

Speech by Mr. Soburo TAKAMI,
Minister of Education

lives up to the Olympic spirit and is playing a great role to promote amity and good-will in the world.

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In praise of the achievement of Mr. Avery BRUNDAGE, Lord KILLANIN, Comte de



Those awarded the decorations: from left to right: Mr. van KARNEBEEK, President BRUNDAGE and Comte de BEAUMONT pose with Mr. Soburo TAKAMI

It is my great honour and pleasure that I have this opportunity to represent the Japanese Government to meet and address myself to Mr. Avery BRUNDAGE, President of the International Olympic Committee and each Member of the Committee.

For the holding of the Olympic Winter Games in Sapporo for the first time in Asia, we have received thoughtful consideration by President BRUNDAGE and all of you. Your appropriate guidance and advice as well as sufficient assistance have helped make the Games a success. It is a great enjoyment to me that the Games

BEAUMONT and Jonkheer Herman van KARNEBEEK, His Majesty the EMPEROR confers decorations on them.

Prime Minister SATO wished to personally deliver the decorations, but we thought it much more appropriate to deliver them during the Games in Sapporo. This consideration led me to present the decorations here in lieu of him. I am joining the whole nation in paying our hearty respect and thanks to you.

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