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Ume is Team PNG's male flag bearer

BIRMINGHAM, UNITED KINGDOM | Two-time Commonwealth Games representative and Pacific Games Gold Medallist John Ume was announced as Team PNG's male flag bearer to the Commonwealth Games on Tuesday, July 26.

The Papua New Guinean boxer joins another Olympian and Commonwealth Games representative Rellie Kaputin as the female flag bearer to lead Team PNG out at the Opening Ceremony on Thursday, July 28, 2022, in accordance to the Games protocol.

The announcement was made by President of the PNG Commonwealth Games Association Sir John Dawanincura during the Welcome Kibung (meet-and-greet) hosted by the Papua New Guinean community in Birmingham.

The 25-year-old from Mekeo in the Central province was humbled by the news and encouraged the other members of Team PNG to continue to strive to give their very best at the Games.

“We are prepared, so let’s go out and do our best,” said the 2019 Pacific Games Gold Medallist.

Rellie echoed similar sentiments saying to her fellow athletes “to represent PNG in the red, black and gold colours with pride.”

Boxers poised and ready

Meanwhile, Team PNG’s boxers continue to put in the hard work at training and are progressing along smoothly leading into the Games.

“It’s been smooth progress so far. We go in for the draw entries on Wednesday (July 27) with the weigh-in to follow on Friday,” said Team Manager Raphaela Kaore.

Photo captions:

1 L-R (Team PNG's male flag bearer, John Ume, President of the PNG Commonwealth Games Association, Sir John Dawanincura and Team PNG's female flag bearer, Rellie Kaputin.

2 Members of Team PNG's athletics and squash squad at the meet-and-greet with Papua New Guineans living in Birmingham.

3 A familiar face in rugby league's Watson Boas who also made the drive down to meet Team PNG.

4 Photos at the meet-and-greet with champion weightlifter Dika Toua.

5 Jamie Chang throws a punch.

6 Allan Oaike poised and ready.

7 Arthur Lavalou on the ropes.

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