

# FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE Ballooning Commission

Hall of Fame

# Masashi Kakuda, Japan Inducted 2007



#### MASASHI KAKUDA

Japan Inducted 2007 Sport balloonist 1954 – 2006

Masashi Kakuda was a prominent member of the CIA for many years. He had notable service and made significant contributions to the competition and rules subcommittees. He was also a competition director and jury member at numerous sanctioned events. Masashi believed in the power of air sports to bring people together. To that end, he established the World Honda Grand Prix, a team event held in three continents in which pilots were encouraged to form teams with counterparts on other continents.

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# **Experience as competition official**

### Officials in World Championships or WAG since 1987.

- Event Director in 1989, 1997 and ready for 2006 World HAB Championship –Saga -Japan
- Deputy Director in 2004 World HAB Championship Mildura Australia
- Deputy Director in 2001 World Air Games Sevilla Spain
- Jury President in 1999 World HAB Championship Austria
- Jury in 1995 World HAB Championship Battle Creek USA
- Steward in 1991, 1993 and 2002 World HAB Championship
- Debriefer in 1987 World HAB Championship
- Steward in 1999 World Hot Airship Championship

# Officials in Continental Championships since 1990.

- Event Director in 1990 and 1996 Pacific HAB Championship
- Deputy Director in 1994 Pacific HAB Championship
- Deputy Director in 2003 European HAB Championship
- Jury in 1992 Pacific and 1992 European HAB Championship
- Steward in 1990 European HAB Championship

#### Officials in other CIA Event

- Deputy Director in 2000 WAG Cup in Spain
- Event Director:
  - o Motegi international Balloon Championship since 1999 (6 times) Japan
  - o Saga Balloon Fiesta since 1984 until 1998 (20 times) Japan
  - o Sendai international Balloon Championship in 1998 Japan
- Event Director, Deputy and Steward in the Mobilux Trophy since 1998 Luxembourg
- Jury President in Coupe d'Europe in 1997 and 2003 France
- Jury President, MOL Cup in Hungary in 2001 and 2002

#### **Non Sanctioned Event**

- 13 times as competition director in Japanese National Championships since 1984.
- Competition Director, in 1990, Cheju, Korea
- Competition Director, in 1992, Beijing, China
- Jury President, three times in Hungary
- Deputy Director in 2003 Australian Championship
- Jury President, Jury and Debriefer in Battle Creek Championships
- Jury President in Monroe Balloon Rally since 1998 (6 times)

#### **Experience** as competitor

- Co-pilot in 1981, 1983 and 1985 World Hot Air Balloon Championship
- 1991 Japanese National Championship
- 1995 Viking Cup in Hungary
- Tatebayashi Fly In 1983, Japan Cup in 1985 and Aso in 1998.

## Other related information

- Balloons home builder
- Computer Engineer
- Vice President of the Japan Balloon Federation
- One of the founder of the Saga Events
- Instructing License of Japan Balloon Federation since 1979
- Private License of FAA (US) since 1985
- CIA Alternate Delegate for Japan
- Member of the following committee or working group in CIA
- Jury Board since 1993
- Scoring Working Group since 1990
- AX Working Group since 2001
- Received FAI Monglofier Diploma in 1999
- Received FAI Paul Tissandier Diploma in 2004
- Received FAI Airsport Medal in 1992