

speaking time is restricted somewhat. They have difficulty finishing, which is annoying." He added: "We have about seven women at the organising committee but everyone understands their place."

Mr Mori, who was prime minister for a year from April 2000, is renowned for a string of gaffes. The comments stirred up a storm on social media with some critics even urging athletes

Outrage: Yoshiro Mori said he had been scolded by his wife



"I don't talk to women that much lately, so I don't know," Mr Mori replied.

But he added: "I recognise the remark was against the spirit of the Olympics and Paralympics. I deeply regret what I said." Mr Mori said he wanted to retract his remarks and he apologised "to those who felt uncomfortable" but he refused to resign.

The committee's members include the Japanese Olympic and Paralympic committees and the Tokyo and national governments.



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Beckham goes to pot with stake in cannabis skincare

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A DAVID Beckham-backed company which uses cannabis compounds to make skincare products is set to float on the London Stock Exchange.

Cellular Goods has sold a stake to David Beckham's investment vehicle, DB Ventures, as it seeks to trade on the stock market with a £20 million valuation. The company uses biosynthetic cannabinoids to make skincare and athletic recovery products.

Cellular Goods said it intends to raise about £8 million through a share offering. It said that funding from the flotation will be used to launch

a range of "premium-quality consumer products" using the cannabinoids.

Alexis Abraham, chief executive, said: "The past few years have seen massive awareness of the importance of self-care and we believe cannabinoids will prove to be the king of wellness ingredients. A stock market listing will provide us with the profile, credibility and access to global capital to drive our growth."

David Gardner, who oversees Beckham's commercial businesses and investments as managing director of DB Ventures, has joined the board of Cellular Goods as a non-executive director.



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