

Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller says the national Paralympic athlete, Alphonso Cunningham, continues to be a role model.

Her remarks come shortly after Cunningham threw 21.84 metres in the Javelin F52/53 at the London 2012 Paralympics this morning. His achievement is a national record and also a record for the entire North and South America region.

"We are such a blessed people. Our excellence in sport extends beyond our size but not beyond our ability and our will. Alphonso is indeed a role model for so many. He has consistently shown that disability is not an obstacle to success. Today's gold medal gives us further cause to celebrate and be proud of our great country," the Prime Minister said.

The Prime Minister has commended the coach, and the Paralympics team. Mrs Simpson Miller was the Minister of Sport when Cunningham earned gold in the discus at the 2004 Paralympics in Athens.

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