

PARIS 2024 VISITS THE OCEANIA WEIGHTLIFTING INSTITUTE

A delegation from Paris 2024 , (one the two candidate cities for the 2024 Olympic Games) headed by the President of the Organising Committee, Mr. Bernard Lapasset, today March 7th, paid a courtesy visit to the Oceania Weightlifting Institute in Mont Dore, New Caledonia.

Mr. Lapasset was accompanied by Ms. Sophie Lorant, Director of International Relations, Mr. Pierre Forest, Youth and Sports Director of New Caledonia, Mr. Michel Quintin, Director of the Comite Territorial Olympique Sportif and quite a few other officials coming from the City of Mont Dore and the CTOS.

Mr. Lapasset was most impressed with the setup of the Oceania Weightlifting Institute and just as important with the Pacific Island athletes who train and stay at the Institute. Especially with the 8 lifters coming from the Institute representing different countries of the region who competed at the Rio Olympic Games.



Paul Coffa , the Oceania Weightlifting Institute Director welcomes Mr Bernard Lapasset to the Institute.



Mr Lapasset meets 4 times Olympic representative and 2014 Commonwealth Gold medallist Dika Toua from Papua New Guinea. And on the left Fijian, World Youth Champion Eileen Cikamatana



Mr Lapasset meets Morea Baru from Papua New Guinea . Morea placed 6th at the Rio Olympics.



Mr Lapasset recognised the Rio dancing superstar weightlifter from Kiribati-David Katoatau, 3 time Olympic representative.



The Institute weightlifters from the various Islands of the Pacific showing the Paris symbol.



Mr Bernard Lapasset President of the Paris 2024 Organising Committee addresses the Institute lifters.



Mr Pierre Forest , Paul Coffa and Mr Bernard Lapasset outside the Institute