

MESSAGE BY H.I.M. THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN

*given on the occasion of the Solemn Opening Ceremony of the 54th Session of
the International Olympic Committee in Tokyo, on Wednesday*

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‘I desire to extend my cordial welcome to the President and Members of the International Olympic Committee who have come long ways overseas to Tokyo for their 54th Session. Your deliberations, I hope, will serve to enhance further the Olympic spirit in consonance with its glorious tradition and lofty ideal.

‘Now I declare open the 54th Session of the International Olympic Committee.’