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## **THE MONTGOLFIER BALLOONING DIPLOMA** **(Contribution to the Development of the Sport of Ballooning)**

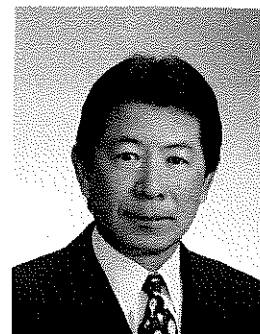
### **Nomination for Award**

**Name:** Masakazu OIWA

**Date of birth:** 27 March, 1941

**Summary of air sport career:**

- 1979 – Director of Japan Balloon Federation
- 1986 – 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



**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.

**Nomination submitted by :** Japan Aeronautic Association

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