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Obituary – Lan Li (CHN)

It is with deep sorrow and regret that the International Skating Union (ISU) learned of the death of ISU Honorary Member and former ISU Council Member Mr. Lan Li who passed away aged 68.

Lan Li started his career in Winter Sports as a member of the Ice Hockey team of Harbin City, in the Heilongjiang Province of China. He then pursued his studies at the Beijing Institute of Physical Education. From August 1978 to May 2015, he worked continuously for the 5th Training and Competition Department of the Winter Sports Administrative Center of the General Administration of Sport of China. Dedicated and committed, Lan Li started as a staff member of the Ice and Snow Division and continued to become a deputy team leader of the Speed Skating team, director of the Short Track Department, and deputy Director General of the Winter Sports Administrative Center.

In parallel to his work at the General Administration of Sport of China, Lan Li officiated Short Track Speed Skating Competitions as a Referee from 1987, and as an Assistant Referee at numerous World Cups and Championships until 2002 when he was elected to the ISU Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee. Lan Li remained on the List of Referees for International Competitions during his time as a member of the ISU Short Track Speed Skating Technical Committee.

In 2010, Lan Li was elected to the ISU Council as a Council member for Speed Skating. In 2016, during the ISU Congress, Lan Li retired from the ISU Council and became an ISU Honorary Member.

Following his retirement, Lan Li continued to devote himself to the Sport and was even involved in the preparation of the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics, making important contributions to the success of the Games.

Lan Li has unceasingly contributed to the development of Short Track Speed Skating in China and around the world. Those who had the opportunity to meet him, praised him for his energetic demeanor, kindness, dedication and professionalism.

The ISU pays tribute to Mr. Lan Li, expresses its most heartfelt condolences to the General Administration of Sport of China, the Chinese Skating Association, his family, and friends.

We will be forever truly grateful for all he gave to our sport

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