

Biography of Miki Sawada

Sept. 19, 1901	Born as the eldest daughter to Hisaya Iwasaki (the third-generation president of Mitsubishi Zaibatsu[Combine]). Named after Miwa and Kise, the mother and the spouse of Yataro Iwasaki, the founder of Mitsubishi.
Apr. 1907	Entered the kindergarten of Ochanomizu Women's Higher Normal School and continued on to its primary and secondary schools.
Apr. 1916	Withdrawn from the school and started to learn from private tutors at home.
Jul. 1922 Dec.	Married Renzo Sawada, a Japanese diplomat. Left for Renzo's places of post, Brazil and Argentine.
Jul. 1923	Eldest son Shin'ich was born in Buenos Aries.
Aug. 1924 Oct.	Second son Hisao was born. Moved to Beijing following Renzo.
Sept. 1925	Third son Akira was born.
Oct. 1926	Returned to Japan with Renzo who was transferred to the post in Foreign Affairs Ministry.
Apr. 1928	Eldest daughter Emiko was born.
Jul. 1930	Left for London, Renzo's new place of post.
Autumn, 1931	Began volunteering at Dr. Barnardo's Home every once in a week.
Spring, 1932 Oct. Autumn	Made friend with Josephine Baker, a world famous singer, and formed a strong friendship ever since. Moved to Paris, Renzo's new place of assignment. Became a pupil of the painter Marie Laurencin.
Feb. 1934	Left for New York with Renzo.
Feb. 1936	Returned to Japan.
Dec. 1941	World War II broke out.
Aug. 1945	Akira, her third son, died at war.
Oct. 1946 Nov.	Ms. Elizabeth Saunders donated \$170 in her will to charities of Episcopal Church of Japan. Charged on a train by the police with abandoning a corpse of a mixed-raced baby which fell onto her lap from the overhead rack.
Oct. 1947	Committee for opening an orphanage for mixed-blood toddlers and infants was held at St. Luke's International Hospital and decided to name the orphanage Elizabeth Saunders Home.
Feb. 1948	Elizabeth Saunders Home as a social welfare corporation was founded with Miki Sawada as Chairman of the Board and Director of the home.