
Cuban President Celebrates Judokas' Gold Medals in Lima 2019

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Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel on Sunday celebrated the excellent performances of Cuban judokas Idalys Ortiz and Andy Granda, who became champions in their respective divisions at the Lima 2019 18th Pan American Games.

The third title in a row at the Pan American Games for Idalys Ortiz, an inspiring Cuban woman, who smiles while winning, and wins while smiling, the president wrote on his Twitter account.

On Sunday, Ortiz won her third consecutive Pan American title in the +78 kg division, ratifying herself as one of the world's best judokas.

For his part, Andy Granda defeated Venezuelan judoka Pedro Pineda by ippon in the +100 kg division.

Cuba finished in fifth place on the overall medal table, a deed highlighted by Díaz-Canel on Twitter.

Cuban judokas won five gold medals that went to Maylin del Toro (63 kg), Magdiel Estrada (73 kg), Ivan Silva (90 kg), Idalys Ortiz and Granda.

The Cuban delegation won a total of 33 gold, 27 silver and 38 bronze medals, totaling 98 medals, at the 18th Pan American Games held in Lima, Peru.