

## Report on the end of the World KUDO Championships

The Hokutoki 6th World Kudo Championships and 3rd World Kudo Junior Championships were successfully held at Yoyogi Second Gymnasium in Japan on May 13th (Sat) and 14th (Sun).

Now that the end of the corona crisis has been declared, athletes from 28 countries have entered the World Kudo Championships held in Japan, the country where the Founder Takashi Azuma was born, and the country where KUDO was born.

However, KIF sincerely hoped and strived to have athletes from Russia and Ukraine participate. At one point, they even went as far as selecting players, but in the end, due to the circumstances of each country, they had to withdraw from participating. It was a great pity that they were not there.

For those who could not participate, athletes from various countries who love KUDO showed us a wonderful fight. Also, when they went up on the mat, they respected each other as athletes who loves KUDO, rather than what country the athlete was from. I believe we were able to give a good report to the Founder Takashi Azuma, who passed away two years ago.

Many countries won prizes at this World Championships. In the regular class, besides Japan, there were winners of 1<sup>st</sup> place from Cuba and Azerbaijan.

In juniors, there were winners of 1<sup>st</sup> place from Azerbaijan, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, Lithuania, and USA. Looking at the second and lower prizes, there were winners from many other countries such as Brazil, France, Italy, India, Malta, Rumania, South Korea, and UAE.

As a Head Director of KIF, I am very happy to had winners from many countries. I think this is proof that KUDO is expanding to many countries.

After this World Championships, international events will be held in various parts of the world. At the Continental Committees held after the General meeting, we discussed holding the European KUDO Championship in October, Asian KUDO Championships in November, and the European KUDO Junior Championship in February next year. In addition, I think that we will hold international tournaments and international seminars, in North America, and the Middle East and Africa.

KIF sincerely hopes that the World KUDO Championships and international events will be held as a place to pursue world peace and cooperation, through a Budo named KUDO, in a chaotic world where conflicts of various forms continue.

May 22, 2023  
Head Director of KIF  
Hideaki TAKAHASHI

The winners were as follows.

## 2023 6th World KUDO Championships

### Female under 220 class

- 1<sup>st</sup> place REINA ONODERA (Japan)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place MOE OKURA (Japan)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place ILARIA AGRESTA (Italy)

### Female over 220 class

- 1<sup>st</sup> place MASA KO NAITO (Japan)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place PRISCILLA REMONDINI (Italy)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place ZAINEB JEMAA (France)

### Male under 230 class

- 1<sup>st</sup> place YUTA MEGURO (Japan)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place RYUKI SASAKI (Japan)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place SHOTA TANII (Japan) 4 位
- 4<sup>th</sup> place CARLOS FELIPE MENDONCA GARCIA (Brazil)

### Male under 240 class

- 1<sup>st</sup> place NORIHIDE TERAGUCHI (Japan)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place RYOTA SOYAMA (Japan)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place KYUNG HYUN KIM (Korea)
- 4<sup>th</sup> place HADRIEN BARRE (France)

### Male under 250 class

- 1<sup>st</sup> place RYOTA ONODERA (Japan)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place VILIUS TARASEVICIUS (Lithuania)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place REMUS MOGA (Rumania)
- 4<sup>th</sup> place TSUBASA TERASAKA (Japan)

### Male under 260 class

- 1<sup>st</sup> place LIDIER JORRÌN GONZÁLEZ (Cuba)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place MIZUKI KONDO (Japan)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place NALA FRANCA MOURAO GONTIJO (Brazil)
- 4<sup>th</sup> place RYOSUKE MUGITANI (Japan)

### Male under 270 class

- 1<sup>st</sup> place VUSAL ALIYEV (Azerbaijan)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place GEDIMINAS MAKASKAS (Lithuania)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place YUKI NISHIO (Japan)
- 4<sup>th</sup> place WOO RAM KIM (Korea)

### Male 270 over class

- 1<sup>st</sup> place TAIGA IWASAKI (Japan)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place ADRIANO LIVIO MENEGHETTI (Italy)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place TAMER TEMSAMANI (United Arab Emirates)

