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Multimedia University Represents Malaysia



The Malaysian Robot Contest for ABU ROBOCON 2009 TOKYO was held at Stadium Malawati in Shah Alam from 7 to 10 May. The contest was launched by Y.B Dato' Seri Mohamed Khaled Bin Nordin, Minister of Higher Education.

64 teams from 14 national universities, 6 from private universities and 16 from colleges and institutes entered the competition. Among them 8 teams took up the challenge for the first time.

As a result of heated competition, ROBOFORCE 1 team from Multimedia University Melaka and MMU CYBERJAYA from Multimedia University, Cyberjaya met at the final match. It was **Multimedia University Melaka** who won the champion title this time. They managed to hit the Victory Drum in every match they participated.

Most of the team members of the 1st Runner-up, MMU CYBERJAYA were novice in Robocon but they made great effort to be the next Malaysian champion.

The 2nd Runner-ups were Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM A) and Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP Syntium).

The Award Category winners:

- i) Best Engineering Award: Multimedia University (MMU- ROBOFORCE 2)
- ii) Best Idea Award: University of Malaya (UM- CRAE UM)
- iii) Best Design Award: Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM B)

MMU has represented Malaysia in 2002, 2006, 2008 and this year marks their 4th participation in the ABU ROBOCON.



New Champion of Vietnam is University of Technical Education Ho Chi Minh City



The Vietnam Robocon 2009 was participated by all-time high of 286 teams from around the country. Preliminaries were held in 3 regions in April and participants unfolded fierce competitions.

Among them, 32 teams made it to the finals which were held in the central city of Hue from 12-17 May. Although it was the first time Robocon was held in Hue, the venue was willed with 3,000 fervent fans and supporters every night. The organiser, Vietnam Television aired the matches from 20:00-22:00 daily on its channel.

This year's victory went to the team SPK-KNIGHT, **University of Technical Education Ho Chi Minh City**. They reached to the Victory Drum in mere 32 seconds!

This is going to be their first time to participate in the ABU ROBOCON representing Vietnam.

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