



In memory of Jorge B. Vargas

A monumental figure not only in the international sports movement but also in Asian public affairs, Jorge B. Vargas, 89, has died in Manila of a heart ailment. Co-opted in 1936, Mr. Vargas was one of the IOC's most senior members. Among his Olympic duties, he served on the Olympic Aid Commission from 1962 to 1963 although tennis was his first love. He held administrative posts within bodies governing other sports,

serving in particular as President of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation. He also acted as head of Philippine delegation to the 1948 and 1952 Olympic Games and served a term as President of the Asian Games Federation from 1950 to 1954. Many Filipinos will long remember Mr. Vargas's achievements in the field of public affairs and diplomacy, as he served his fellow citizens in the capacity of Executive Secretary to the President of the Philippines, Mayor of Manila, Chairman of the National Planning Commission and ambassador to Japan, among other posts. Also preserving the memory of Mr. Vargas is the foundation bearing his name, founded on 24th August 1975. He also played an active role in many other sectors of a social nature, notably the Boy Scout movement, of which he was the founder in his country. This grand old gentleman, whose interests ranged from the fine arts to international relations, will indeed be missed by his colleagues on the IOC.

Our sincere condolences are hereby extended to his wife and children.