

The Games in brief and in figures

Tokyo or the "capital of the East", formerly Edo, capital of Japan since 1868.

The **23** districts or "ku" of Grand Yokyo have more than **10 million** inhabitants.

There are **113** daily papers in Japan.

The voyage of the olympic torch : between 21st August and 9th September 1964, from Greece to Japan, **13** ports of call in **12** countries. Between 9th September and 10th October, **96 370** Japanese runners carry it and escort it on **4** different itineraries covering the **46** prefectures of Japan.

In the olympic village : **500** bungalows and **15** dormitories. **70** hectares (**173** acres). **306** cooks, **530** kitchen assistants, **33** waiters. **500** bicycles for the athletes. **1** jeep per delegation.

1200 interpreters. **62,4%** speak English, **18,2%** French, **6,5%** German, **6,1%** Spanish, **3,2%** Russian.

3 545 000 requests for tickets for the opening ceremony — **60** times the number of places available.

414 scores in the competition organized to choose a fanfare that will announce the ceremonies for the award of medals. The one by Mr. Mitsuya Imai, a 42-year-old Japanese engineer, wins. It is now known the whole world over.

The armed defence forces take part, sending **7 561** men, **12** planes, **72** boats, **750** vehicles, **843** telecommunications sets for transport, control services, communications, safety, emergency, assistance, flag duty, music, etc.

6 electronic brains have been fed in advance with **67 000** instructions in code covering the details of heats, the names of contestants, their nationality, their running order. In a few seconds, these machines work out the exact and complete order in each event, which is then conveyed immediately to each olympic post before being recorded on paper within a matter of a few minutes.

"**Olympic campanology**" composed by Mr. Toshiro Mayuzumi combines the sound of the temple bells of Kyoto, Nara, Nikko and others with the sounds produced by certain electronic processes. This music, messenger of the Japanese soul, rings out on the arrival of H. M. the Emperor in the stadium.

Yoshinori Sakai, a student born in Hiroshima one hour after its destruction, lights the flame-symbol of hope that will burn for 15 days in Tokyo National Stadium.

5 546 athletes from **94** countries take part in the Games.

At the opening and closing ceremonies, the olympic hymn is sung by a chorus of **350** voices, accompanied by **6** brass bands uniting **565** musicians.

The orchestra also plays an "**Olympic Overture**" composed by Mr. Ikuma Dan, and an "**Olympic March**" by Mr. Y. Koseki.

10 000 balloons with the olympic colours are released after the handing of the olympic flag to the Governor of Tokyo by the Mayor of Rome.

The olympic oath is pronounced by **Takashi Ono**, gymnastics champion, and hailed by the release of **8 000** pigeons.

Foreign demonstration sport : **baseball**.

National demonstration sport : **budo**, divided into three disciplines, **kendo** or swordplay, kyudo or archery, **sumo** or wrestling. These three fighting methods go back a long way and still observe the laws of Japanese chivalry which they reflect so vividly.