## Special Sponsorship of the 7th Japanese Language Composition Speech Contest in Shanghai, China

On May 22, 2021, we served as the special sponsor to the 7th Shanghai Japanese Language Composition Speech Contest held at the Head Office of Fukuyama Transporting Co., Ltd. in cooperation with the Komaru-Koutsu Foundation, Hiroshima University, and Shanghai International Studies University. This was the first time the contest was held remotely, connecting Hiroshima University, Fukuyama Transporting Co., Ltd., and universities in Shanghai amid the spread of COVID-19.

The contest received 65 applicants from 7 universities in Shanghai and surrounding areas under the theme of "transportation," among which 7 candidates selected who received outstanding performance awards participated in the contest.

At the beginning of the contest, Administrative Director Shigehiro Komaru of the Komaru-Koutsu Foundation, and Dr. Gao Jie, Dean of Shanghai International Studies University made opening remarks. Then, Mr. Masafumi Oku, Deputy Consul General of the Consulate-General of Japan in Shanghai made remarks as a guest of honor.

At the contest, 7 outstanding candidates delivered their speeches, and the grand prize was awarded to Mr. Dong Le from Shanghai International Studies University, who gave a speech on "The importance of following the rules in order to have a safe and secure traffic environment which I recognized after receiving a traffic citation." At the end of the contest, Mr. Toshiyuki Sato, Executive Vice President of Hiroshima University made closing remarks.



(Scene at the speech contest)



(Commemorative photo of the speech contest)