

## **The 8th Japanese Language Composition Speech Contest in Shanghai, China**

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The Speech Contest was held remotely to prevent the spread of COVID-19 connecting Japan and Shanghai in the same manner as the previous year. We were honored to receive video messages from Mr. Kong Xuanyou, Ambassador of the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China in Japan and Mr. Shuichi Akamatsu, Consul General and Ambassador of the Consulate-General of Japan in Shanghai, and Dr. Gao Jie, Dean of Shanghai International Studies University attended the Contest from Shanghai.

The contest received 59 applicants from 8 universities in an effort to improve Japanese language education and raise traffic safety awareness in China. 8 students who passed the screening process fully demonstrated the results of their daily study and delivered their speeches under the theme of “transportation.” The grand prize was awarded to Ms. Zhong Xiangling from Zhejiang University of Finance and Economics, who gave a speech on “What

have we lost due to the development of transportation facilities?”

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

[Participating Universities]

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

[Applicable Sustainable Development Goals]



Scene at the contest venue



Commemorative photo of the speech contest