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The Shibuya Ikueikai Foundation

## Special Sponsorship of the 4th Japanese Language Composition Speech Contest in Kaunas, Lithuania

On November 13, 2021, we served as the special sponsor to the 4th Kaunas Japanese Language Composition Speech Contest held in cooperation with the Komaru-Koutsu Foundation, the Hiroshima University Lithuanian Center, and the Centre for Asian Studies at Vytautas Magnus University. The contest was held remotely connecting Japan and Lithuania to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

At the beginning of the contest, Administrative Director Shigehiro Komaru of the Komaru-Koutsu Foundation, and Dr. Linas Didvalis, Center Director of Centre for Asian Studies at Vytautas Magnus University made opening remarks. Then, Mr. Tetsu Ozaki, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Embassy of Japan in Lithuania made remarks as a guest of honor.

At the contest, a total of 8 candidates from the advanced, intermediate, and beginner divisions delivered their speeches, and the grand prize was awarded to Ms. Monika Moiseyev from Vilnius University, who gave a speech stating “The need to follow traffic rules to prevent traffic accidents has not changed over time.” Certificates and special prizes were also awarded to the top two students in each division. At the end of the contest, Mr. Toshiyuki Sato, Executive Vice President of Hiroshima University made closing remarks.



(Commemorative photo of the 4th Kaunas Japanese Language Composition Speech Contest)