## 7th Japanese Ambassador's Kendo Championship

(10th December, 2022 at Robins Park Hall in Blantyre)

On 10<sup>th</sup> December 2022, the Embassy of Japan in Malawi an the Kendo Association of Malawi co-hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> Japanese Ambassador's Kendo Championship, with participation of over 40 KENDO-KA (athletes) from Blantyre. The tournaments were conducted separately for under 12, under 21 and over 22. Among the excellent athletes, the Gold, Silver and Bronze medals were presented to the top 3 performers of each category, respectively.

Mr. Tashiro, DCM appreciated the efforts of athletes and Kendo Association of Malawi to promote the sports across the country, and hoped all the athletes will be a leader of the society through Kendo practices. Mr. Thom Phodogoma, from National Sports Council of Malawi representing the Ministry of Youth and Sports, said that Kendo should be taking place in Regional 5 Game in near future. Deputy Mayor of Blantyre City, Councillor Funny Baraba Kanojerera declared that the city will coexist with the Association and will support for its publicity and activities.

The championship was crowded with many spectators including the families and friends of the athletes, and in particular, the matches between Team Malawi and Japan realized by the participation of the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers marked the culmination of the excitement.





Under 12 Under 21





Over 22



Team Japan vs Malawi



Judo performance during interval



Speech by Mr. Phodogoma



Kyokushin-Karate performance during interval

Speech by Mr. Tashiro



Speech by Cllr Kanojerera



Prize for Under 12



Prize for Under 12



Prize for Under 21



Prize for Over 22



Group Photo