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Northampton Trampoline Centre to host 3 important visits in one week

A busy week for the Northampton Trampoline Centre as they host London Olympic Test Event training with Australia & Japan and also welcome Emma McClarkin MEP for a visit to meet and chat to the NTGA Club members.

The first to arrive will be Australia's Blake Gaudry (male gymnast) and Nikolay Zhuravlev (head coach) arriving on the 6th January 2012 to train a very important few days as they prepare for the London Olympic Test Event, the final qualification event to secure their place for the London Games in August.

Arriving in Northampton on the 8th of January is Japan's Masaki Ito, World bronze medallist and winner of the World Cup Series 2011 heads up the team from Japan with their 3rd visit in the last 6 months to the Northampton Trampoline Centre. Ito has already secured his place at the London Olympic Games as part of Japan's own Olympic selection policy by securing a bronze medal at the World Championships. Masaki was invited to participate in the Olympic Test Event as one of the medallists from the World Championships. Ayano Kishi and Ayana Yamada (female gymnasts) join Ito as part of the Japan delegation. The ladies will compete at the London Test Event to secure qualification to the Olympic Games. 3 team coaches and 1 trainer make up the delegation from Japan.

Both Australia & Japan depart Kings Park Conference Centre on the 11th January straight to the North Greenwich Arena, London to participate in Podium training leading to the London Olympic Test Event on Friday 13th January 2012.

Emma McClarkin MEP will visit the centre on Monday 9th January 2012 around 6pm when the NTGA Club session will be in full flight. Emma will meet and chat to our members as well as bringing her sports kit along as she has requested the opportunity to try out trampolining. Emma is a keen rugby fan so hopefully she will be able to impress on the trampoline as much as the England Women's rugby team did on their last visit to the trampoline centre!

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Notes for Editors:

- For further media information, interviews or visits to the Northampton Trampoline Centre please contact Harvey Smith, on 07908489699
- The London Olympic Test Event for Trampoline is Friday 13th January 2012 at the North Greenwich Arena. This is the final chance for teams to secure representation at the Olympic Games
- This will be the 2nd visit by Australia & 3rd for Japan to the Northampton Trampoline Centre in the last 6 months
- Emma McClarkin MEP, Member of the European Parliament for East Midlands Region, is joining thousands of people across the Region in welcoming 2012, the year of the Olympic Games in London. Emma wants to spend time in 2012 heralding the achievements of sportsmen and women in the Region and especially those who participate in and organise some of the less well known sports that will receive a welcome profile in the London Olympics. Northamptonshire Trampoline Gymnastics Academy was identified by Emma McClarkin as somewhere she would like to spend some time and to meet staff and Club members