## 2023 3rd World KUDO Junior Championships

Female under 13, under 42kg class

1<sup>st</sup> place MAO HIROTA (Japan)

2<sup>nd</sup> place RIYA HARATA (Japan)

Female under 13, under 52kg class

1<sup>st</sup> place NANANO KIKUCHI (Japan)

2<sup>nd</sup> place MILANA MANILOVA (Malta)

Male under 13, under 42kg class

1<sup>st</sup> place SORA KAMEDA (Japan)

2<sup>nd</sup> place HARUYA SHIMAHASHI (Japan)

3<sup>rd</sup> place DIMITRI BERAYA (Georgia)

Male under 13, under 52kg class

1<sup>st</sup> place TAIGA SATO (Japan)

2<sup>nd</sup> place SOTA SUZUKI (Japan)

3<sup>rd</sup> place KIRAKOSYAN HAYK (Armenia)

Female under 16, under 43kg class

1<sup>st</sup> place KOHARU IGARASHI (Japan)

2<sup>nd</sup> place KAORI YOKOYAMA (Japan)

Female under 16, under 53kg class

1<sup>st</sup> place YUI TSUKITA (Japan)

2<sup>nd</sup> place MARIAM NANAVA (Georgia)

3<sup>rd</sup> place KARINA KONKOVA (Kazakhstan)

Female under 16, under 63kg class

1<sup>st</sup> place MIKOTO YURI (Japan)

2<sup>nd</sup> place ZUKHRO ABDUKHAMIDOVA (Malta)

Male under 16, under 48kg class

1<sup>st</sup> place RYOGA NAKAYAMA (Japan)

2<sup>nd</sup> place AMANE SAMAMOTO (Japan)

3<sup>rd</sup> place DOMINIC ARCHULETA (USA)

Male under 16, under 58kg class

1<sup>st</sup> place RUITO AIHARA (Japan)

2<sup>nd</sup> place SHUKI TOBISAWA (Japan)

3<sup>rd</sup> place RATI SHURGAIA (Georgia)

4<sup>th</sup> place HAKOBYAN DANIEL (Armenia)

Male under 16, under 68kg class

1<sup>st</sup> place AYUMU SATO (Japan)

2<sup>nd</sup> place NIKA BERAYA (Georgia)

3<sup>rd</sup> place ZIE KUMAGAI (Japan)

4<sup>th</sup> place NICHITA MAZURCHEVICI (Malta)

Male under 16, under 88kg class

1<sup>st</sup> place SABA MAKACARIA (Georgia)

Male under 16, over 88kg class

1<sup>st</sup> place NOJUS MARTUSEVICIUS (Lithuania)

Female under 19, under 215 class

1<sup>st</sup> place SEVINJ MOVSUMZADE (Azerbaijan)

2<sup>nd</sup> place MARINA NATALIA GUSAROV (Malta)

Female under 19, under 235 class

1<sup>st</sup> place KYOKA TAKAHASHI (Japan)

2<sup>nd</sup> place ANYA SAHNI (India)

Male under 19, under 220 class

1<sup>st</sup> place RAITO MASEGI (Japan)

Male under 19, under 230 class

1<sup>st</sup> place RENAT AUTOV (Kazakhstan)

2<sup>nd</sup> place HARUKI KATO (Japan)

3<sup>rd</sup> place RYUSEI SOYAMA (Japan)

Male under 19, under 240 class

1<sup>st</sup> place NALBANDYAN GOR (Armenia)

2<sup>nd</sup> place VLADISLAV GULEVICH (Kazakhstan)

3<sup>rd</sup> place NURSULTAN BATYRBEKOV (Kyrgyzstan)

4<sup>th</sup> place TSUBASA SASAKI (Japan)

Male under 19, under 250 class

1<sup>st</sup> place URMATBEK UULU RINAT (Kyrgyzstan)

2<sup>nd</sup> place YUTA SATO (Japan)

Male under 19, under 260 class

1<sup>st</sup> place SEDRAK KARAPETYAN (Georgia)

2<sup>nd</sup> place KEEGAN MENEZES (India)

Male under 19, under 270 class

1<sup>st</sup> place ETHAN AINSWORTH (USA)