

PRESS RELEASE:

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EDUCATION, AT THE PRIZES PRESENTATIONS
OF THE SCHOOLS NATIONAL JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS
AT CHUNG HWA GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL ON THURSDAY,
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Ladies & Gentlemen, Boys & Girls

It gives me great pleasure to be present today to give away the prizes at the finals of the Schools' National Judo Championships.

Judo which is one of the oldest sports in the world, with its strict rituals to ensure discipline and fair-play is fast catching up in many parts of the world. People are beginning to recognise the values to be derived out of this ancient sport. It needs skill, fitness, strength, agility, sharpness of mind, co-ordination. Moreover, it is a sport and not a gladiatorial contest where the intention is to draw blood or to hurt. All contests are fought with keenness, determination, with no quarters asked and no quarters given - and at the end of the contest the sport requires you to show honour and respect to your opponents. These are qualities that are needed and are necessary towards sportsmanship and fair-play.

I understand that the response in our schools has shown an increase year by year and I hope that eventually all schools will have judo clubs in their schools. I would like to congratulate all the participants in this competition and would like to appeal to them to keep up with this sport even after they have left school. We are trying to build up and maintain a rugged society and you can play a big part towards our aim.

Finally may I congratulate the Combined Schools and the Judo Sub-committee for organising this championships which is part of the Schools Games Festival and the Singapore Youth Festival.
