

## 5th Trinidad and Tobago Kendo Championship

On October 27<sup>th</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> Trinidad and Tobago Kendo Championship was held at a sports facility in the city of Port of Spain, co-sponsored by the Trinidad and Tobago Kendo Federation. Fourteen people learning kendo in Trinidad and Tobago participated in the tournament, and they competed using the skills they practised on a daily basis.

Mr Hasani Girod won the championship in the Open Category and Ms Alisha Wells won in the Women's Category. Mr Hasani Girod received the Japanese Embassy Cup from Ambassador Hirayama as the Open Category winner, and Ms Alisha Wells, winner of the Women's Category, received a medal from Mrs Hirayama.

Ambassador Hirayama commended the participants for putting their best efforts forward at the award ceremony, and expressed his congratulations on the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Trinidad and Tobago Kendo Federation, as well as his gratitude for the long-standing contribution of the Kendo Federation in Trinidad and Tobago.



Ambassador Hirayama, Trinidad and Tobago Kendo Federation officials and Kendo tournament participants



Ambassador Hirayama and the winner of the Open Category, Mr Hasani Girod



Mrs Hirayama presents a medal to Ms Alisha Wells, First Place Winner of the Women's Category