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STORY HEADLINE: MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT AT HEART OF FINAL JUDO GOLD MEDAL OF YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

The fourth and last day of judo at the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires was a day of mutual understanding and mutual respect as it was dedicated to the mixed team tournament.

Named after the host cities of the Olympic Games, it was the Team Beijing that won the tournament ahead of Team Athens for the silver medals and Team London and Team Rio de Janeiro for the bronze medals.

The gold medal match was a tense affair with the final score of 4-3 clearly reflecting this.

The winning team consisted of Ana Puljiz of Croatia who took a bronze in the women's 44kg event earlier in the Games, alongside Artsiom Kolasau of Belarus, a gold medal winner in the men's 55kg category, 15 year old Veronica Toniolo of Italy and Jaykhunbek Nazarov of Uzbekistan.

Itzel Pecha of Mexico, Carlos Páez of Venezuela and Li-Ling Lui of Chinese Taipei completed the team line up.

Marius L. Vizer, the IJF President commented on the four days of competition: "The YOG of Buenos Aires are a good promotion for the sport and were an excellent promotion for judo in particular. They are an example of friendship and solidarity among young people around the world. The organization was very good and very well conducted by the International Olympic Committee. I hope that these Youth Games will grow in the future. It is a good thing for the unity of the world so that it takes a direction penned by the solidarity of the young people. Such an event can help create a more stable, conflict-free world and help promote peace on the planet."



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Buenos Aires 2018 is the third edition of the Summer Youth Olympic Games (YOG) to be held, bringing together the world's best young athletes between the ages of 15 and 18. For the first time in Olympic history the Games will have gender equality, with equal numbers of males and females competing in the 32-sport programme.

Almost 4,000 athletes from 206 National Olympic Committees will be competing for 1,250 medals. The Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 feature new sports and many new disciplines and events, reflecting the passions of the 'Game Changers', a new generation of athletes and fans.

The event offers a glimpse into the future of the Games as the new programme will introduce several innovations that will be replicated at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

The first Summer Youth Olympic Games took place in Singapore in 2010. The second edition was held in the Chinese city of Nanjing in 2014.

SHOTLIST:

00:04 Various action shots of the Mixed Team Judo Final

00:19 Close up of the winning move and celebration by Italian Veronica Toniolo as part of the Beijing Golden Team

00:27 Close up of the medalists from the team event

00:32 Footage of the Olympic Flag being raised as part of the Mixed Team Judo event.

00:35 SOUNDBITE: Veronica Toniolo, Italy, Team Beijing Champion Judo Mixed Team (Italian Language)

"Eeh, sono molto contenta perchè nella gara individuale ho fatto quinta e volevo riscattarmi e volevo portare a casa la medaglia d'oro e ce l'ho fatta, col mio team ce l'ho fatta."

I'm very happy, because in the individual competition I was fifth. I wanted to redeem myself, I wanted a gold, and I've done it in the team event.

00:49 Shots of Veronica Toniolo as she prepares to step off the mat following her Mixed Team Judo win at Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games 2018.

00:54 SOUNDBITE: Veronica Toniolo, Italy, Team Beijing Champion Judo Mixed Team (Italian Language)

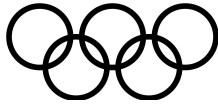
"È stato molto bello perchè ci siamo conosciuti incontro per incontro e ci abbiamo creduto fino alla fine eeh abbiamo preso questa medaglia d'oro."

It was really beautiful. As a team we believed in the medal until the end; and we won the gold.

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