

THIRD SOUTH PACIFIC MINI GAMES

*Opening ceremony of the 3rd
Mini-Games in Tonga.*



*Princess Pilolevu, NOC President,
with Dr Lysis Lavigne and Mr Tay
Wilson, IOC member in New
Zealand and his wife.*



Nuku'alofa in Tonga hosted the third South Pacific Mini Games from 22nd August to 1st September last year, with IOC patronage given to the event for the first time. Despite 1989 being the wettest year in Tonga for over forty years, the facilities, built or refurbished with the aid of France and Taiwan, were all finished on time, including the new Atele Multipurpose Indoor Gymnasium and Tennis Courts.

The games were opened by King Taufa'ahau Tepou IV in the presence of Mr Tay Wilson, IOC member in New Zealand, Dr Lysis Lavigne, President of the games and Princess Pilolevu, President of the NOC of Tonga and of the games' organizing committee. There were 832 participants from sixteen countries for a programme of six sports : athletics, boxing, golf, netball, tennis and weightlifting.