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Olympic Week celebrated in a 3-day Sports Fest in PNG

Olympic Week celebrations in the lead up to Olympic Day today (June 23rd) was celebrated in a 3-day sports fest event this week with the participation of primary school students from 6 primary schools in Port Moresby. The three Pillars of Olympic Day of Move, Learn and Discover were the focus of the sports fest activities.

Among the sports fest activities was an introduction session about the Olympic Games and its movement, as well as sessions on the Olympic Values Education Program delivered by Team PNG HERO athletes with main emphasis on the Olympic Values of Excellence, Friendship and Respect.

Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee's (PNGOC) Programs Coordinator Milton Kisapai said the 3 day event was coordinated with 2 schools each taking turns to be part of the sports fests where Grades 6-8 students from the schools participate in the activities organized with a central theme of "Try the Sport".

Celebrated at the Port Moresby Racquets Club through the kind sponsorship of ExxonMobil PNG 3 day event involved students between the ages of 12-16 years being introduced to the 6 different sports on show with the actual participation of coaches from the different sports to impart basic skills and techniques.

Kisapai said this saw the students taking part in different exercises and activities in the 6 different sports of teqball, tennis, squash, badminton, basketball 3x3 and parkour with the aim of introducing, exposing and eventually inspiring interests in the students to be involved in the 6 different sports.

He added that due to COVID-19, the event was usually celebrated with a full week visitations to different schools but has been limited to only select schools with their nominated students.

The different schools that participated were Bavaroko and Salvation on Monday June 21, Coronation and Butuka yesterday, Tuesday June 22 while Ted Diro and Wardstrip primary schools will participate today, to conclude the event.

Forth time Olympian and Commonwealth Gold Medalist Ryan Pini also attended day 2 of the sports fest to deliver an inspirational session to the students from Coronation and Butuka Academy.

Picture caption: Students from Bavaroko and Salvation Army Primary schools taking part on day 1 of the 3 Day Sports Fest at the Port Moresby Racquet's Club.

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