

Rt. Hon. Grand Chief Sir Michael Somare

MP GCL GCMG KSt.J GCEG CH



Overview: Founding, three-time, and current Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea; knighted by Pope John Paul II and the Queen of England; world leader.

Date of Birth: 09 April 1936

Place of Birth: Rabaul, East New Britain Province

Marital Status: Married with five children and 8 grandchildren

Elected Office: Regional Member of Parliament for East Sepik Province.

SUMMARY ACHIEVEMENTS

1957-1967	Broadcasting Officer & Teacher
1968	Elected to House of Assembly
1975-1981	First Prime Minister of PNG
1981-1982	Leader of the Opposition
1982-1985	Re-elected Prime Minister of PNG
1985-1987	Leader of the Opposition
1987-1996	Continual election to Parliament and continued to hold senior public offices
1996	Formed National Alliance
1999-2001	Minister for Mining & Bougainville Affairs
2001-2002	Leader of the Opposition
2002-Current	Prime Minister of PNG

HONOURS AND AWARDS

1977:	Appointed a Privy Councilor by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
1978:	Made a Companion of Honours (CH)
1991:	Made Knight Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George (GCMG)
1992:	Pontifical Knighthood by the Holy Father Pope John Paul II, Knight of the Equestrian Order of St. Gregory the Great (GCEG)
1994:	Made Knight of Justice, Order of Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem (KSt.J)
2005	Made Grand Chief, Grand Companion in the Order of Logohu (GCL)

HONORARY AWARDS

1976:	Conferred Doctorate of Humanities (Honoris Causa) <i>University of the Philippines, Leiciana, Philippines</i>
1978:	Conferred Doctorate of Laws (LLD) (Honoris Causa) <i>Australian National University, Canberra, NCT, Australia</i>
1978:	Conferred Doctorate of South Pacific (Honoris Causa), <i>University of South Pacific Suva, Fiji</i>
1983:	Conferred Doctorate of Technology (Honoris Causa) <i>University of Technology, Lae, Papua New Guinea</i>
1985:	Conferred Doctorate of Laws (LLD) (Honoris Causa) <i>University of Papua New Guinea Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea</i>
1991:	Conferred, Doctorate of Letters (Honoris Causa) <i>University of Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia</i>