

## **The 5th Japanese Language Composition Speech Contest in the Republic of Indonesia**

On December 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 the “Fukuyama-Tsuun-Komaru Nigiwai Pavilion” of Hiroshima University in cooperation with the Hiroshima University PERSADA-HU Collaboration Project Center and Darma Persada University. This was the first time for the contest to be held remotely connecting Japan and Indonesia amid the spread of COVID-19.

The contest received 117 applicants from 10 universities, among which 10 outstanding candidates selected by screening process delivered their speeches under the theme of “transportation.” The grand prize was awarded to Ms. Delia Budi Kamila from the University of Brawijaya, who gave the following speech: “In Indonesia, it is normal for children to ride motorcycles even if they have not reached the age for a driver’s license, and although I myself was prohibited by my parents, my friend taught me how to ride a motorcycle. However, after almost getting into an accident, my mother taught me the importance of safe riding, and I learned about the importance of thinking for myself and not being influenced by others.”

Mr. Masafumi Ishii, Ambassador of the Embassy of Japan in Indonesia as a guest of honor, and Mr. Mitsuo Ochi, President of Hiroshima University, and Dr. Tri Mardjoko, President of Darma Persada University as organizers attended the contest.

[Participating Universities]

Airlangga University, University of Sumatera Utara, Hasanuddin University, Udayana University, University of Indonesia, Darma Persada University, Gadjah Mada University, Padjadjaran University, University of Brawijaya, Indonesia University of Education



Scene at the speech contest



Participants