



Press Release

Third Championship Victory for China at ABU Robocon 2009

~Japan Toyohashi team awarded as Best Idea Award~

Tokyo, August 22- The 8th ABU Asia-Pacific Robot Contest (ABU Robocon) took place at the Gymnasium of the Metropolitan Komazawa Olympic Park in Tokyo, Japan on Saturday, August 22. This is the second time since 2002 for Japan to be hosting the contest.



Twenty teams of college students from nineteen countries and regions of the Asia-Pacific competed for the performance of their robots, their ideas, and their teamwork. About 2500 people gathered at the contest and supported the teams.

The theme of this year's contest is "Travel Together for the Victory Drums".

It is a game based on an imaginary journey of the old days using the Kago palanquin. An Automatic Carrier Robot in the front and a Manual Carrier Robot in the rear cooperate to carry an automatic Traveler Robot in a Kago to the goal with the aim of completing the journey before the other team. Various tasks stand in the way, including a Mountain Pass and Woods. The Kago and Traveler Robot must not be dropped. The Traveler Robot beats the three Victory Drums when it reaches the Goal Zone. The team that beats all three drums first is the winner. Each match is contested by red and blue teams and lasts three minutes.

After exciting matches, Harbin Institute of Technology (China) won victory over Hong Kong in the final, and won the Grand Prix. This is the third victory for China, and it is the first time in ABU Robocon's history for a country or region to win victory for three consecutive years. Shigeo Fukuchi, the president of NHK presented the award.



Toyohashi University of Technology and Kanazawa Institute of Technology, the two representative of Japan both proceeded to the final round. Kanazawa Institute of Technology went to the quarter-finals, but lost to Vietnam. Toyohashi University of Technology lost to Hong Kong in the semi-finals, but they were awarded the Best Idea Award.

The ABU Robocon Award went to Harbin Institute of Technology (China). This award is presented to the team that won the most appraisal from the jury members in view of the team's overall ability including idea, design and technique. Yoshinori Imai, President of ABU and the Executive Vice President of NHK presented the award and praised the team's efforts.

NHK will broadcast a program NHK Robocon 2009 on its terrestrial channel (General TV) on September 21st (7:30-8:43 p.m.).

This international robot contest was realized by the ABU (Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union) membership organizations at the call of NHK, to cultivate young engineers and promote international friendship between the countries as well as to enhance quality of program production in the Asia-Pacific region. The first contest was held in 2002 in Tokyo, the second in Bangkok, third in Seoul, fourth in Beijing, fifth in Kuala Lumpur, sixth in Hanoi, seventh in India and this year in Japan.



List of Participants for ABU Robocon 2009 Tokyo

	Country/Region	Representing University Team Name
1	Bangladesh	Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology Mech.BUET
2	China	Harbin Institute of Technology Dragon Team
3	Egypt	Higher Technological Institute Tenth of Ramadan City AI Sideek
4	Fiji	The University of the South Pacific PACSEA-COLATA
5	Hong Kong	The University of Hong Kong Sapientia
6	India	Indian Institute of Technology Madras Pravega
7	Indonesia	Electronic Engineering Polytechnic Institute of Surabaya D4S1
8	Japan	Toyohashi University of Technology ToYoHaShi☆Robocons Kanazawa Institute of Technology Karakuri
9	Korea	Chungnam National University Chiwu Cheonwang
10	Macau	University of Macau Future Carrier
11	Malaysia	Multimedia University RoboForce
12	Mongolia	National University of Mongolia Soyombo
13	Nepal	Tribhuvan University (IOE) IOE Pulchowk Campus
14	Pakistan	National University of Science and Technology Ghazi
15	Saudi Arabia	King Abdulaziz University Metal Gear
16	Sri Lanka	University of Moratuwa MORA
17	Thailand	Dhurakij Pundit University LUK-JAO-MAE-KHLONG PRAPA
18	Turkey	Gazi University SERDAR
19	Vietnam	University of Technical Education Ho Chi Minh City SPK-KNIGHT

**20 teams from 19 countries and regions participated in the contest.
(2 teams from the Host nation)**