

Cuban Durand extends Paralympic reign with another crown in Tokyo

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Omara Durand and her guide Yuniol Kindelán at Tokyo Paralympics

Havana, September 2 (RHC/PL)-- Cuban sprinter Omara Durand extended her reign in Paralympic athletics today, winning her seventh crown with her victory in the 100 meters final, class T12, at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

Durand, accompanied by her guide Yuniol Kindelán, revalidated the crown won in Rio de Janeiro 2016 on this occasion with a time of 11.49, her best time of the day in the Olympic Stadium, in a category for

visually impaired runners

Despite the rain that fell early in the morning, the 29-year-old Cuban started well and took the lead quickly, giving her rivals no options to maintain an undefeated record that dates back to 2011.

The Caribbean athlete was followed by Ukrainian Oksana Boturchuk, runner-up, with a time of 12.03 seconds, China's Liang Yanfen, third (12.51), and Dominican Darlenys de la Cruz, fourth (12.53).

With Durand's title, the Cuban delegation accumulates three gold medals, one silver and one bronze in the Japanese competition and climbed to 33rd place in the table of medals by countries, the same balance as South Africa.

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