**October 25th -27th, 16th FUNAKOSHI GICHIN CUP 2024**

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| Canada showed their presence at the Funakoshi Gichin Cup 2024 16th Karate World Championship Tournament. This Championship took place in Takasaki, Japan on October 25th to October 27th 2024. 82 athletes, 8 coaches and 4 judges took part of this great competition gathering 1800 athletes from 56 countries.  **Congratulations to Our Medal Winners!**  We are thrilled to celebrate the incredible achievements of three incredible women who have earned medals.   * Alessandra Longo - **BRONZE** in Individual Women Kumite * Noemi Yamashiro - **BRONZE** in the 40-44 Individual Women Kata * Joanne Robidas - **SILVER** in the 65-70 individual Women Kata   Their hard work, dedication, and perseverance have truly paid off.  **Here are the results of the top 8:**   * Paisley Ishmael- Placed **5th in kumite (13 participants) and 8th in Kata (12 participants)** in the 9 years girl category. * Sanad Kanj- **Placed 6th in Kata (23 participants)** in the 10 years boys category. * Dantes Bobcea – **Placed 8th in Kata (23 Participants)** in the 10 years boys category. * My Loan Bricteux – **Placed 8th in Kumite (25 participants)** in the 11 years girls category. * Ly Andy Phok – **Placed 8th in Kata (59 participants)** in the boys category. * Alessandra Longo – **Placed 3rd in Kumite (86 participants)** in the women category. * Noemi Yamashiro – **Placed 3rd in Kata (19 participants)** in the 40-44 women category. * Daniella Venafro – **Placed 8th in Kata (30 participants)** in the 45-49 women category. * Stan Tio – **Placed 5th in Kata (50 participants)** in the 50-54 Male category. * Michel Simard – **Placed 7th place in Kata (32 participants) and 5th in Kumite (30 participants)** in the Senior 60-64 category * Joanne Robidas – **Placed 2nd in Kata (8 participants)** in the senior 65-70 Women category   **WOMEN TEAM KATA** **5th PLACE**  (kanako Isobe, Momiji Uji, Katie Chin)  **MEN TEAM KATA 6TH PLACE**  (Thai-Son Nguyen-Quang, Khalid Zakaryaa, Steeven Savard)  **MEN’S TEAM KUMITE 7TH PLACE**  (Paul Atkin, Francis Labit, Diyari Azad, David Douda, Thomas Chin, Luigi Garde, Brian Nguyen)  **Here are the results for the top 16:**   * Smith Valme– Kumite 11 years Boys category (36 participants) * Jimmy Painarin – Kata 12 years Boys category ( 41 participants) * Wren Marcelo – Kumite 12 years Boys category (38 participants) * Cayden Adlem – Kumite 13 years Boys category (39 participants) * Ira Shankar – Kumite 13 Years Girls category (37 participants) * Thomas Deshaies – Kata 15 Years Boys category (50 participants) * Kaela Linsdell – Kata 15 Years Girls category (40 participants) * Devon Burd – Kumite 19-21 Male Category (60 participants) * Mackenzie Carter – Kumite women’s category ( 86 participants)   Judges from Canada were Nadia Hardy, Shahrokh Hoghooghi, Michael Doherty and Daniel Verzotti.  Coaches for that Championship were Jean-Pierre Cusson, Don Sharp, Manon Quirion, Angelo Massotti, Ray Tio, Trevor Ishmael , Rafik Gamble and Hara Nobusada who worked hard during the preparation as well as during the Championship.  Trevor Ishmael |