

NAOC Senior Officers: biographies*



President
EISHIRO SAITO
*President, Sports Fund
Foundation*

After serving as president and chairman of the Nippon Steel Corporation, one of the largest industrial firms in Japan, Mr Saito worked as chairman of the Japan Federation of Economic Organizations from May 1986 until December 1990. He was born in Niigata Prefecture in November 1911.



Vice president
GORO YOSHIMURA
Governor, Nagano Prefecture

Mr Yoshimura was the chairman of the Nagano Olympic Games Bidding Committee. First elected as governor of Nagano Prefecture in October 1980, he had previously served as vice governor. He was elected to serve a fifth term in office in October 1996. He was born in Nagano City in February 1926.



Vice president
HIRONOSHIN FURUHASHI
*President,
Japanese Olympic Committee*

Mr Furuhashi set 33 world records as a top-ranked swimmer, earning him the nickname "The Japanese Flying Fish". He has been JOC president since May 1990. He also holds the following positions: vice president, Fédération internationale de Natation Amateur (FINA); vice president, Fédération Internationale du Sport Universitaire; president, Asian Amateur Swimming Federation; professor, Nihon University. He was born in Shizuoka Prefecture in September 1928.



Vice president
YOSHIAKI TSUTSUMI
Honorary president

Mr Tsutsumi, a former JOC president and entrepreneur of several railways and hotels, also owns a professional baseball team. He also holds the following positions: former JOC president, Ski Association of Japan; president, Japan Ice Hockey Federation; currently chairman, Kakudo Development Corp.; chairman, Seibu Railway Co., Ltd; and chairman, Prince Hotel Ltd. He was born in Shiga Prefecture in May 1934.



Vice president
TASUKU TSUKADA
Mayor, Nagano City

Mr Tsukada served as a city council member for two terms and was a member of the Nagano Prefectural Assembly for three terms. He was elected Mayor of Nagano City in March 1985. He was born in Nagano City in March 1936.



Director general
MAKOTO KOBAYASHI

Former administrative vice minister of the Japanese Ministry of Home Affairs. He took the position of director general of the Organizing Committee for the XVIII Olympic Winter Games in Nagano in April 1993. He was born in Nagano City in June 1935.

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