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The champion, China



1st Runner-Up, Vietnam



2nd Runner-Up, Egypt (El Sedeek)



2nd Runner-Up, Hong Kong

China's sweeping victory at the Cairo ROBOCON

The 9th ABU ROBOCON 2010 CAIRO was held at the Cairo International Stadium on 21st September in Cairo. The contest was participated by 17 teams from 16 countries and regions which were selected domestic contest and document screening. The venue was filled with over 2000 audience and they kept sending fervent vocal support to their favorite teams.

As a result of the numbers of exciting matches, University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (UESTC) swept the champion title clean by achieving 'Robo-Pharaoh' many times with an amazing speed and accuracy in spite of their first participation in the ABU ROBOCON. Their victory marked China's 4-year win in succession. The most honorable award of all, ABU ROBOCON Award was also presented to China.

In spite of team members' health issues, Lac Hong University of Vietnam, also a first-timer, won the 1st Runner-Up with their 'never-give-up spirit'. One of the representative teams of Egypt, 'El Sedeek' of Higher Technological Institute Tenth of Ramadan City, came 3rd and the first-timer, Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Tsing Yi) came 4th.

MCOT-Thailand will host ABU ROBOCON 2011



At the ABU ROBOCON 2010 CAIRO, the Robocon flag was passed on to the next host country, Thailand. After 2003, it will be their second time.

Hoisting the blue flag high, Mr Sittisak Ekabhot, Executive Vice President of MCOT Public Company Limited of Thailand (MCOT) spoke; 'As the year 2011 will mark the 10th anniversary of the ABU ROBOCON, we wish to celebrate its first decade by bringing the contest to another level of development allowing the participants to more fully exercise their creativity and talents.

To achieve that, MCOT adapted our unique and long-standing tradition to honor the Goddess of the river, "Loy Krathong". "Loy Krathong" is a vibrant activity that takes place on the full moon night in November. Using banana stems and leaves people make a small boat and decorate it with flowers, candles and joss sticks then release it on the river to float downstream. They pray to seek forgiveness from the Goddess of the river for having polluted water ways and also make wishes for a better future and prosperity.

Lastly, MCOT, as the host of the ABU ROBOCON 2011, would like to stress that we would make every effort to make the ABU ROBOCON 2011 BANGKOK a successful and memorable event. Till we meet again in Bangkok in 2011.'

The 10th ABU ROBOCON 2011 BANGKOK will take place on Sunday, 28 August 2011 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Contest outline

Contest title: ABU ROBOCON 2011 BANGKOK
Contest day: Sunday, 28 August 2011
Contest period: 26-30 August 2011
Host organiser: MCOT
Venue: Impact Arena
Official website: <http://aburobocon2011.com/>
Contest logo:



Top) The representative of the next host organisation, Mr Ekabhot, Executive Vice President of MCOT of Thailand hoists Robocon flag high.

Below) Mr Ibrahim El Akabawy, Chairman of the Contest Organising Committee of Egypt receives 'Krathong' as a token of friendship from Miss Kobkullaya Chuengprasertsri, the 2nd Runner-Up of Miss Thailand 2009 Pageant.



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