

Speech by Mr. Avery BRUNDAGE

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In thanking you, Mr. Minister, for this high decoration, the First Class Order of the Rising Sun, I like to think that it is a special recognition by the Japanese Government of the importance of the Olympic Movement.

This has also been evidenced by the staging with such outstanding success, of the Games of the XVIIIth Olympiad in Tokyo in 1964 and now the XIth Olympic Winter Games, here in Sapporo.

We consider Japan one of the greatest Olympic countries and we think that the education

of the youth of this country in Olympic ideals and the following of Olympic objectives has contributed vastly to the magical recovery of Nippon since the war.

As an admirer of Japanese culture and art which occupies an important section in my collection which has been given to the city of San Francisco, I am doubly honoured and appreciative.

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Mr. Soburo TAKAMI congratulates President BRUNDAGE. In the background are Mr. Henry HSU, I.O.C. member for the Republic of China and to the left, Mr. HIRAI, President BRUNDAGE's interpreter in Sapporo