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## Toyohashi University of Technology won the 2<sup>nd</sup> championship in 6 years!



The NHK University ROBOCON for ABU Asia-Pacific Robot Contest was held on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> June in Tokyo.

The contest committee of the contest received 71 applications from 52 universities by early December 2007. Among them, 21 teams who passed document screening and video screening took part in the contest.

In the preliminary league, 21 teams were divided into 7 groups and each team competed twice.

Japanese champion,  
Toyohashi University of Technology

The University of Tokyo, which won the championship in 2005 contest achieved GOVINDA in their first game, showing off their quick and precise performance. In their second game, they met with Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology (TUAT) who was the winner of the 2006 contest. It was TUAT who defeated the University of Tokyo at the final match of that competition. Will the University of Tokyo pay back? The venue went wild with excitement. This time, victory smiled on the University of Tokyo and they proceeded to the final tournament.

In the preliminary league, TUAT won once and lost once. However, with the high score, they proceed to the finals by wildcard. Waseda University, in spite of being a first-timer, proceeded to the final tournament with Kitami Institute of Technology, Nagoya Institute of Technology, Nagaoka University of Technology, Mie University and Toyohashi University of Technology.

It was **Toyohashi University of Technology** and the first-timer Waseda University who met at the final match. As a result, Toyohashi finally won over Waseda by 9-0. It was their 2<sup>nd</sup> victory in 6 years since ABU ROBOCON 2002 TOKYO.

In the interview at the closing ceremony, team members of 'Toyohashi Robocons' talked about their aspiration for the forth coming ABU ROBOCON 2008 PUNE-INDIA.

Reported by Megumi Iizuka, ABU ROBOCON Secretariat

# University of the South Pacific represents FIJI

A team of six undergraduate students from University of the South Pacific (USP), Fiji are currently preparing for the forthcoming ABU ROBOCON 2008 PUNE-INDIA.



**TEAM ROBOCON 2008, Fiji**

Standing L-R: Edwin Vans, Salesh Chand, Atesh Gossai  
Sitting L-R: Elvin, Sanjeev Prakash, Ashneel Prakash

USP has been representing Fiji for the last six years. Since 2002, aspiring locally trained would-be engineers have participated in the ROBOCON competitions to put their technical capabilities and ideas to task.

ROBOCON has a huge fan following in Asia-Pacific region. Fiji has won the "Best Artistic Design" award in 2002 in Tokyo and we nearly missed winning in all competitions, which encourages the students to keep their hopes alive for the next round.

It has been a wonderful experience for all of us to be part of Team ROBOCON 2008. Robotics is not taught as a course or unit in USP, thus the team had to put a lot of their own time, effort and ideas to work on this project. The team has designed its own machines, both manual and autonomous right from scratch. There has been a great interests and initiative from the team to work on the project. ABU ROBOCON gives us students a chance to meet young engineers from other countries, share ideas and much more. We would like to acknowledge ABU for organizing such competitions.

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