

## ICELAND

### **GEIR H. HAARDE** MINISTER OF FINANCE

Born April 8, 1951



#### ***Current Positions:***

- Minister of Finance, since April 1998
- Member of the Icelandic Parliament, Althingi, since 1987.
- Vice-Chairman of the Independence Party, since 1999

#### ***Other recent positions:***

- Chairman of the Parliamentary Group of the Independence (Conservative) Party 1991-98.
- Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Althingi 1995 - 98. Member of the Committee 1991-98.
- President of the Nordic Council 1995. Member of the Presidium of the Nordic Council 1991-98.
- Vice President of the Executive Committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Union 1995-97. Member of the Committee 1994-98.
- Chairman, Conservative Party Group in the Nordic Council, 1995-97.
- Chairman, Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region 1995-98.
- President, Icelandic Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union 1988-98.

#### ***Other work experience and political career:***

- 1991 - 1995, Member, Control Committee of the Nordic Investment Bank
- 1983 - 1987, Special Assistant to the Minister of Finance
- 1981 - 1985, Chairman, Youth Organization of the Independence Party
- 1977 - 1983, Economist, International Department, Central Bank of Iceland
- 1979 - 1983, Lecturer, Economics Department, University of Iceland
- 1976 - 1977, Teaching Assistant, University of Minnesota
- 1972 - 1977 (summers), Reporter, Daily Morgunbladid, Reykjavik

#### ***Education:***

- M.A. Economics, University of Minnesota, USA, 1977.
- M.A. International relations, Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, USA, 1975.
- B.A. Economics, Brandeis University, USA, 1973.

***Personal:*** Married to Inga Jona Thordardottir, Member of the City Council of Reykjavik. Five children.