

Is this a ...



Football match?



Baseball match?



Tennis match?

# This is ABU Robocon

ABU Robocon is an international co-production event organised by ABU broadcaster members and the programmes are broadcasted in all participating countries. The contest is filmed by the host broadcaster and the footage is provided to participating broadcasters while some broadcasters do have their own film crew present.

The event attracts various foreign and local press.

The contest results are released on the same day. ABU Robocon has gained attention as a world-class event.

The participants of the ABU Robocon are university/college/polytechnic students from the Asia-Pacific region. With a unique theme and rules set each year, young engineers build robots by making full use of their creative ideas and technical skills. The quality of robots is increasingly improving year after year, making the contest tougher for the contestants.

ABU Robocon has become a sports-like event with its venue constantly filled with cheering voices of the excited audience.



# History and Mission

The ABU Robocon, launched by the ABU, aims to contribute to the development of the Asia-Pacific region and to nourish the skills and passion for 'MONOZUKURI' by the young engineers through the contest.

One of the two main characteristics of the ABU Robocon is that students must build the robots from scratch using their own ideas, teamwork and hands, adhering to the set of rules that change every year.

Students who compete by using their technical skills and imagination, will flourish as budding engineers through their participation in the project and contest.



*This is an exciting event for young budding engineers.*



*Students charging towards their dreams are made into documentaries.*



## **ABU Robocon guarantees enthusiasm and excitement to young engineers!**

ABU Robocon, an international educational event with a totally new and unique concept is usually held in the month of August and at the end of each contest, the rules for the following year are announced. Students are able to make a fresh start to materialize their dreams to participate in the next ABU Robocon contest, with questions such as: "How should we tackle the new task?" "What would be the best structure? "

Through numerous trial-and-error processes and ideas-sharing with the team, students create their own unique robots.

Young engineers who challenge in the true spirit of 'MONOZUKURI' (craftsmanship) are reflected in the ABU Robocon contests.



*Contents of this exciting event are transmitted all over the world.*

# ABU welcomes new entrants of TV broadcasters

## Join us for the next ABU Robocon!

The second main characteristic of the ABU Robocon which is a special feature of the event is that it is hosted by a different country every year. Since its first contest held in Tokyo, Japan in 2002, it has been hosted by various other countries thereafter. Hosting the ABU Robocon offers a great opportunity to introduce the culture and attraction of your country worldwide.

Year	Host city, Country	Host Broadcaster
2002	Tokyo, Japan	NHK
2003	Bangkok, Thailand	MCOT
2004	Seoul, Rep of Korea	KBS
2005	Beijing, PR of China	CCTV
2006	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	RTM
2007	Hanoi, SR of Vietnam	VTV
2008	Pune, India	DDI
2009	Tokyo, Japan	NHK
2010	Cairo, Egypt	ERTU
2011	Bangkok, Thailand	MCOT
2012	Hong Kong, PR of China	RTHK
2013	Danang, SR of Vietnam	VTV
2014	Pune, India	DDI

TVRI-Indonesia will host ABU Robocon 2015 in Yogyakarta and MCOT-Thailand will host the 2016 event.

**A broadcaster must announce that it is a candidate to host the next ABU Robocon contest.**

**In order to host the ABU Robocon, there are several basic conditions to be met. To begin with, a contest venue with specific capacity is required. At the ABU Robocon 2014 in Pune-India, over 4500 people crowded the venue.**

**Securing accommodation from local hotels that can accommodate over 300 people consisting of contestants, broadcasters and guests, is also necessary.**

**Above all, the most important thing is to decide the contest theme and rules. The host broadcaster plays the main role in selecting the contest theme and rules.**

# Support for Hosting Broadcaster

It may look like an overwhelming task for a first time host broadcaster. However, such thoughts should not dispel your organization from missing this opportunity to host the ABU Robocon.

The ABU and the ABU Robocon Tokyo Secretariat will provide ample support and advice on various aspects in order to organize the contest successfully.

Furthermore, the ABU will provide some financial support for the management of the contest. What matters most is your organisation's willingness to organize the ABU Robocon in your country.

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