

For nearly thirty years the International Olympic Committee has had the benefit of the counsel and wisdom of Dr. Shingoro Takaishi, one of our most illustrious members who succeeded Prince Iesato Tokugawa in 1939.

Ever since he played a prominent role in the Olympic Movement, particularly in obtaining the Games of the XVIIIth Olympiad for Tokyo and in their outstanding organization which led to my public declaration that Japan was the number one olympic nation. As one of his last contributions he helped secure the 1972 Olympic Winter Games for Sapporo.

A warm and engaging personality, an active sportsman until his last illness, a sport leader not only in Japan, he will be mourned in all of the one hundred and twenty-three nations of the olympic family.

Avery Brundage
President, International Olympic Committee



† In memory of **Dr. Shingoro Takaishi**

A great sports leader, Dr. Shingoro Takaishi, died in Tokyo on 25th February this year. He was eighty-eight.

Dr. Takaishi was born in 1878 in Japan. Immediately after graduating in law from Keio University, one of Japan's most famous universities, he joined the Mainichi Press in 1909 and from then on devoted himself to journalism, spending most of his younger days travelling all over the world as a special overseas correspondent.

He gradually distinguished himself and, passing from editor to director of a newspaper with a circulation of four hundred and thirty-four million, he finally became its President in 1945. While occupying this post, he still continued to write articles with his usual superb views and distinctive style and only last year, although already ill, he wrote *Ten Stories by an Old Journalist* which won praise from all quarters. When, in June 1939, he was elected member of the International Olympic Committee he had not had many connections with

sport, but his years of international experience soon won him deep respect in Japanese sports circles. He not only became technically well informed about olympic matters, but also firmly upheld the fundamental principles of the Olympic Movement and gave wise and valuable guidance. While a member of the I.O.C., he can be said to have considered delicate international problems in a sound and unprejudiced manner and his colleagues benefited from his sharp intuition.

Until recent years, he was so active that he played golf two or three times a week. We were quite sure that he would see the Sapporo Winter Games for which he was so enthusiastic after having so earnestly worked to bring the Games of the XVIIIth Olympiad to Tokyo. Alas he is no more. His death is not only a great loss to the sports world in Japan but also to the Japanese nation. Furthermore, as was demonstrated by the messages of sympathy from President Brundage, I.O.C. members and the world of sport, we are sure that he must be missed all over the world.

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