



Oceania Weightlifting Federation

A WORLD RECORD FOR THE OTIP PROGRAM



11,165 ENTRIES

(We surpassed our own expectations.)

In 2012 during the Oceania Championships held in Apia Samoa, Dr Tamas Ajan, President of the IWF launched the first **OTIP program (Oceania Talent Identification Program)** organized by the Oceania Weightlifting Federation. The aim was to reach, by the end of the fifth year - 5,000 student entries.

This year, the seventh year of this program, those expectations have been surpassed by far. We have reached a staggering 11,165 entries coming from 14 countries and from 101 schools. (That is 6,002 boys and 5,163 girls) We have achieved these astonishing figures with the full assistance of the IWF supported by ONOC and this year also by the Eleiko Company.

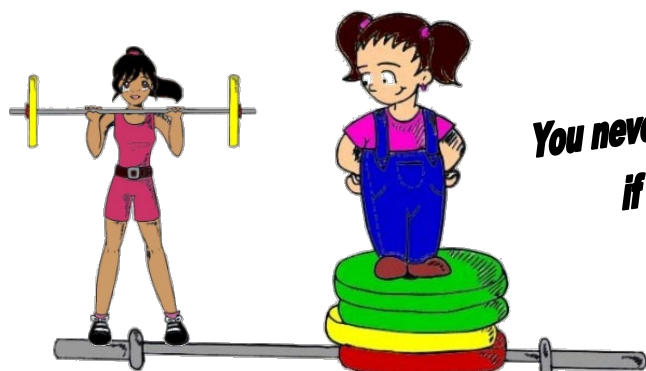
The results of this year could not have been achieved without the support of the 14 countries/federations who took part in the program. In particular, this year, a special thanks must go to Jerry Wallwork from Samoa, David Katoatau from Kiribati and Jenly Wini from the Solomon Islands. These three individuals have contributed enormously, to this year's record breaking numbers.

What a great program the OTIP has turned out to be. This OWF school initiative has been the backbone of the development of champions in the Oceania region in recent years. This program organised by the OWF, is financially supported by the International Weightlifting Federation. Special thanks must go to Dr. Tamas Ajan, President of the IWF, for his support and enthusiasm towards the program.

This is a unique program in the world of weightlifting. It was implemented specifically to identify talented students throughout the schools of the Oceania region, and in particular the Pacific Island nations.

What is truly amazing, is that in a short period of time, the national federations have been able to tap in on the work that they have done at the school level, producing the next generation of champion weightlifters. These are some of the students who were identified through the OTIP program by their own federations and are now lifting in national and international events including the Commonwealth Games and the Olympic Games.

Edward Maxwell - Australia, Maeu Nani Livi - Samoa, Kanah Andrew-Nahu - New Zealand, Ruben Katoatau - Kiribati, Julietta Mafutuna - New Caledonia, Moses Mautama - Niue, Israel Kaikilekofi - Wallis & Futuna, Isaiah Cain - Nauru, Hamish Adam - Australia, Chris Rangidimi - Nauru, Petelo Lagikula - New Caledonia, Peter Enoch - Marshall Islands, Ulina Sagone - Fiji, Blake James Shadbolt - Australia, Adam Iabeta - Kiribati, Tom-Jay Wabeiya - Nauru, Tovale Faasipa - Samoa, Alvin John Ruuema - FSM, Jimmy Arua - PNG, Matthew Damches - Guest, Eileen Cikamatana - Fiji, Stella Hampton - New Zealand, Benet Kumeroa - New Zealand, Yasmin Carter - Australia, Julia Timi - Fiji, Lauititi Lui - Samoa, Jack Fereti - Niue, Junior Edward - Solomon Island, Taretiita Tabaroua - Kiribati, Sandro Ako - PNG, Suliana Fate - Tonga, Samuel Prendergast - New Zealand, Courtney Page - Australia, Mathlynn Sasser - Marshall Islands, Elson Brechtefeld - Nauru, Takenibea Toromon - Kiribati, Stevick Patris - Palau, Feagaiga Stowers - Samoa, Samara Wright - New Zealand, Scifield Sinaka - PNG, Simon Ian De berg - New Zealand, Tiiiao Bakaekiri - Kiribati, Timothy Vakaruivalu - Fiji, Johannah Maelanga - Solomon Islands, Benjamin Ward - Australia, Uea Detudamo - Nauru, Larko Doguape - Nauru,



***You never know how strong you are,
if you don't have a goal!***



Below are some photos from different island nations and their students who took part this year.

SOLOMON ISLANDS



NAURU



PAPUA NEW GUINEA



KIRIBATI



SAMOA

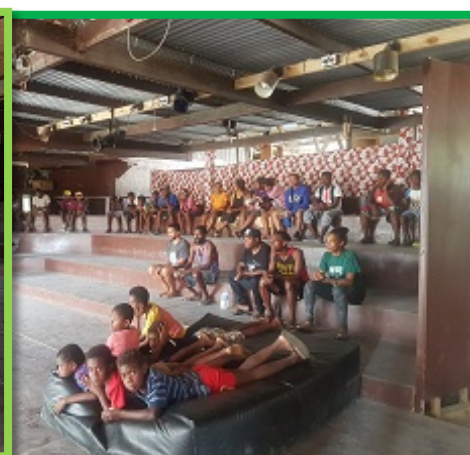


FIJI

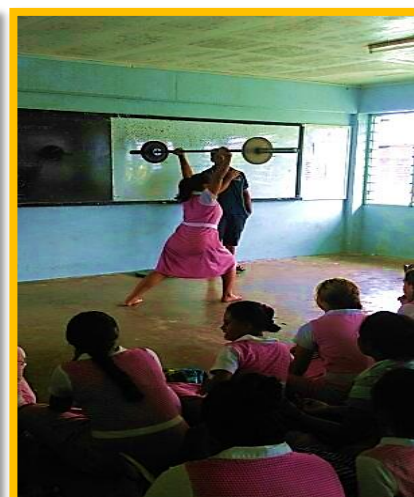




VANUATU



TUVALU



ELEIKO
RAISE THE BAR

ELEIKO
RAISE THE BAR

ELEIKO
RAISE THE BAR

NIUE



It was great to see so many top lifters and officials in the different countries assisting with the OTIP program. The OWF is thankful for their support. Nauru – Quincy Detenamo, PNG – Willie Tamasi, Thelma Toua, Toua Udia, Jeffrey Robby and Lorraine Harry. Niue – Narita Viliamu and Alan Tano, Vanuatu – Joe Vueti, William Worworkon, and Henry Tavo. Kiribati – David Katoatau and Taretiita Tabaroua. Solomon Islands – Jenly Wini and Lalma Sifi, Tuvalu – Joe Vueti and Logona Esau, Samoa – Jerry Wallwork, Mary Opeloge, Sanele Mao and Faavae Fauulili, Fiji – Della Shaw Elder, Henry Elder, Asaeli Tuikanawa Jnr, Kelemeci Lewere, Nanise Vulinitu, Lavenia Adilutunawacawaca and Mitieli Savu. Guam – Edgar Molinos, and the office of the Australian Weightlifting Federation and Olympic Weightlifting New Zealand.

Paul Coffa
OWF General Secretary

THE 2018 OTIP PROGRAM

