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Cyberport co-hosts Robocon 2014 Hong Kong Contest to foster Greater Student Interest in IT and Engineering

Inspiring students to become future engineers through networking and exchange opportunities both locally and internationally

Hong Kong, 23 June 2014 – Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited (Cyberport), in collaboration with Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS), The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) Information Technology Division and collaborative advisor Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK), co-organized the Robocon 2014 Hong Kong Contest (Robocon 2014) in Cyberport on 22 June 2014.

Robocon is an international contest where teams comprised of post-secondary students and instructors compete in a series of predetermined activities with robots designed and built by the teams to demonstrate their engineering skills. This year the theme “A Salute to Parenthood” was selected for Robocon 2014, aimed at encouraging local students’ development in mechanical engineering, electronics and computer programming with joint projects and cooperation between various university departments and students.

“The Robocon contest has been hosted every year in Hong Kong since 2004. Each one of those years has been received with passion and enthusiasm and this year was no different,” noted Stephen Lau, Chairman of the Organising Committee of Robocon 2014 Hong Kong Contest and Vice President (Executive) of HKCS. “Robocon offers a platform for students to explore and demonstrate their creativity and skills in technology through the challenge of robotics. The event fosters friendship and promotes an exchange of experience in engineering and information technology among students from different nations and cultural backgrounds. These are the future leaders of the 21st century.”

“Robocon is a significant event for the engineering and technical students since the robot competition is integrated with a number of engineering disciplines. The Robocon 2014 competition was particularly impressive in demonstrating the strengths of the engineering team,” added CM Ng, Chairman of the HKIE IT Division.

This year’s Robocon 2014 in Hong Kong attracted nine teams from six local post-secondary institutes to compete in the format of a pool match. To bring the central theme to life, the organisers set up a 12-by-12 metre game field separated into five child zones including two see-saw zones, a swing zone, a pole walk zone, and the jungle gym zone. The contest was separated into several rounds with a time-limit of three minutes. In each round, two teams had to compete against each other to finish the “rides” with an autonomous “child robot” assisted by a manually-controlled “parent robot”. The winning team in the finals will go on to represent Hong Kong in competing at the international Robocon contest hosted by the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) in Pune, India.

After a series of heated rounds and close match-ups, The War Dragon team from The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) demonstrated the greatest engineering finesse and beat first runners up, The Fiery Dragon team, also from HKUST, in the final. The War Dragon team therefore captured the title of Champions at the Robocon 2014 Hong Kong Contest and will represent

Hong Kong at ABU Robocon in India later this August. SAPIENTIA, from The University of Hong Kong, took second runner up place.

Alongside the awards for the first three teams in the contest, the organisers also provided awards for the Best Engineering Award and Best Artistic Design Award to The War Dragon Team and The Fiery Dragon Team respectively, as well as the Cyberport Best Team Spirit Award to The Legend Creator Team from Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Tsing Yi).

Herman Lam, CEO of Cyberport added: "We are extremely pleased to support this well-established international students' robotics competition, especially as it comes with such strong credibility, owning a solid reputation across the tertiary education sector in the Asia-Pacific region. Cyberport has always been dedicated to nurturing young talents in the information and communications technology industry. The event is great for students to explore, develop and demonstrate their creativity with sophisticated technological skills and knowledge, which aligns with Cyberport's role as a creative digital community."



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The Fiery Dragon team from The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology won the 1st runner-up at Robocon 2014 Hong Kong Contest.



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About Cyberport

Cyberport is a creative digital community with a cluster of technology and digital content tenants. It is managed by Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited which is wholly owned by the Hong Kong SAR Government. With a vision to establish itself as a leading information and communications technology (ICT) hub in the Asia-Pacific region, Cyberport is committed to facilitating the local economy by nurturing ICT industry start-ups and entrepreneurs, driving collaboration to pool resources and create business opportunities, and accelerating ICT adoption through strategic initiatives and partnerships. Equipped with an array of state-of-the-art ICT facilities and a cutting-edge broadband network, the Cyberport community is home to four grade-A intelligent office buildings, a five-star design hotel, and a retail entertainment complex.

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About Hong Kong Computer Society

Founded in 1970, Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) is a recognised non-profit organisation focused on developing Hong Kong's Information Technology (IT) profession and industry. Members hail from a broad spectrum of Hong Kong's IT community, from corporations to like-minded individuals, all coming together to raise the profile and standards of the profession and industry. As a well-established IT professional body, the Society is committed to professional and industry development as well as community services that ensure the IT sector continues to make a positive impact in peoples' lives with three main goals including 1) talent cultivation and professional development 2) industry development and collaboration 3) the effective use of IT in our community.

For more information, please visit www.hkcs.org.hk

About Hong Kong Institution of Engineers - Information Technology Division

The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) was set up in 1947 as Engineering Society of Hong Kong with the aim of bringing together engineers of different disciplines for their common good. In 1975, the HKIE was incorporated by the Government under Ordinance, and continues to develop and expand. The Information Technology Division (ITD) was established in 1990 and is one of the largest divisions amongst the 18 divisions in the HKIE. The Division has representatives sitting in the advisory committees of the HKSAR Government and tertiary institutions, providing advice from a professional's point of view. The Division has over 3,000 members with about 2,000 professional engineers.

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