

## Judo Equipment Presentation Ceremony

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the Embassy of Japan in Barbados presented judo equipment which was comprised of 30 judo-gi provided by the Solidarity of International Judo Education in Japan and 50 judo tatami mats provided by the All Japan Judo Federation for the Barbados Judo Association (BJA). There were young BJA members of various ages with their parents at the ceremony. Mr. Steve R. Stoute, President of the Barbados Olympic Association (BOA), Mr. Jerry Blenman, CEO of the National Sports Council, and Mr. Stephen Rowe, Sports Development Officer, all gave speeches to pay tribute to the occasion.

Six years have passed since the Great Eastern Japan earthquake on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011. As such, all in attendance held a moment of silence for the victims.

Tokyo will be the host city of the Olympic and Paralympic Games in three years. Ambassador Shinada hopes that young Barbadian judokas who get to use these judo-gi and tatami mats will have the chance to go to Tokyo in 2020 as Olympic participants and go on to win medals.



Assistance sent from the other side of the world



With members of the Judo clubs



Marine Garden Judo club and others



Ambassador Shinada giving his speech



## Judo Equipment Presentation Ceremony (cont'd)



Local TV station, CBC, filming the ceremony



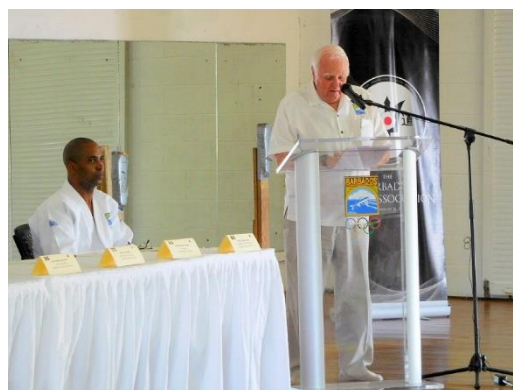
Prof. Hoskins Caddle  
President of the Barbados Judo Assoc.



Ambassador Shinada presented the  
judo-gi and tatami mats



CEO of the National Sports Council,  
Jerry Blenman giving his speech



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## Judo Demonstration



Junior members



Senior members