



JAPAN TO STAGE TOKYO OLYMPICS WITHOUT OVERSEAS SPECTATORS

by Stephen Wade

During the Tokyo Olympic Games, foreign ticket holders will not be able to come to Japan and the problem of the difficulty in refunding tickets

For the Tokyo Olympics in four months, because of the pandemic of the COVID-19, which has caused about 8,800 deaths in Japan, the Tokyo organizing committee arrive to the conclusion that ticket holders living overseas will not be able to enter in Japan during the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympic Games. Then, the another issue is there are more 600,000 tickets which have been sold in the outside of Japan, and organizers have promised to refund this amount of money but dealers - people who have sold tickets- have sold with a price above of the original price that complicates the refund.

Seiko Hashimoto, the president of the organizing committee said they have to secure accommodations and flights if the spectators would go in Japan, so they have to decide very early, otherwise they will cause them a lot of inconvenience. As a consequence, it is a very tough issue. These lost tickets fall on Japan because there is \$800-million that came from ticket sales and it is too much to refund with the increasing price of tickets by dealers to spectators from abroad, and knowing Japan has spent about \$15.4 billion to organize the Olympics in Tokyo.

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WORLD CHAMPION CARLSEN GIVES UP AT CARLSEN INVITATIONAL

by Leonard Barden

The current World Chess Champion lost in the semi-final against Nepomniachtchi in his own €200,000 tournament.



This tournament was the fourth leg of a large \$1.5 million tournament called the Meltwater Champions Chess Tour. There are 10 tournaments in the year like this to qualify for the grand final in autumn and Magnus Carlsen won it in 2020 but this year he was already defeated 4 times. Due to the COVID-19 and health measures, the tournament was played online. The theme of the Magnus Carlsen Invitational was space because almost 60 years ago, on 12 April 1961, Yuri Gagarin was the first man in space. The tournament opposed 16 great players like Magnus Carlsen the world champion since 2010 or even Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (MVL) the French champion.

The beginning of the tournament seemed to go rather well, he won a lot of his matches and he still ate noodles during the quarter final and the semi final ! But he was too confident and lost 1 set to the Russian champion and world No 4 Ian Nepomniachtchi, won another one and finally lost his last match because of a bad mouse movement. It's very humiliating for Carlsen, he loses in the semi-finals even though he has been world champion for 11 years and the tournament's name is the Magnus Carlsen Invitational, which makes it even more humiliating for him.

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