## The 5th Japanese Language Composition Speech Contest in Vietnam

On March 19, the Komaru-Koutsu Foundation (Head Office: Fukuyama City, Hiroshima Prefecture; Administrative Director: Shigehiro Komaru; hereinafter referred to as the "Komaru-Koutsu Foundation") held the 5th Japanese Language Composition Speech Contest at Fukuyama New Castle Hotel in cooperation with Hiroshima University Vietnam Center in the presence of Mr. Nobuhiro Watanabe, Consul General of the Consulate-General of Japan in Ho Chi Minh City as a guest of honor, and Mr. Toshiyuki Sato, Executive Vice President of Hiroshima University as a co-organizer.

The contest was held remotely to prevent the spread of COVID-19 connecting Japan and Vietnam in the same manner as the previous year.

The contest received 118 applicants from 13 universities, which exceeded the previous year, in an effort to promote Japanese language education and raise traffic safety awareness. 13 students, who passed the screening process under the theme of "transportation," fully demonstrated the results of their daily studies and delivered their speeches. The grand prize was awarded to Mr. Nguyen Huy Hoang from the University of Social Sciences and Humanities who gave a speech on "Drowsy Driving and Prevention Measures."

Through this contest, we hope to raise traffic safety awareness, deepen mutual understanding and strengthen friendly relationships between Japan and Vietnam.

## [Participating Universities]

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

## [Applicable Sustainable Development Goals]





Commemorative photo of the speech contest



Scene at the contest venue