

# News Release

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## The 54th National Truck Driver Contest: HTS Group Drivers Win in the 4-ton and the Trailer Division

Hitachi Transport System, Ltd. (HTS) is pleased to announce that truck drivers from the Hitachi Transport System Group (HTS Group) achieved excellent results in various divisions at the 54th National Truck Driver Contest, sponsored by the Japan Trucking Association, held on October 22 and 23.

The contest aims to raise safety awareness and to promote traffic accident prevention activities through competitions involving the high levels of driving skill required of professional truck drivers and their specialized knowledge of related laws, regulations, and vehicle structures. A total of 126 winners from prefectural competitions competed against each other using the skills and knowledge they had acquired in their daily work. A total of ten contestants from the HTS Group (2 in the 4-ton truck, 3 in the 11-ton truck and 5 in the trailer) participated in the competition. Mr. Tatsuki Matsuura, Hitachi Transport System West Japan Co., Ltd. took the first place for 4-ton category with a total score of 982 points, and Mr. Masatoshi Maura, VANTEC CORPORATION claimed the trailer division with a total score of 972 points, respectively.

In order to raise awareness of safety, compliance with regulations, and improve the driving knowledge and skills of our drivers, our group has been participating in this event since its inception. We will continue our efforts to establish safe work practices and prevent workplace accidents.



Mr. Maura (left), won the trailer division  
Mr. Matsuura (right), won the 4-ton division



Winners of HTS Group

### The 4-ton truck division

1st place	Tatsuki Matsuura	Hitachi Transport System West Japan Co., Ltd.
3rd place	Akihiko Fukusaki	Hitachi Transport System West Japan Co., Ltd.

### The 11-ton truck division

5th place	Hikaru Namatame	Hitachi Transport System East Japan Co., Ltd.
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### The trailer division

1st place	Masatoshi Maura	VANTEC CORPORATION
3rd place	Yoshiyuki Koguchi	VANTEC EAST LOGISTICS CORPORATION
4th place	Yuichi Arai	TOKIWAKAIUN Co., Ltd.

List of winners in HTS Group

### Outline of the 54th National Truck Driver Contest

Organizer	Japan Trucking Association
Supporting organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Cabinet Office</li> <li>• Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism</li> <li>• National Police Agency</li> <li>• Japan Safe Driving Center; Japan Traffic Safety Association</li> <li>• Japan Automobile Service Promotion Association</li> </ul>
Date	October 22 and 23, 2022
Venue	Japan Safe Driving Center, Central Training Academy for Safe Driving (Ibaraki Prefecture)
Competition method	Academic section (400 points), practical section (600 points), total 1,000 points

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