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The new champion of Thailand is Sakonnakhon Technical College!



The ABU Robot Contest Thailand Championship 2008 was held on 14 & 15 June. Total of 32 teams, 16 from university and 16 from technical college that got through fierce preliminaries took part in the contest.

The venue was filled with energy and cheerfulness of university supporters and audiences. Some ardent university supporters continued their vocal support so passionately even though the lunch time. It made us wonder where such energy came from.

On 15th, the day of the final match, Modernine TV broadcasted matches of the best 8 teams for 2 hours from 15.00 hrs.-17.00 hrs.

4 teams that proceeded to the semi final matches were:

- 1.iRap Ruddster –King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (Bangkok)
- 2.INCHOATION - King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi(Bangkok)
- 3.Hoi Lod – Samutsongkhram Technical College (Samutsongkhram Province) (The Thailand Champion in 2004 and 2006)
- 4.PEM. 2008 – Sakonnakhon Technical College (Sakonnakhon Province)



Among them, iRap of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi and PEM of Sakonnakhon Technical College made it to the final game. In the final match, the team that wins 2 out of 3 games will be the

champion.

The fantastic game has finally started with the referee's whistle. One of the fastest robots from Sakonnakhon dashed to the Central Bowl before the opponent and blocked opponent's automatic robots' way, then the 2 automatic robots of Sakonnakhon gracefully moved to grasp the Yellow Butter, White butter and as many as 4 Pots and Cheese. Sakonnakhon clinched the 1st game.



King Mongkut's cannot afford to lose the 2nd game although to most people, Sakonnakhon appeared to have more advantages. But anything can happen at ABU ROBOCON. As a result, King Mongkut's won over Sakonnakhon this time. Now, both teams have an even chance to go to Pune, India.

Encouraged by strong support by their university supporters and audience, both teams had full confidence to win the game. However, in just an eye blinking moment a protector robot of Sakonnakhon reached to the Central Bowl and blocked the opponent's way again, just like a déjà vu of the 1st game and snapped champion cup at the Thailand Championship for the very first time.



The team name, PEM stands for Electrical Power Section, Electricity Section, and Machinery Section, meaning 3 sections in the same faculty have collaborated in this project.

Along with the Thailand Championship, the annual robotic show 'Technology Street 2008 Exhibition' was also held in the nearby hall, drawing over 25,000 visitors over the weekend.

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