## The 14th Japanese Speech Contest Held

On October 11th, the 14th Japanese Speech Contest, organized by the Armenian Association of Japanese Language Teachers and supported by the Embassy of Japan, was held in Yeravan. Ambassador Aoki participated as the head judge.

Eight students took part in the contest, delivering speeches on a variety of topics. Ms. Lilia HOVSEPYAN, a fourth-year student at the Russian-Armenian University, won the first place with her speech titled "The Language of the Soul", and was awarded the championship trophy by Ambassador Aoki. Ms. Siranush MKRTCHYAN, a second-year student at Yerevan State University, received the second place for her speech "The Truth Hidden Behind a Smile." Ms. Susanna HOVSEPYAN, a second-year student at the Russian-Armenian University, came in the third place with her speech "Learning Japanese Culture Through Karate."

We commend the efforts of all participants and extend our heartfelt congratulations to the winners.

