



**FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE
INTERNATIONALE
Ballooning Commission**

Hall of Fame Nomination

Masakazu (Maco) Oiwa



Nationality: Japan

Date of birth: 27 March, 1941, Tokyo, Japan

Summary of air sport career:

1979 –2008 Director of Japan Balloon Federation

1986 –2008 Chairman of Japan Balloon Federation

1993-4, 1996-2002 Member of Safety Subcommittee, FAI ballooning Commission

1995 Balloon World Record (Category : AX10-14 Duration : 41h29min)

1997 Balloon World Record (Category : AX6 Duration : 15h22min)

2001– Director of Japan Aeronautic Association

2008– President of Honour of Japan Balloon Federation

Reasons for nomination :

For over 20 years, as a chairman of Japan Balloon Federation, Mr. Masakazu(Maco) Oiwa has extended an outstanding dedication and enormous role to the promotion and development of the sport of ballooning in Japan.

With his exceptional experience and wide knowledge, Maco OIWA has made a major contribution to the sky sport's development over many years, giving meritorious service as a member of committee to Japan Aeronautic Association. From 1993 to 1994 and 1996 to 2002,

he has greatly contributed and gave distinguished service as a valuable member of Safety Subcommittee of FAI Ballooning Commission.

During his 37 years of activity as a balloon pilot, he trained a lot of excellent balloon pilots. He has taken part in various national and international competitions in hot air balloon and gas balloon, and has made remarkable performances.

He has achieved two world duration records in hot air balloon in classes AX10-14 in 1995 and AX-6 in 1997.

He was awarded Paul Tissandier Diploma for 1996 in recognition of his exemplary service, initiative and devotion to ballooning.

C.V. Oiwa, Maco, Masakazu

1969 Participated in Team Phoenix an early Japan's home built AX balloon. JA-A0003

1977 Flown over Mt. Fuji

1978 Japan Altitude record 7,650.m

1981 No.1 National Ranking

1986 Chairman Japan Balloon Federation 1986-2007. Outstanding leader and excellent organizer of balloon federation. Hosted three (3) Hot Air Balloon World Championships safely and successfully during his time.

1993 Member CIA Safety Sub-Committee

1994 Flight from Korea to Japan, P2

1995 FAI World Duration Record of 41:29 in Class AX-10 to AX-14

1997 FAI World Duration Record of 15:22 in Class AX-6

Championship attended:

1977 AX 3rd WC Castle Howard, UK, P2

1979 AX 4th WC Uppsala, Sweden, 23rd

1981 AX 5th WC Battle Creek., USA 24th

1983 AX 6th WC Nantes, France, 17th

1985 AX 7th WC Battle Creek USA, 53rd

1987 AX 8th WC Schielleiten, Austria,

1988 AA WC Augsburg, Germany 10th, P2

1990 AA WC South Dakota USA. P2

1991 AX WC St.Jean sur-Richelieu, Canada

1992 AX Pacific C Grand Grande Prairie, Canada

1993 Gordon Bennett, Albuquerque, USA 6th. P2

2001 Gordon Bennett, Warstein, Germany 6th, P2

2005 Gordon Bennett, Albuquerque, USA. P2

Also participated in meetings in

South Africa, Chateau de Balleroy,, China, Australia, Chateau d-Oex, Philippines,
Kuala Lumpur

Team Manager for projects;

1990 flight over Mt. Everest

1992 Flight across Bering Strait, Russia to Alaska

1992 Flight from Shanghai China to Kyushu Japan

Established Balloon Academy in Kamishihoro Hokkaido, offering balloon flight facility to those who wish to be a balloon pilot at reasonable cost.

Diploma & Awards

1996 FAI Paul Tissandier Diploma

2007 Mongolfiere Diploma, Sports of Ballooning

1996 NAC Air Sports Medal

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1995 Icarus Trophy, Balloon Federation of Japan

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