

HSIAO BI-KHIM

VICE PRESIDENT
REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)



Publisher: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China (Taiwan)

Photo credit: Hsiao Bi-khim

1st edition C195, May 2024 / Catalog Card No. MOFA-EN-FO-113-019-I-1

Family Background

Vice President Hsiao Bi-khim was born in 1971 in Kobe, Japan, to ROC (Taiwan) national Rev. Hsiao Ching-fen, former president of Tainan Theological College and Seminary, and U.S. national Peggy Cooley, a music teacher.

Education Background

She attended National University of Tainan Affiliated Primary School and Tainan Municipal Houjia Junior High School before moving to the U.S. In 1993, she graduated from Oberlin College with a Bachelor of Arts in East Asian Studies and later earned a Master of Arts in Political Science from Columbia University.

Political Experience

A member of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), Hsiao has served in various roles within the party, including program coordinator of the DPP's U.S. mission in 1995, deputy director of international affairs in 1996 and director from 1997 to 2006. She also worked at the Presidential Office as an adviser and interpreter in 2000. During her four terms in the Legislative Yuan, she focused on agriculture and transportation in her district of Hualien, along with championing issues such as gender equality, foreign affairs and human rights. Hsiao has additionally held positions as senior adviser at the National Security Council, vice president of Liberal International (LI), chair of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD) and board member of the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy. In 2020, she was appointed to represent Taiwan in the United States as head of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office, and she returned to Taiwan in November 2023 to run for vice president in the 16th presidential election.

