

† Mr. Sang Beck Lee



A little over a year ago, we presented to our readers Mr. Sang Beck Lee, elected member of the I.O.C. for Korea during the 62nd session in Tokyo. On April 14th, we were shocked to hear of his untimely death, which has deeply affected members of the I.O.C. and Korean sportsmen. Mr. Sang Beck Lee, let us remember, was the incarnation of the synthesis of "art and sport", advocated by Pierre de Coubertin, since he was, among other things, simultaneously member of the Korean National Academy of Sciences, member of the Society for the Protection of the Korean National Treasures, custodian of the museum of the National University of Seoul, president of the Korean Fine Arts Society, member of the Institute of Oriental Thought at the University of Waseda, as well as being president of the Korean Olympic Committee, which he himself founded in 1946, and of the Korean Amateur Athletics Association. From 1932 to 1964, Mr. Sang Beck Lee was also manager, head and member of the Korean delegations at the Olympic Games.

Death has robbed the I.O.C. of a member who would have contributed a mine of knowledge and invaluable experience. Unfortunately Mr. Sang Beck Lee did not have time to give himself up to this mission, tired as he undoubtedly was from the many activities he had led with unceasing devotion.

To his family and relations, as well as to the Korean Olympic Committee, we address here our heartfelt sympathy and our sincere condolences.