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Hong Kong Team wins ABU ROBOCON 2019!

Ulaanbaatar, August 25, 2019- The Chinese University of Hong Kong won the ABU Asia-Pacific Robot Contest, which took place today in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

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 17 teams from 16 countries and regions.

The theme for this contest was the "Great Urtuu", featuring the horse-based message relay system devised by the nomadic Mongolians. The competitors had to get four-footed messenger robots through a series of obstacles, including a simulated stream and sand dune, in the fastest time.

The Chinese University of Hong Kong and Mongolian University of Science and Technology advanced into the final after heated competition. Hong Kong team won the match showing solid performance. Kyoto University, represented Japan, was beaten in the quarter final.

Next year's competition will take place in Suva, Fiji.

NHK will broadcast the contest in nationwide program, "ABU Robocon 2019". It is scheduled to be aired on NHK GTV (terrestrial channel) on Monday, September 23.



Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU)

Currently comprised of more than 280 member broadcasters in 73 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.