

## Karate Demonstration Event

On 13 January 2023, a Karate demonstration event was held at Misrak Dil Primary School, Addis Ababa, in cooperation with Ethiopia Karate Federation.

Mr. Adriano Picconi of Kenyu Ryu, Mr. Solomon Kebede Negash of Shoto Ryu from Japan Karate Association, and Mr. Hailemichael Aseffa of Shoto-ryu from Japan Karate Shoto Federation Ethiopia demonstrated *Kata* (a pre-choreographed set of moves that Karate practitioners learn) and *Kumite* (a Karate practice in which a person trains against an adversary) to the children. More than four hundred children, ranging from kindergarten to secondary school students, participated in the event. After the demonstration, some of the children were given a hands-on Karate lecture by three Karate masters.

Karate is gradually becoming popular in Ethiopia, and currently there are more than 10,000 Karate practitioners in the country. Ethiopia Karate Federation is playing a central role in promoting Karate in Ethiopia, aiming to further spread Karate in the future. The promotion of Karate will be continued in order to raise future Karate black belt holders in Ethiopia, and to make children and the younger generation aware of and interested in Karate.



Group Photo



*Kata*



*Kumite*



Lecture



Audience



Students