

# Boost for Fiji judo

By NOA BIUDOLE

THE Fiji Judo Association is set to receive a timely boost from one of its partners, Ryutsu Keizai University in Japan which has gifted judo equipment to help the sport.

"Ryutsu Keizai University judo head coach Iwasaki Takashi has been developing and helping coach Fiji judokas for about 30 years," Fiji Judo Association general secretary Jo Naulu said from- from Japan yesterday.

"Through his work we were fortunate to receive judo mats and recycled judogi uniforms from Japan.

"The assistance includes judo mats, judo uniforms and about 2000 educational books for children."

Naulu said with COVID-19 affecting sports in Fiji, the help was a timely boost for Fiji judokas.

"Due to the COVID-19 all our activities have been suspended. This has given Fiji Judo Association time to restructure our programs and align itself to international standards.

"We are very fortunate that the International Judo Federation has stepped in to assist us in transporting the equipment over to Fiji."

The equipment is expected to arrive in the country this month.

## Ministry to improve service and sports

By ANISH CHAND

THE Ministry of Youth and Sport unveiled a new logo on Friday at the home of former national 7s captain, Paula Dranisnikula at Navuniivi Village in Ra with Minister Parveen Kumar saying it was an historic event.

those who will be around will know this logo was unveiled at this village," Kumar said.

He said the ministry could have launched the logo in Suva.

"We thought fit that we need to reach out to our Fijians."

The crest on the new

and its warmth and the Fijian canoe depicts traditional sports.

"The ministry has come a long way in terms of empowering our youths and the development of sports in Fiji. We have plans to improve out service so that we can increase our reach to our youths in the



Fijian judoka Tevita Takayawa, second from the left, with Ryutsu Keizai University athletes load a shipping container with Judo gear bound for Fiji. Picture: SUPPLIED.