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Vietnamese Team wins ABU ROBOCON 2018!

Ninh Binh, August 26, 2018- Vietnam's Lac Hong University won the ABU Asia-Pacific Robot Contest, which took place today in Ninh Binh, Vietnam.



ABU Robocon is an annual contest that brings together robots designed and built by selected teams of university students in the Asia-Pacific region. It started in 2002, and is also an international program co-production in which participating TV stations air highlights of the contest from the images provided by the host broadcaster. This year's contest had 18 teams from 17 countries and regions.

The theme for this contest was Ném Cờn Shuttlecock Throwing. The competition, modeled after a traditional Vietnamese event, had the robots throwing small shuttlecocks. The objective was to get the shuttlecocks through raised rings, and also have them land on golden cups.

Vietnam's Lac Hong University and China's Northeastern University advanced into the final after heated competition. Vietnamese team won the match showing solid performance. The University of Tokyo, represented Japan, was beaten in the semi-final round.

Next year's competition will take place in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

NHK will broadcast the contest in nationwide program, "ABU Robocon 2018". It is scheduled to be aired on NHK GTV (terrestrial channel) on Monday, September 17.

Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU)

Currently comprised of more than 280 member broadcasters in 69 countries and regions. NHK has served in the Administrative Council since ABU's inception in 1964. Members exchange news and program material, co-productions, co-host competitions and share technical information. NHK helped originate the Robocon and the ABU Children's Drama Co-production Series, etc.