

Papua Athletics Center (PAC) Athletes Bag Seven Medals in Central Java Open 2024 Tournament

Jakarta, 2 July 2024 – Athletes from the Papua Athletics Center (PAC) team performed brilliantly during the Central Java (Jateng) Open 2024 tournament, garnering seven medals consisting of two gold, three silver, and two bronze medals while competing at the Tri Lomba Juang Stadium in, Semarang from 27 June through 29 June.

PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI) and PB PASI voiced appreciation for the achievements made by the Papua Athletics Center team at the Jateng Open 2024 tournament. “The PAC team’s accomplishments during the Jateng Open 2024 demonstrates athletes’ earnestness in undergoing the coaching program at the training center. Freeport Indonesia, in synergy with PB PASI maintains its commitment to advance the people of Papua, in this case through the sport of athletics/ track and field,” PTFI Director & EVP for Sustainable Development & Community Relations Claus Wamafma averred.

All Indonesia Athletics Union Central Executive Board (PB PASI) General Secretary Tigor Tanjung expressed appreciation and pride over the PAC athletes’ achievements. “These achievements result from the intensive training the entire team undergo, as well as their high degree of dedication and fighting spirit. The hope is for these successes to encourage and spur all members of Papua Athletics Center to continue developing and earn even more brilliant achievements ahead,” Tigor said.

On the first day, the relay race team comprising **Eqman Yance E. Kafai, Maurits Rawar, Triyanerapa Ayorbaba, and Mergina Asyerem** succeeded in bagging the gold medal for the mixed men’s-women’s 4x400 meter relay race, posting a time of 3 minutes 33.95 seconds. In the men’s discus throw event, Merauke athlete **Eventinus Gebze** succeeded in contributing a silver medal with a throw distance of 42.40 meters. Meanwhile in the women’s 800-meter dash, **Jacquennline J.F. Pinontoan** placed seventh with a time of 2 minutes 46.78 seconds.

The second day was filled with more accomplishments by PAC. Biak Numfor athlete **Mergina Asyerem** earned the gold medal in the women’s 400-meter dash, with a time of 57.48 seconds. **Elizabeth Marta Putri Baminggen** from Nabire added to the medals score with a silver medal in the women’s shot put event with a throw distance of 12.70 meters. **Silfanus Ndiken** from Merauke and **Eventinus Gebze** each contributed more additions to the collection of medals, with a silver medal and a bronze medal respectively.

in the men's javelin throw event, with throw distances of 63.31 meters and 62.36 meters, respectively.

Meanwhile **Tri Yanerapa Ayorbaba** (in women's 200m dash), **Maurits Rawar** ((n men's 200m dash), **Feleria Kaumapokeyau** (for javelin throw) and **Fransisko Adrianto Makaminang** (in men's 1500m dash) similarly performed admirably on the second say, albeit winning no medal. .

On the third day, in the men's 4x400 relay race, the relay team consisting of **Krisdianto Makringo, Mandala Putra Rumaikewi, Eqman Yance E. Kafiar, and Maurits Rawar** won a bronze medal with a time of 3 minutes 16.59 seconds. Meanwhile **Elizabeth M.P. Baminggen and Jacquennline J.F. Pinontoan** did not earn a medal in the women's hammer throw and 800 meter dash events respectively.

Tigor said the medals earned by the PAC team in the Jateng Open 2024 competitions offer real evidence that the consistent training the athletes undergo can lead to splendid achievements.

"We are committed to continuing support and facilitation for PAC athletes, to ensure they reach their utmost potential in various competitions, nationally and internationally," Tigor stated.

Papua Athletics Center is a training center for athletics/ track and field sports that is managed by PB PASI, and is aimed at identifying young talented track and field athletes from Papua. With full support from PTFI, Papua Athletics Center is committed to bringing about continuing achievements by young Papuans in track and field sports, while providing high-quality facilities and coaching to assist them in reaching their utmost potential in national as well as international arenas.

An intensive training program along with PAC athletes' full dedication is expected to continue towards producing even more accomplished athletes in the future.

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 <p>A group of athletes and officials standing on a podium during a relay race event. The podium has three levels labeled 1, 2, and 3. The athletes are holding a banner that says 'Jateng Open'.</p>	<p>The PAC relay race team consisting of Eqman Yance E. Kafiar, Maurits Rawar, Triyanerapa Ayorbaba, and Mergina Asyerem successfully earned the gold medal for the mixed men's//women's 4x400 meter relay race, with a time of 3 minutes 33.96 seconds.</p>
 <p>A large group of athletes and officials posing for a group photo on a track. They are wearing blue and white uniforms. A banner is visible in the background.</p>	<p>PAC athletes participating in the Central Java 2024 tournament successfully garnered 7 medals.</p>
 <p>A group of athletes and officials standing on a podium during a relay race event. The podium has three levels labeled 1, 2, and 3. The athletes are holding a banner that says 'Jateng Open'.</p>	<p>The PAC team for the men's 4x400 meter relay race consisting of Krisdianto Makringo, Mandala Putra Rumaikewi, Eqman Yance E. Kafiar, and Maurits Rawar earned a bronze medal with a time of 3 minutes 16.59 seconds.</p>



PAC athlete from Biak Numfor, Mergina Asyerem won the gold medal in the women's 400 meter dash event with a time of 57.48 seconds.