

Media Update
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Papua Athletics Center (PAC) Athletes Earn 8 Medals at East Java Open 2024 Regional Championship

Surabaya – Athletes from Papua Athletics Center (PAC) under the patronage of All-Indonesia Athletics Association Central Executive Board (PB PASI) and PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI) succeeded in garnering a brilliant accomplishment by bringing home eight medals from the East Java Open 2024 Regional Athletics Championship, which took place at the Oentoeng Poedjadi Stadium in the Surabaya State University UNESA campus from 17 May through 19 May.

During this three-day competition, the PAC team successfully won eight medals, consisting of two gold, three silver, and three bronze medals. PTFI's Director & Executive Vice President (EVP), Sustainable Development expressed appreciation for this accomplishment by Papuan athletes.

"This accomplishment is evidence of the synergy achieved between private sector and government in advancing the people of Papua through sports. PTFI continually offers support for development of the sports of athletics and football as directed by President Joko Widodo during the official launchings of Papua Football Academy and Papua Athletics Center," PTFI Director & EVP, Sustainable Development, Claus Wamafma said.

PB PASI General Secretary Tigor Tanjung similarly voiced appreciation and pride for the accomplishments made by athletes from Papua. "These accomplishments demonstrate the entire team's hard work, dedication, and high degree of commitment. I am immensely proud of the accomplishments made by the athletes during this East Java Open Championship. It is my hope that these successful accomplishments will motivate the entire Papua Athletics Center team to forge ahead to develop further and earn more and better accomplishments in the future," Tigor said.

On the first day of the championship, Nabire athlete Elizabeth Martha Putri Baminggen successfully won the gold medal for Women's Senior Shot Put with a throw of 13.30 meters. Meanwhile, a young Jayapura athlete, Eqman Yance E. Kafiar earned a silver medal for the Men's U20 400 meter dash event with a time of 49.31 seconds. Tri Yanepa Ayorbaba, a runner from Serui followed suit with a bronze medal for Women's Senior 400 meter dash with a time of 58.54 seconds. Then although not earning medals, Paostinus Obed and Hendrik R. Dacosta demonstrated admirable effort in the Men's Senior 100 meter dash event.

On the second day, Elizabeth Martha Putri Baminggen added to her collection of medals with a bronze medal for Women's Senior Hammer Throw, achieving a throw distance of 40.14 meters. Tri Yanepa similarly contributed a bronze medal for Women's Senior 200 meter dash with a time of 25.70 seconds. Other athletes including Mandala Putra, Paostinus Obed, and Jacquennline performed impressively by reaching the finals, albeit not earning medals.

On the last day, Merauke athlete Silfanus Ndiken set a Personal Best record with a throw of 64.28 meters, earning him a gold medal for Men's Senior Javelin Throw. Feleria Kaumapokey, an athlete from Mimika followed with a silver medal for Women's Senior Javelin Throw with a throw distance of 35.26 meters. The Relay Race team comprising Eqman Yance E. Kafiar, Krisdianto Makringo, Maurits Rawar, and Mandala Putra likewise won the silver medal for the 4 x 400 men's relay race with a time of 3 minutes 17.95 seconds.

Tigor says the total number of medals won in the East Java Open 2024 Championship offers real proof that providing consistent training for athletes will result in excellent achievements.

The goal of Papua Athletics Center, a training center for track and field sports managed by PB PASI with full support from PTFI is to identify and develop the talents of young Papuan athletes. The intensive and dedicated training program PAC athletes undergo continues to make headway, leading to the generation of increasing numbers of outstanding athletes for the future.

PHOTO	CAPTION
 <p>A photograph showing Elizabeth Martha Putri Baminggen on a podium receiving a gold medal. She is wearing a blue and white athletic uniform. To her left, a woman in a white and black uniform is presenting the medal. In the center, a man in a dark suit is holding a certificate. To the right, another woman in a black uniform is also holding a certificate. They are standing in front of a backdrop that says '2024' and 'PAPUA ATHLETICS CENTER'.</p>	<p>Elizabeth Martha Putri Baminggen successfully won a gold medal for Women’s Senior Throw Put with a throw distance of 13.30 meters.</p>
 <p>A photograph showing Silfanus Ndike on a podium receiving a gold medal. He is wearing a white and black athletic uniform. To his left, a man in a black and white uniform is presenting the medal. In the center, a man in a dark suit is holding a certificate. To the right, another man in a yellow shirt is holding a certificate. They are standing in front of a backdrop that says 'JATIMOPEN 2024' and 'PAPUA ATHLETICS CENTER'.</p>	<p>Silfanus Ndike won a gold medal for Men’s Senior Javelin Throw, earning him a Personal Best record with a throw distance of 64.28 meters.</p>
 <p>A photograph showing Feleria Kaumapokey on a podium receiving a silver medal. She is wearing a red and white athletic uniform. To her left, a man in a blue and white uniform is presenting the medal. In the center, a man in a dark suit is holding a certificate. To the right, another man in a red and white uniform is holding a certificate. They are standing in front of a backdrop that says 'PAPUA ATHLETICS CENTER'.</p>	<p>Mimika athlete Feleria Kaumapokey followed with a silver medal for Women’s Senior Javelin Throw with a throw of 35.26 meters.</p>



The Men's Relay Race team earned a silver medal in the 4 x 400 meter Men's Relay Race with a time of 3 minutes 17.95 seconds.