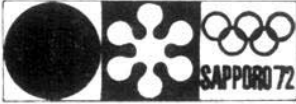


# Sapporo



\* On Tuesday, 27th December, 1971, at 11.17 hours, the Olympic flame, which will burn for the whole duration of the XIth Winter Games, was solemnly lit in the ancient city of Olympia. The Greek actress, Maria MOSCOLIOU, dressed in ancient costume, kindled the flame by means of a reflecting mirror, concentrating the sun's rays on the basin, placed near the temple dedicated to the Goddess Hera. The flame was then carried as far as the stele, where the heart of Baron Pierre de COUBERTIN lies, before being placed in a car to be taken to Athens.





On this occasion, speeches were made in the following order: Mr. Epaminondas PETRALIAS, Secretary General of the Hellenic Olympic Committee and President of the International Olympic Academy, General Th. PAPATHANASSIADIS, President of the Hellenic Olympic Committee and Prince Tsuneyoshi TAKEDA, member of the I.O.C., Vice-President of the Organising Committee of the XIth Winter Games, representing Mr. Kogoro UEMURA.

### Ancient Olympia - /G/ 28th December, 1971

As Prometheus brought his torch from divine Mount Olympus where the Gods lived, to illuminate the earth and warm mankind, so the opening of the Modern Olympic Games is marked by the lighting of the Sacred Flame which Phoebus Apollo lights with its rays and which always leaves from Olympia. This torch relay is the symbol of brilliancy of Modern Olympic Games the splendour of which is spread all over the world.

Greece rejoices because by giving the light of Olympia is sending the symbol of the moral teaching of the Games and the philosophy of noble rivalry from which spring the principles of education, culture and humanistic Ideals.

May the divine flame from Olympia illuminate the peoples of all the world and keep them united around the Olympic Ideology and we wish a great and brilliant success of the XIth Olympic Winter Games of Sapporo, of the great and friendly country of Japan.

E. P.

### Airport of Hellinikon - /G/ 29th December, 1971

From God the beginning, our ancestors used to say. For all human acts we need God's presence and help. Once more divine Olympia presents us its sacred flame which, borne by a brilliant relay to the Stadium of Sapporo of the great and friendly country of Japan, will illuminate the XI Olympic Winter Games which will open after a few days.

Olympia represents the philosophy of harmony in the human expressions of the spirit and the body. There, in the antiquity flourished athleticism in which the vigour, the strength and the beauty of the body co-exist with the euphoria of the soul, the wisdom and the beauty of the spirit.

Thence sprung these high Ideals to become universal through the Olympic Games. The athletic Ideology exceeded the frontiers of the Nations and embraced the whole world.

Let work to keep it invulnerable and intact in the service of all the peoples so that love, justice and peace dominate the world.

May the Sacred Flame of Olympia illuminate the hearts of men and serve the international co-operation and confraternity.

Handing over the Sacred Flame, I wish that the XI Olympic Winter Games of

Sapporo, illuminated by the divine light of Olympia, become a great success for the interest of International Sports and the happiness of mankind.

General T. P.

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I have just had the Olympic Sacred Fire transferred to me, which was ignited yesterday at the sacred place in Olympia and transported here by the hands of the Greek youth. The fire will be brought to Japan by air; encouraging the Olympic Spirit among the youths in all parts of Japan, the Sacred Fire will be relayed to Sapporo, arriving on 29th January, 1972, for the XI Olympic Winter Games, where

it will be burning during the Games from 3rd February to 13th February, attracting the world attention.

I beg to avail myself of this opportunity to submit my highest esteem and express my deepest appreciation to the Hellenic Olympic Committee for its outstanding co-operation extended to the XI Olympic Winter Games.

Prince T. T.

*from left to right: Prince Tsuneyoshi TAKEDA, General Théodose PAPATHANASSIADIS and Mr. Epaminondas PETRALIAS*





*The flame, carried by Mr. Christos PAPANICOLAOU, world record holder for the pole vault, arrives at Athens airport*

