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KAPUTIN, NAMED AS OFFICIAL FLAG BEARER FOR TEAM PNG TO THE 2022 BIRMINGHAM COMMONWEALTH GAMES

PNG's Track and Field Champion in the Jumps Rellie Kaputin from the Sport of Athletics has been selected for the prestigious role as Official Flag Bearer to lead Team PNG to the Commonwealth Games when the Team attends the Games from the 25th of July to the 8th of August 2022.

Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee President Sir John Dawanicura announced this during the combined Welcome for the Pacific Mini Games back from Northern Marianas and Farewell for Team PNG to the Commonwealth Games this evening, at the Gateway Hotel.

"Sir John said that the flag bearer reveal is an important role and ceremony in the lead up to the opening ceremony.

"Rellie Kaputin's outstanding jump records and achievements both nationally and internationally over the last 3 years speaks for itself, and her perseverance and commitment to keep training despite challenges along the way is exemplary.

"She is the current National Record Holder in 3 events (Long Jump, Triple Jump and High Jump) and also the Pacific Games Record Holder (Long Jump)".

"While preparing for the biggest event of her life, she sustained a serious injury, but through rehab, commitment and determination, she overcame the injury in 18 months and jumped a Qualifying jump to get her the ticket to the Olympic Games in Tokyo in 2021, making her PNG's Olympian #66".

"She returned from the recent 11th Pacific Mini Games in Saipan just yesterday, where she won a Gold in High Jump and Silver in Long Jump and Triple Jump respectively".

"Being the Team PNG flag bearer is an honour and unique responsibility that places you in an elite and distinguished class with those who elegantly carried the flag and its responsibilities before you".

Sir John added while congratulating Rellie on her appointment said:

“Being appointed as a flag bearer to lead our National Team, is a significant achievement and is a true reflection of character, outstanding sporting achievements and that is worthy of this recognition”.

The full team will be announced before the Team leaves for the Games on July 21st.

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About the Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee

The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee (PNGOC) is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation committed to inspire and unite Papua New Guinea through sporting excellence and success. The PNGOC is a believer of sport as an enabler for sustainable and inclusive development. We serve the three different global games movements, those being the Olympic Movement, Commonwealth Games Movement and the Pacific Games Movement. It is our responsibility to select, send and fund Team PNG to the Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games and Pacific Games. This is achieved by working with our member national sports federations and with the support of our sponsors and partners, through fundraising events and with the backing of the Government. To find out more visit our website www.pngolympic.org.pg

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