

### **The 3rd Japanese Language Composition Speech Contest in the Republic of Lithuania**

On October 16, the Komaru-Koutsu Foundation (Head Office: Fukuyama City, Hiroshima Prefecture; Administrative Director: Shigehiro Komaru; hereinafter referred to as the “Komaru-Koutsu Foundation”) held the 3rd Japanese Language Composition Speech Contest at the “Fukuyama-Tsuun-Komaru Nigiwai Pavilion” of Hiroshima University in cooperation with Hiroshima University and Vytautas Magnus University. This year’s contest was held remotely for the first time connecting Japan and Lithuania amid the spread of COVID-19 as we wanted to hold the contest on an ongoing basis.

At the contest, 7 participants delivered speeches under the theme of “transportation.” The grand prize was awarded to Ms. Liucija Stankeviciute from Vilnius University, who gave the following speech: “While it is difficult to travel abroad due to COVID-19, I traveled within Lithuania and found that my country is full of beautiful nature and we must protect this nature.”

Mr. Gediminas Varvuolis, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania to Japan, Mr. Shiro Yamasaki, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Embassy of Japan in Lithuania as guests of honor, and President Mitsuo Ochi of Hiroshima University, and Dr. Linas Didvalis, Professor of Vytautas Magnus University as organizers attended the contest.

[Participating Universities]

Vytautas Magnus University, Vilnius University



Speech contest venue



Participants