOLFING) Mr. Ohira was born in 1910 to a farming family in Shikoku... the smallest of the Japanese main islands. The third of five children, he graduated from one of Tokyo's most prestigious seats of learning - Hitotsubashi University. He joined the Ministry of Finance immediately on graduation and soon became superintendent of the Yokohama Tax Office. It was at this time that he married his wife Shigeiko. For Mrs. Ohira the brief break in her husband's duties enables her to pick up some golfing tips. There are times, it seems, when a Prime Minister gets the last laugh after all!!

9. (BONSAI) The Ohiras share an interest in raising bonsai. The cultivation of these miniature trees is a very popular hobby in Japan. The trees must be tended very carefully, and raising them takes skill and patience. Some bonsai live for hundreds of years and the best specimens are very valuable.

10. (FAMILY REUNION) Wearing a traditional kimono, the Prime Minister relaxes at home with his immediate family members... his wife, their three children, and their four grandchildren. None of the Prime Minister's children have entered politics, but it remains to be seen if any of the younger family members will follow in their grandfather's footsteps.

11. (TEA CEREMONY) Mrs. Ohira conducts a tea ceremony watched carefully by her daughters and grand-daughters. The ceremony is centuries old, and it is discipline which is still studied today. It demands concentration and total adherence to form. As with many of the traditional arts of Japan, it serves for spiritual training and is a beautiful thing to observe as well. The Prime Minister takes time from his busy routine to share in the moments of calmness which the tea-ceremony invokes. Mr. Ohira is served a bowl of ocha, the foaming green tea, prepared by his wife, and drinks it in the prescribed, formal manner.

12. (CALLIGRAPHY) When he does get a few minutes to himself, Mr. Ohira enjoys another traditional art-form, that of calligraphy. He prepares the sumi... the special ink that has been used for hundreds of years... and uses a brush to write the Chinese characters. Before pens and pencils were introduced to Japan everything was written by brush. The tradition is still followed today, especially in the study of calligraphy and in writing classic sayings for celebrations, or haiku and other traditional poems. With the same brush, the Prime Minister signs his name to the finished work.

13. (LIBRARY) But Mr. Ohira's favourite pastime is reading selections from his extensive private library. The calm, quiet study is very different from the frenzied pace that he must keep up throughout the day as he deals with the multitude of tasks that demand his attention. In the months ahead, finding moments like this will be even more difficult. With foreign trips and a major international summit already scheduled, the year ahead promises to be a very challenging one for Mr. Ohira, the 43rd Prime Minister of Japan.

CHILDREN'S MOTOR-CROSS

81 feet 2 min. 15 sec.

1. (MOTORCYCLE) Cross-country motorcycle racing... or "Motor-cross" as it is known in Japan... is a newsport quickly gaining popularity throughout the country.... And here in Saitama Prefecture, north of Tokyo, preparations for another competition are in full swing. But this will be no ordinary race, for the comeditors are all under 15 years of age.
2. (UNLOADING MOTORCYCLE) The contestants belong to a unique club, and the 30 members are aged from 6 to 14 years. The idea is to use "Motor-cross" as a means of teaching sportsmanship, manners and discipline. Coming to grips with the challenges of this exciting sport helps to develop a responsible attitude to life itself. That's a belief that is shared by the motorcycle manufactures who are sponsoring this race at a track designed especially for "Motor-cross."
3. (LINE UP) The twenty participants line up for the start. (FLAG) And they're off! The bikes are all of 50 c.c.'s and the race is over a total distance of 10 kilometers in all, 5 laps.

4. (AWARDS PRESENTATION) When it's all over, a moment of triumph for the 12 year old winner, Number 8, Mitsutoshi Ogawa.
