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NTIS Athlete to compete in the Oceania Judo Union World Cup in Perth

Northern Territory Institute of Sport athlete Kelly Fong has left for Perth to compete in the 'Oceania Judo Union (OJU) World Cup.'

Ms Fong, 29, said she was taking the next step on her journey towards the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

"This is a very important event to determine my chances of making the Australian Olympic team prior to the final Olympic Selection event in Christchurch next year," she said.

Kelly has recently competed at the World Judo Championships in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and at the Pacific Rim Games, Macau where she achieved a bronze medal in the under 52kg division.

"Training is my key focus now. I have spent some time in Sydney receiving one on one training in judo as well as cross training in freestyle wrestling," said Ms Fong.

"My goal is to win the OJU World Cup as well as the Oceania Judo Championships in Christchurch scheduled for March 2008.

"This competition will be strong, but I am quietly confident of achieving my goals," she said.

Fong's opponents are Sonya Chervonsky from NSW and Ana Moyceyana from New Zealand, who are both currently training in Europe.

Straight after the OJU World Cup in Perth Fong will be competing for Australia at a Beijing Test Event. Which will be followed by the World Teams Championships on 17 November in the same location.

The Team event is for Nations (with a combined team from OJU) consisting of 1 women's team and 1 men's team, each with seven members. Kelly will compete in the Half Light weight division (over 48 Kg up to and including 52 Kg).

The Oceania team is

GIUDICE	Stephen-60kg AUS
CHEVALIER	Cyril-66kg NCL
DE ABREU ABEDIAS	Trindade-73kg NCL
NAULU	Josateki-81kg FIJ
FOGAGNOLO	Priscus-90kg AUS
PRAGNELL	Andrew-100kg NZL
PEPIC	Semir+100kg AUS
BISHOP	Justine-48kg NZL
FONG	Kelly-52kg AUS
LEWIS	Carly-57kg AUS
NEWHAM	Alison-63kg AUS
NAISIGA	Sisilia-70kg FIJ
ARSCOTT	Catherine-78kg AUS
DAHL	Simone+78kg AUS

The Oceania Judo Union World Cup begins on 10 November in Perth and concludes on November,11.

Later in the year Kelly Fong will be heading on a tour to Korea and Japan to compete in the KRA Korean cup & Kano Cup (Japan). The tour starts on 27 November and will run until 11 December.

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