

# Third Asian Games, Tokyo 1958

*From May 24th to June 1st*

Those Games will be held under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee, his responsibility being not engaged.

*Executive Committee.* Dr. Ryotaro Azuma, member of the International Olympic Committee for Japan, President.  
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The Chairman of the Executive Committee will be Mr. Juichi Tsushima (Japan).

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*Programme.* It will include following events :

Athletics, Swimming, Football, Cycling, Hockey, Weight-lifting, Wrestling, Boxing, Basketball, Shooting (Rifle and Clay Pigeons) Volley-ball, Tennis, Judo, Badmington (the last four being sports not on the programme of the Olympic Games), Fine Arts. An exhibition sport will be included but to be decided later. Eventually Baseball to be decided later also.

*History.* The full history and the origins of the Asian Games are explained in Bulletin N° 1 (September 1956) of the 3rd Asian Games. It can be asked at the Organizing Committee. Let us just mention that the Asian Games were organized after World War II, but the fact that there had been two separate Games staged in two different regions cannot be overlooked. One was the

*West Asian Games* and the other was the *Far Eastern Championships*. The first of them were held at New Delhi in 1934 and the second were to be staged in Palestina in 1938 but had to be abandoned owing to the strained air of the eve of war. These Games (1934) were officially recognized by the International Olympic Committee.

*The Far Eastern championships* were held ten times. The *first Meet* was staged in Manila under the name of the First Oriental Olympic Games in 1913.

*Ind Meet :* Shanghai 1915. *Third Meet :* Tokyo 1917. *Fourth Meet :* Manila 1919. *Fifth Meet :* Shanghai 1921 and the International Olympic Committee had officially recognized it in the preceding year. *Sixth Meet :* Osaka 1923. *Seventh Meet :* Manila 1925, where the metric system was adopted for the first time. *Eighth Meet :* Shanghai 1927. *Nineth Meet :* Tokyo 1930. *Tenth Meet :* Manila 1934 and dissolution of the Organization as the Far Eastern Athletic Association was dissolved on account of the question about affiliation of Manchukuo.

*The Orient Championship Games* were then established in 1934 in Manila and the First Games were to be held in Tokyo in 1938. But they had to be cancelled as the war clouds were threatening all over the World. They never took place and were replaced by the *Asian Games Federation*. It was founded in London in 1948 while a second meeting of that Federation (which was firstly called 'Asian Amateur Athletic Federation') took place in New Delhi in 1949 and a third one in that same City in 1950. *The First Asian Games* were celebrated at New Delhi in March 1951. *The Second Games* in Manila in May 1954. *Now the Third Asian Games* will take place in Tokyo in May 1958. Just a week before them, the International Olympic Committee will hold its 54th Session, also in Tokyo.

Following countries will take part : Afghanistan, Burmah, Cambodia, Ceylon, China (Taiwan), Hongkong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Japan, Korea, Malaya, Nepal, North Borneo, Pakistan, Philippine, Islands, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Twenty nations altogether.