

# 7th Japanese Ambassador's Judo Championship

(5<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 at ABC Blue Gym)

On 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022, the Embassy of Japan in Malawi and the Malawi Judo Association co-hosted the Japanese Ambassador's Judo Championship, with participation of over 100 JUDO-KA (athletes) from Lilongwe, Mzuzu, Blantyre, Thyolo and the Dzaleka Refugee Camp. The tournaments were conducted for both male and female, for each weight range. Among the excellent athletes, the Gold, Silver and Bronze medals were presented to the top 3 performers of each category, respectively.

Ambassador Iwakiri, in his speech, appreciated the efforts of athletes and Judo Association of Malawi to promote the sports across the country, creating the positive momentum, which made Malawi possible to send their athlete to the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. The Honorable Mr. Richard Chimwendo Banda, Minister of Youth and Sports, recognized the spread of Judo in Malawian schools and thanked with excitement that the continuous assistance by Japanese Government for Judo.

With the Guest of Honour, Hon. Banda from Ministry of Youth and Sports, the representatives from the Malawi Olympic Committee and the National Sports Council joined the event, having enjoyed the spirited matches.



Male Match



Female Match



Athletes cheering with other



Awarding Ceremony 1



Awarding Ceremony 2



Ambassador Iwakiri's Speech



Hon. Banda's Speech



Group Photo 1



Group Photo 2