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# OLYMPIC GAMES

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## Nagano 1998

The NAOC cultural programme commission has approved an additional 84 events for the Cultural Festival at the XVIII Olympic Winter Games, bringing the total number of events organized in connection with the Games to 253. The festival, which started on 7 February this year and continues until 1 March 1998, will last much longer than the Games themselves. Shozo Sasahara, the

vice president of the Japanese NOC, has been named mayor of the Nagano Olympic Village. A freestyle wrestling gold medallist (62 kg category) at the Games of the XVI Olympiad in Melbourne in 1956, he is currently president of the Japanese Wrestling Federation. He will be assisted by three deputy mayors: Shun'ichi Hirai, Hiroko Chiba, and Takanori Kono, who was a gold medalist in the Nordic team com-

bined event at the XVI and XVII Olympic Winter Games in Albertville and Lillehammer, and silver medal winner in the individual combined in Lillehammer. Yoshinobu Miyake, who won gold medals in weightlifting (64 kg category) at the Games of the XVIII Olympiad in Tokyo in 1964 and those of the XIX Olympiad in Mexico City in 1968, and Nobue Miwa will hold the posts of deputy mayor and mayor, respectively, of the satellite Olympic Village in Karuizawa. Tomoko Matsushita will be mayor of the

youth camp village for the XVIII Olympic Winter Games.



*Shozo Sasahara.*