

## **The 6th Japanese Language Composition Speech Contest in Shanghai, China**

On December 21, the Komaru-Koutsu Foundation (Administrative Director: Shigehiro Komaru, President and CEO of Fukuyama Transporting Co., Ltd.; hereinafter referred to as the “Komaru-Koutsu Foundation”) held the 6th Japanese Language Composition Speech Contest by Chinese speakers at Shanghai International Studies University in Shanghai, China in cooperation with Hiroshima University and Shanghai International Studies University.

The contest has been held in Shanghai since 2014, and this was the sixth time. The contest received 171 applicants under the theme of “transportation,” among which 6 outstanding candidates delivered their speeches. The grand prize was awarded to Ms. Shen Yuqi from Huaiyin Normal University who gave the following speech: “Nowadays, the development of transportation networks such as cars and subways has made travel faster and more convenient, but I still miss the warmth of the family and the parent-child relationship I had in elementary and junior high school when my grandfather and father gave me rides to school by bicycle or motorcycle. I would like to continue riding my bicycle with my family and friends and cherish my connections with people.” She was commended by Administrative Director Shigehiro Komaru of the Komaru-Koutsu Foundation.

Ms. Tomoko Takaoka, Consul of the Consulate-General of Japan in Shanghai as a guest of honor, and Mr. Toshiyuki Sato, Executive Vice President of Hiroshima University, and Dr. Sheng Wenzhong, Vice Dean of Shanghai International Studies University as organizers attended the contest.

### **[Participating Universities]**

Jiangsu Ocean University, Huaiyin Normal University, Shanghai Lixin Accounting and Finance, Ningbo University of Technology, Shanghai International Studies University, Jiangsu Normal University



Speech contest venue



Speech by the grand prize winner



Participants