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Kanazawa Institute of Technology represents Japan



From left : Team 'Souten'. Takemoto- the Programmer, Sugiyama- the Manual Operator, Nakashima- the Leader

The NHK University Robocon 2010 was held at the big gymnasium of the National Olympics Memorial Center in Tokyo on Sunday, 6 June. 59 teams from 47 universities applied for the 9th domestic contest for ABU ROBOCON which started in 2002. As a result of document screening in last December and video screening in this April, 20 teams including 2 newcomers proceeded to the finals. They unfolded tough competition aiming for the one and the only participation right in the ABU ROBOCON 2010 Cairo-Egypt.

The 3-min. game is divided into 3 phases, 90 sec, 60 sec and 30 sec that limited time for building each pyramid and made the competition very exciting both for the operator and the audience.

The last 30 sec was the most gripping moment - some teams successfully built Khufu Pyramid and

Khafraa Pyramid but run out of time just before putting the Golden Block on top of the Mankauraa Pyramid. The Golden Blocks of both teams collided head-on over the pyramids.

The final round was between Kanazawa Institute of Technology and Toyohashi University of Technology, the same match up as last year. This year, **Kanazawa Institute of Technology** won the champion title.

At the hero's interview after the contest, team members said, 'As a representative team of Japan, we will show our best performance and win the champion title at the ABU ROBOCON 2010 Cairo!'

NHK plans to broadcast highlight of this event at 13:05-14:04 on its General Channel on the public holiday Monday, 19 July 2010.

A quick review on the champions and the locations of the past ABU ROBOCON

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| 1. 2002 in Tokyo, Japan | Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology, Vietnam |
| 2. 2003 in Bangkok, Thailand | Sawangdandin Industrial and Community Education College, Thailand |
| 3. 2004 in Seoul, Korea | Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology, Vietnam |
| 4. 2005 in Beijing, China | The University of Tokyo, Japan |
| 5. 2006 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology, Vietnam |
| 6. 2007 in Hanoi, Vietnam | Xi'an Jiaotong University, China |
| 7. 2008 in Pune, India | Xi'an Jiaotong University, China |
| 8. 2009 in Tokyo, Japan | Harbin Institute of Technology, China |
| 9. 2010 in Cairo, Egypt | <i>Who will be the champion of the first ABU ROBOCON on the African continent?</i> |