



**Message of Support**

**from Mr Leo Varadkar T.D.**

**Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport**

**for the Irish Transplant Team**

**competing at the 19<sup>th</sup> World Transplant Games in Durban, South Africa**

I would like to wish the Irish Transplant Team the very best of luck at the 19<sup>th</sup> World Transplant Games in Durban, South Africa.

You will follow in the footsteps of the 2011 Irish Team whose performance at the last World Transplant Games was highly impressive, with a new world record being set in one event and being placed 11<sup>th</sup> overall on the medals table.

I know that you have all prepared well and are ready to perform to the best of your ability. You have overcome major obstacles to get here today and, in doing so, you are an inspiration to us all. As well as competing at the Games you will also be highlighting the enormous benefits that organ donation and transplant brings.

I have no doubt that all 24 of you representing Ireland in Durban will be wonderful ambassadors for your country and will help to further enhance Ireland's reputation at sporting events abroad.

Given Ireland's great sporting tradition I am sure the team will do very well indeed. Good luck to each and every one of you and I am sure the Games will prove to be a memorable and enjoyable experience for all involved.

Leo Varadkar TD  
Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport