

## Report from JKA Singapore

On a general point of view the Singapore Squad came prepared for the JKA World Championships 2017 that took place in Limerick.

Since the beginning of the year, the team has been preparing with dedication for the event. The Singapore team was composed of Magali Brachat (Female, Adult, Kata), Naomi Ishibashi (Female, Adult, Kata), Heisuke Murakoshi (Male, Kids, Kata), Cyril Martins (Male, Adult, Kata and Kumite) and Tan Soo Lin as the Sensei.

While the adults of our squad ended up at the first stage, we were really proud of Heisuke's performance as he finished at the 6th place in the kata finals.

Overall, we felt that the level of the competition was really high and all the athletes learnt a lot from their participation. Our feeling was that even if our athletes trained relentlessly, they are still room for improvement. Moreover, our athletes need to constantly train harder and harder in order to be at the level required by the World Championship.

We were also positively amazed that there is no more "small" Karate countries and that the level technically was really even among all of them.

Finally, our squad really appreciated the stay in Limerick and the organization was ready for this kind of event. JKA Ireland managed to offer to all the teams a perfect setup to prepare for the Championships. Indeed, the green scenery of the campus was appreciated by the whole team that could be relaxed before the competition.

We would like to express our thanks to JKA Ireland and JKA Hombu Dojo to have organized this event and we look forward to the next tournament in 2020 in Tokyo.

Best wishes,

JKA Singapore