

## **The 2nd Japanese Language Composition Speech Contest in Vietnam**

On March 3, the Komaru-Koutsu Foundation (Administrative Director: Noriyuki Komaru, Chairman and CEO of Fukuyama Transporting Co., Ltd.; hereinafter referred to as the “Komaru-Koutsu Foundation”) held the 2nd Japanese Language Composition Speech Contest at Vietnam National University - Ho Chi Minh City located in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam in cooperation with Hiroshima University and Vietnam National University - Ho Chi Minh City.

The contest has been held in Ho Chi Minh City since 2017, and this was the second time. The contest received 53 applicants under the theme of “transportation,” among which 10 outstanding candidates delivered their speeches. The grand prize was awarded to Ms. Dao Thi Bich Xien from Ho Chi Minh City Open University, who was commended by Managing and Administrative Director Shigehiro Komaru of the Komaru-Koutsu Foundation.

Mr. Isao Iijima, Special Advisor to the Cabinet, Mr. Katsuro Nagai, Minister of the Embassy of Japan in Vietnam, and Mr. Kazunori Hosoya, Deputy Consul General of the Consulate-General of Japan in Ho Chi Minh City as guests of honor, and Mr. Toshiyuki Sato, Executive Vice President of Hiroshima University and others as organizers attended the contest.

### [Participating Universities]

Ba Ria - Vung Tau University, Ho Chi Minh City University of Economics and Finance, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law, Foreign Trade University - Ho Chi Minh City, Lac Hong University, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Van Lang University, Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology, Ho Chi Minh City University of Foreign Languages and Information Technology



Greetings from Mr. Isao Iijima, Special Advisor to the Cabinet



Managing and Administrative Director Komaru



Participants