



The Games of the XVIIIth Olympiad, Tokyo 1964

from October 10th (Saturday) to 25th (Sunday)

On the decisions made on the Dates and Sports for the Tokyo Olympic Games

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After great deliberation, the 58th Session of the International Olympic Committee reached decisions on the dates and scope of the Tokyo Olympic Games. The Organizing Committee for the Games of the XVIII Olympiad took steps immediately to comply in full with these decisions by initiating action to establish administrative procedures for the event and to start research in determining concrete ways and means for implementation.

October in Japan, when the Games are to be held, is one of the most scenic months of the year, and I am therefore certain that all who attend the Games—the athletes, the officials, the reporters, and the spectators—will be fascinated by its beauty.

To honorably represent various countries, youths of the world will vie with one another to demonstrate their moral and esthetic, as well as physical, capabilities. We are determined to devote maximum originality and effort into preparing a fitting stage for this occasion.

We wish to express here our deep respects to the members of the International Olympic Committee who, through their penetrating insight and sympathetic consideration, acceded to the Japanese people's aspiration to include Judo as one of the competitive sports.

As stipulated in the Olympic Charter, we shall present a Fine Arts Exhibition that will include the presentation of theatrical arts such as Kabuki and the Noh Drama in addition to Japanese paintings, sculptures, and music both classic and modern. In our desire to fulfil our obligation to meet the required high standard of this event, one of the first steps we took was to organize the Special Committee for the Exhibition of Fine Arts. The ancient, historical, and characteristic art of our country, we are confident, will satisfy our hopes and ambitions to meet adequately that high standard.

On behalf of the Japanese people, I hereby extend to the youths of the world and the people who support the Olympic Games a sincere invitation to attend this great event to be held in Tokyo three years hence.

The Tokyo metropolitan indoor Swimming Pool

Olympic water-polo matches are to be held at the indoor pool, which is glazed and is highly individual in design. Located at a corner section of the Olympic Park, this indoor pool was built for the Third Asian Games of 1958 as the main swimming pool. Since then, the pool has been open the year round to the citizens of Tokyo.

The most impressive aspect of the pool is its spectator stands on one-side and the glass walls on the remaining three sides of the entire building. This bold design has introduced brightness to the interior and gives a sense of liberation to the swimmers.

In the horizontal plan, the viaduct and stairways are so placed as to insure the maximum efficiency in the accommodation and disposition of the spectators, the swimmers, and the members of the press.

A large coke-fired boiler is used to maintain the water temperature at 24 degrees centigrade, the international standard temperature, throughout the year. For the indoor temperature, an air-conditioned heating system is employed and ventilation is carried out at appropriate intervals.

A pressure filtering system is used for filtering and sterilizing the 1,700 tons of water in the racing pool and the 1,500 tons in the diving pool. The water in the racing pool and in the diving pool is thus replaced once every five hours and 14 hours, respectively.

The whole area of the site is 37,600 sq.m. and it embraces offices, dressing rooms, a clinic, male and female shower-rooms and a machine room. The building has one basement and three floors with a total space of 13,416 sq.m.

The present total audience capacity of the pool is 4,000, with 3,000 seats and a gallery for 1,000 people, but this is scheduled to be expanded in time for the Olympics.

The racing pool is 50 m x 20 m. with nine courses and the diving pool is 25 m. x 20 metres.

The facilities also include devices for underwater photography.

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We very much regret to announce the death, which happened on January 19th, of Mr. Seiichiro Yasui, Vice-President of the Organizing Committee of the next Tokyo Games and ex-Governor of the City of Tokyo. To the Japanese Organizing Committee we wish to express our sincere sympathy.