

*Mr. Jean Pascal Delamuraz, when I was elected President of the International Olympic Committee in 1980, you occupied the post of first Magistrate of Lausanne.*

*At that time, we immediately began discussions in order to reinforce ties with, and bring into closer collaboration, the city of Lausanne and the International Olympic Committee. This Olympic Week, which commences today, is the proof that we have indeed chosen the right path.*

*Mr. Delamuraz, you have since taken up one of the greatest of responsibilities, that of Councillor of State. Nevertheless, I know that being away from Lausanne does not prevent you from looking after the good relations between the International Olympic Committee and your city.*

*I am convinced that the work that has been accomplished has surpassed even your hopes, thanks to the enthusiasm of your successors. But you remain for us the one who permitted this change, as never before.*

*The International Olympic Committee wishes always, as is rightly, to thank those who serve its ideas. Thus, there is one distinction, purely honorary, that our organisation wishes to award you – the Olympic Order – as evidence of our gratitude for your many years of support to the Olympic movement.*

*I must also mention that today, for the first time, we award this Olympic Order in its new form...*”

*In awarding the silver medal of the Olympic Order to Mr. Jean Pascal Delamuraz, national Councillor and one-time Mayor of Lausanne, the President of the IOC spoke the following words:*

*“With your permission, I would like to take a few minutes of your time to draw to your attention and pay respect to a man who has always seen to it that the city of Lausanne remain associated with Olympism.*

