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Mech.BUET team of Bangladesh is waiting for ABU ROBOCON 2008

Mech.BUET team of **Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)** will proudly represent our country in the coming ABU Robocon 2008. It is our 4th consecutive participation since 2005. We are now matured and trying our best to have a nice blend of technology and sport.

Preparation for ROBOCON 2008 is going on smoothly. The ROBOKIDS of last year became the decision-making fellows and are involved in the planning design and fabrication of the robots.

Like before, we have some highly motivated apprentices; NEW ROBOKIDS. The team is supervised by Prof. Dr. M. Zahurul Haq.



NEW ROBOKIDS



ROBOKIDS

All the team members of Mech.BUET are from the Mechanical Engineering Department so the team works in a nice harmony to optimize the available resources. We focus on developing robots by applying appropriate technology to locally available hardware components such as new microcontrollers, in-house built programmer, used motors and wheels from previous years etc.

It is always a great source of fun to see the robots made from the scraps to start following the instructions, initially with erratic response and gradually with regular movement. We always enjoy the adventure of building the robots for ROBOCON. Time flies when we are in the laboratory.

We are eagerly waiting to see you all in the ABU ROBOCON 2008.

Report by Mech. BUET team

EEPIS, the formidable champion of Indonesia

The 10th Indonesia Robot Contest was held in Jakarta on 14 & 15 June. The venue that accommodates 13,000 was quickly filled with excited university supporters and Robocon fans.

By January this year, the Indonesia Robot Contest Committee received 230 applications. The Committee divided the country in 4 regions and selected about 30 teams from each region by document screening and video status report. In May, regional contest was held with 130 teams participating. The top 4 teams from 4 regions, total of 16 teams proceeded to the Indonesia Robot Contest in June.

As a result of fierce competition, **Electronic Engineering of Polytechnic ITS Surabaya, East Java (EEPIS)** won the championship. This is the 7th consecutive victory for EEPIS since 2002 and they have participated in all of the past ABU ROBOCONS representing Indonesia. Expectation rises for their high performance at the international arena in Pune.

The news of the contest was covered widely by various media; 14 private TV channels, local TV stations, 16 radio stations and 22 media corps carried the news of the contest nationwide.

The broadcaster in charge, TVRI aired several programmes featuring students' preparation process and activities leading up to the contest. On the contest day, they made a special coverage by sending 30 crews, 6 cameras, 1 OB-VAN and Uplink (for breaking news).

A week after the contest, TVRI broadcasted the Indonesia Robot Contest 2008 nationwide in a weekly Robocon Programme that runs on Sundays and Mondays for 30 min. from 17:30-18:00.

Report by Mr Andi Fachrudin, TVRI-Indonesia



<Correction for Robocon News 123>

Name of the following universities were incorrect. We apologize for confusion and correct as below;

1. irap Ruddster –King Mongkut's University of Technology North Bangkok should be **Bangkok**
2. INCHOATION- King Mongkut's University of Technology North Bangkok should be **Prachinburi**

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