

## Asian Youth Para Games - Dubai 2017

The Asian Paralympic Committee hosted the Asian Youth Para Games – Dubai 2017 from 10th to 13th December. The Games were held at “Dubai Club for People of Determination” and other 3 venues in Dubai. Over 800 athletes from 30 countries were participated in the Para games. Japanese national team comprised of athletes and officials in total of 170 achieved a brilliant success with obtaining 98 medals including 43 gold medals, which attained the first place in terms of the number of gold medals\*.

At the Closing Ceremony of the Japanese national team held on December 14, Dr. Akima Umezawa, Consul-General of Japan in Dubai, in his speech, congratulated the Japanese national team of their great performances.



Speech by Dr. Umezawa



Dr. Umezawa with a Boccia\*\* player won the bronze medal

\* No. of the medals are tentative because official results for certain events have not yet been announced.

\*\* Boccia is a game of strategy and accuracy that was originally designed in Europe to be played by people with cerebral palsy or people with impairments that affect motor skills.