



The OTIP PROGRAM well on the way..

“KIRIBATI enters 1753 students”

David Katoatau gold medal performance at the recent Commonwealth Games in Glasgow has injected an enormous amount of interest amongst the youth of the country.

David returned home a hero of the nation. The Government of Kiribati treasured his performance so much that they will be giving him national celebrity status and therefore becoming a property of the people of Kiribati.

With the assistance of the Government and the Kiribati National Olympic Committee, David toured the country with his gold medal, visiting institutions, schools, and different island communities.



At the end of the Glasgow Games a survey was conducted by 'Inside the Games' and David Katoatau performance was judged as the favourite moment of the Games!

But none of this fame changed David's personality. His contribution to the sport continued even after he returned home as a hero. David made sure that the OTIP program was implemented throughout the schools of Kiribati in order to give the students the same opportunities that he has been given. He made sure that he visited schools, doing exhibitions and implementing the OTIP program by getting hundreds and hundreds of students to take part and compete.

The final number of students entered in the OTIP Program was 1753 (Boys 828 - Girls 925)

With the assistance of KNOC, David has now received an IOC Coaching Scholarship and therefore has returned to the Oceania Weightlifting Institute to begin his 12 month coaching course and at the same time continue to lift.

Joining him from Kiribati at the Institute are two new recruits, Taretiita Tabaroua the 2012 OTIP identified student who attended the first OTIP training camp in New Caledonia, Whilst Ruben Katoatau who also took part in the OTIP program in 2013, and he competed at this years Olympic Youth Games.



David Katoatau receives a special award from The President of the Republic of Kiribati H.E. Anote Tong.

THE OTIP PROGRAM - WEIGHTLIFTING IN THE MANY SCHOOLS OF KIRIBATI



David Katoatau at Betio Town Council High School teaching the way to lift



Running The OTIP program at Betio Town Council High School. Safety plays a big part with the OTIP Program.



David running the OTIP program at the Saint Louis Catholic High School



The OTIP Program at the Teinainand Urban High School



David demonstrates correct lifting at the Moroni High School



David at the Sacred Heart Secondary School lifting.



King George High School running the OTIP Program.