



Honorary Degree

Nomination Form

1. Degree to be Awarded:

X Honorary Doctorate ___ Honorary Baccalaureate ___ Honorary Associate

2. Please state the name and address of your nominee for an Honorary Degree.

Mr. Kagemasa Kozuki, Chairman of the Board and CEO

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3. Honorary degrees shall be awarded to persons who have made significant contributions to the improvement of the quality of academic programs and academic life at one of the NSHE's institutions. Persons currently holding public elected office are not eligible for the degree except in extraordinary circumstances.

What are your reasons for nominating this person? (Attach additional pages, if necessary.)

Mr. Kagemasa Kozuki is being nominated for an honorary doctorate for his decade-long support of UNLV. He is not only a gaming industry leader but also a philanthropist who believes in supporting the communities where his businesses are located. In 1969, Mr. Kozuki started his business by founding a jukebox rental and repair business in Toyonaka, Osaka. In 1973, KONAMI INDUSTRY CO., LTD was established to manufacture amusement machines for arcades. Today KONAMI is a leading innovator of slot machines and casino management systems for the global gaming market.

While Mr. Kozuki does not live in the United States, his company operates in Las Vegas and has experienced great success from the company's work in this community. Mr. Kozuki is also a philanthropist and one of KONAMI's management policies is to make social contributions as a good corporate citizen. He has demonstrated his commitment to supporting UNLV through a decade of giving. From programs which support the environment to community activities, academic and cultural programs, and sports, the company strives to make a difference around the world. He has also founded the Kozuki Foundation for Sports and Education.

History of Mr. Kozuki's affiliation with UNLV:

In 2000, Konami Gaming made its first gift to UNLV for the College of Hotel Administration to support faculty research. During the past decade, the company has supported programs across campus including the Rebel Athletic Fund and Annual Fund. In August 2010 Konami Gaming made a significant leadership gift of \$1 million designated to the College of Hotel Administration and the UNLV Foundation Academic Corporate Council. The company has made gifts totaling of \$ 1,191,700 to UNLV.

Mr. Kozuki believes in contributing to the communities where the company operates, and chose UNLV specifically because of the success of their Gaming and System Business in the U.S. market. This commitment is evident given their involvement as donors and supporters of UNLV. The company hires UNLV alumni and strives to support the future of the industry by supporting gaming education.

In addition to past giving, KONAMI has made an additional gift commitment to support the renovation and redesign of the gaming lab located in the UNLV Stan Fulton Building. A pledge of up to \$200,000 has been made to secure in-kind gifts and services as well as cash to create a state of the art gaming laboratory for students and the industry to learn in. As recognition of KONAMI's \$1 million gift, the gaming lab is now named the KONAMI Gaming Lab.

The UNLV Foundation recognized KONAMI CORPORATION at the 2010 Annual Dinner and inducted the company into the Palladium Society for giving surpassing \$1 million to UNLV.

Commitment to philanthropy:

KONAMI CORPORATION is active in its philanthropic efforts through its related foundation. The Kozuki Foundation was established by Kagemasa Kozuki in 1982, the Kozuki Foundation for Sports and Education is under the jurisdiction of Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. The Foundation has contributed to promoting and developing sports, educational and cultural activities for more than 25 years. It is committed to making a greater social contribution while seeking to offer programs that meet the needs of the times. Kagemasa Kozuki has been heralded as a Hero of Philanthropy by *Forbes* magazine for the Foundation and its numerous donations.

In 1982, he transferred 10% of his company to his Kozuki Foundation to promote sports. He has individually supported athletes who competed in the Beijing Olympics.

Career background:

Kagemasa Kozuki has been the Chairman of Konami Corp. since 1987 and its President & Chief Executive Officer since 1994. Mr. Kozuki serves as the Chief Executive Officer and Adviser of Konami Sports Co. Ltd. He served as Konami Corp.'s President from 1974 to 1987. He founded Konami Corp. in 1973. He has been the Chairman and Director of Konami Sports & Life Co., Ltd. since October 2006. Mr. Kozuki has been a Representative Director of Konami Corp. since March 1974. He serves as a Director of Konami Sports Co. Ltd. He served as Representative Director of Konami Australia Pty. Ltd. from 1996 to 2001.

In January 2000, KONAMI became the first Japanese company to enter one of the world's largest gaming machines market of the United States. Today, the company continues to grow on a global scale with acquisition of gaming licenses in 36 states in North America, and all of the states and regions of Australia.

Notable accomplishments:

Forbes ranked Mr. Kozuki 34th on Japan's list of richest people in 2008. *Forbes* magazine also included Mr. Kozuki on their list of *48 Heroes of Philanthropy* article dated March 16, 2009.



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