



Special Olympics **South Africa**

Dr Jon Patricios
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Dear Jon

On behalf of myself, the management of Special Olympics South Africa and John Robbie and the management of Talk Radio 702, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to you for your generous donation that will go towards supplying apparel and other requirements for the Special Olympics team that will be participating in the World Games, hosted in Shanghai during October.

Special Olympics, a non-profit organization, provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The aim is to give these athletes continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

The Special Olympics' vision is to transform communities by inspiring people throughout the world to open their minds, accept and include people with intellectual disabilities and thereby anyone who is perceived as different.

I am very proud to advise you that Special Olympics South Africa (SOSA) will be sending the largest delegation in Africa to Shanghai, to represent our great country at the **2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China** from October 2-11, 2007. They will be joining 7000 delegates from 150 countries who will compete in 24 events across 2 weeks.

This will be the first time that South Africa will be participating in the World Games, and the first time that there is a real focus on South Africa's intellectually challenged.

The team leaves OR Tambo International on the 25th of September and returns on the 12th of October.

The South African delegation is made up of
86 athletes
30 coaches
23 family members
15 VIP's

The 7 sporting disciplines that are represented include

Soccer	24 athletes (16 male 8 female)
Athletics	15 athletes (9 male 6 female)
Swimming	11 athletes (6 male and 5 female)
Table Tennis	4 athletes (2 male and 2 female)
Bocce	4 athletes (2 male and 2 female)
Golf	6 athletes (4 male 2 female)
Basketball	20 athletes (male only)

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The World Games will also be broadcast to the people of South Africa via SABC 2 on a daily highlights basis during October.

We have no doubt that our team will do well at The Games, and will demonstrate that despite the challenges, they will overcome adversity and reach for their highest goal – to be a significant member of the South African chapter of Special Olympics.

As the Special Olympics athlete's oath states " Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

The courage of our athletes shines as a beacon of hope to the rest of South Africa.

Yours sincerely,

D Mathew Phosa
Chairperson
Special Olympics South Africa