

## 2018 BARBADOS JUDO GRAPPLING TOURNAMENT

On June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018, Ambassador Shinada was invited to the 2018 Barbados Judo Grappling Tournament held by the Barbados Judo Association (BJA) at the Sir Garfield Sobers Gymnasium. This special tournament displays judo groundwork techniques (*newaza*).

During the Ambassador's speech, he shared some exciting news: the Embassy of Japan has decided to invite five judokas to Japan in July. The invitees are BJA President, Prof Hoskins Caddle, Coaching Director, Ian Weithers and three young judokas: Asa Weithers, Anaiah Clarke and Ria Greene.

This project was financed within the framework of the "Sports Diplomacy Promotion Programme" of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. We expect that this trip will no doubt contribute to the further development and levelling up of Barbados Judo.



The judokas march in



Ambassador Shinada gives his speech



Some young judokas grappling



From left: Prof. Hoskins Caddle (president of the BJA), Miss Ria Green, Miss Anaiah Clarke who were all specially invited to Japan by the Japanese government



Young, up and coming judokas pose with the Ambassador