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### “PACIFIC ATTITUDE” AT THE OPENING CEREMONY !!



The President of the French Republic Nicolas Sarkozy opened the XIV Pacific Games with a truly enthusiastic speech.

On Saturday night August 27<sup>th</sup> at the opening ceremony of the **XIV PACIFIC GAMES** the Pacific attitude was in full swing as the enthusiastic teams entered the stadium. The 20000 New Caledonia spectators enjoyed the wonderful atmosphere and welcomed the teams as they came into the stadium in true pacific fashion.

Each team stopped in front of the VIP stand and extended their own cultural respect to all VIP guests. It was a great opening and congratulations New Caledonia. Your theme of “Pacific Attitude” was shown at its best.

The popularity of weightlifting in the Pacific region was very evident at the Opening Ceremony. Of the 22 countries entering the stadium, 6 world class lifters carried the flag for their countries. The six flag bearers were: FIJI- Manueli Tulo, SAMOA- Niusila Opeloge, NIUE- Danny Nemani, MICRONESIA- Manuel Minginfel, KIRIBATI-David Katoatau and NAURU- Itte Detenamo. During the opening ceremony, it was great to see also performers in the middle of the stadium, lifting plastic weights and showing on the large screen lifters of the institute training. It was a real honour to have our sport shown so prominently at the opening ceremony. 27 sports will be involved with five thousand athletes and officials taking part. The weightlifting event will be held in Mont Dore on September 5<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup>



Niusila Opeloge –Samoa



David Katoatau- Kiribati



Itte Detenamo- Nauru



Danny Nemani- Niue



Manueli Tulo- Fiji



Manuel Minginfel-  
Micronesia



One of the teams at the Opening Ceremony

