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World Robot Sumo Championship
Notice of the first INTERNATIONAL ROBOT SUMO TOURNAMENT 2014
to be held concurrently with the
26th All Japan Robot-Sumo Tournament

FUJI SOFT INCORPORATED (headquartered in Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture; Satoyasu Sakashita, President & Representative Director; hereinafter “the Company”) is pleased to announce that it will host the first INTERNATIONAL ROBOT SUMO TOURNAMENT 2014 and the 26th All Japan Robot-Sumo Tournament on Sunday, December 14, 2014 at Ryogoku Kokugikan (located in Sumida-ku, Tokyo).

The robot sumo tournament initiated by the Company has become popular internationally, and similar tournaments are held in various parts of the world today. Building sumo robots is also highly valued in overseas countries as an effective educational tool for learning robot technologies. College/university students constitute the majority of tournament participants. Currently, 20 robot sumo tournaments are held in 17 countries, with a total of around 1,000 robots participating annually.

We are celebrating the 26th anniversary of the All Japan Robot-Sumo Tournament this year. At this event, which is a national version of the regional robot sumo contests hosted by the Company, 64 winners out of the total of 993 participants in the regional competitions that were held in nine locations nationwide will come together in a tournament to battle for the 26th Yokozuna title. The champion will be awarded the cup and prize from the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

The INTERNATIONAL ROBOT SUMO TOURNAMENT will be held for the first time this year, at which the All Japan Robot-Sumo Tournament champion will compete against the award winners from overseas tournaments for the international grand championship. Award-winning players (32 self-operating robots; 16 radio-controlled robots) from eight countries (Mexico, Brazil, Austria, Turkey, the Baltic States, Romania, Poland and Mongol) will compete with the 26th Yokozuna of All Japan Robot-Sumo Tournament, pitting their outstanding skills against each other to achieve the honor of being the World Champion.



Last year's All Japan Robot-Sumo Tournament
(December 15, 2013)



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Outline of National Tournament

Date: Sunday, December 14, 2014

Location: Ryogoku Kokugikan (Yokoami 1-3-28, Sumida-ku, Tokyo)

Program Part 1 26th All Japan Robot-Sumo Tournament
(10:00 Opening Ceremony, 10:30 Play Begins, 12:40 Awards Ceremony)

Part 2 INTERNATIONAL ROBOT SUMO TOURNAMENT 2014
(13:30 Opening Ceremony, 14:00 Play Begins, 16:00 Awards Ceremony)

- The scheduled times may be moved forward depending on the number of players and the play conditions on the day.
 - A paper aircraft workshop will be held for family visitors.
 - Free admission. Everybody is welcome to enjoy the tournament matches. (Please bring along a copy of the flyer that is available on the event website.)
- Homepage URL of the All Japan Robot-Sumo Tournament: <http://www.fsi.co.jp/sumo/>

Outline of INTERNATIONAL ROBOT SUMO TOURNAMENT 2014

-Number of participating robots

Self-operating type: 32; Radio-controlled type: 16 Total: 48 (Planned)

- This includes the All Japan Robot-Sumo Tournament Champion

-International participants

Award-winning players from eight robot sumo tournaments held abroad

A total of 48 international players will be participating from Estonia, Latvia, Romania, Spain, Turkey, Mexico, Ecuador, Brazil, Peru, Columbia, Poland and Mongolia

Host Country	Tournament Name
Baltic States	Baltic Robot Sumo 2014
Austria	RobotChallenge
Turkey	8th International Robot Contest
Mexico	La Copa Internacional de Robótica IPN México
Brazil	RoboCore Winter Challenge
Romania	Robochallenge Romania 2014
Poland	Sumo Challenge
Mongolia	All Mongolia Robot Sumo Tournament

Awards 1st Prize: 200,000 yen, 2nd Prize: 150,000 yen,
3rd Prize: 100,000 yen

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Last year's pre-tournament* (December 15, 2013)



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* For three of its events, from 2010 to 2012, the All Japan Robot-Sumo Tournament committee invited international award-winning players to be guest participants. To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the All Japan Robot-Sumo Tournament, the tournament committee hosted the INTERNATIONAL ROBOT SUMO PRE-TOURNAMENT 2013, with the final games played by league finalists including the best players from five overseas tournaments (self-operating type 15; radio-controlled type 7) and the All Japan Tournament champions (self-operating type 1; radio-controlled type 1).

(Competition Table: Last year's pre-tournament)

(Self-operating)

Rank	Country	Robot
1	Japan	Nenkin Seikatsu 2
2	Turkey	Fusion
3	Latvia	GAUJA
4	Mexico	Esumo Z

(Radio-controlled)

Rank	Country	Robot
1	Japan	Shuryo 「Kanna」
2	Brazil	C3
3	Brazil	C3D4
4	Mexico	Efurion 2.0

Outline of All Japan Robot-Sumo Tournament

The All Japan Robot-Sumo Tournament is the leading robot athletic game tournament in Japan. The event was held for the first time in 1990 with the aim of providing citizens with opportunities to enjoy “monozukuri” (the spirit of craftsmanship) through building robots. It celebrates its 26th anniversary this year.



**Last year's All Japan Robot-Sumo Tournament
(December 15, 2013)**

Participants compete using their own robot sumo wrestlers with the use of technology and their imaginations. Two robots are placed in a sumo ring, and the winner is determined when one of them is pushed out of the ring. There are two categories: the high school tournament with eligibility restrictions, and the All Japan tournament with no restrictions. The eligibility restrictions for senior high schools allow only those students living in the region where a regional contest is hosted to enter. Robot sumo is divided into two sections: self-operating robots, which fight based on their computer programs, and radio-controlled robots, which are controlled by a proportional radio control system. This event is a national version of the regional robot sumo contests hosted by the Company.

-Number of participating robots

64 award-winning players from nine regional contests (Self-operating: 32; Radio-controlled: 32)

-Awards

1st Prize: Cup and prize from the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology; 1 million yen,
2nd Prize: 500,000 yen, 3rd Prize: 300,000 yen

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Sponsored by:

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), The National Association of Principals of Technical Senior High Schools (Public Interest Foundation), The Japan Robot Association (General Incorporated Association), The Robotics Society of Japan (General Incorporated Association), The Japan Society of Mechanical Engineers (General Incorporated Association), The Institute of Electrical Engineers of Japan (General Incorporated Association)

Tournament Committee

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Objective

To provide students and adults with opportunities to acquire the basics of technology and enjoy “monozukuri” (the spirit of craftsmanship) through building robots, with the aim of encouraging the demonstration of inquisitive minds and creativity.

Robot sumo rules and restrictions

The robot wrestlers fight in a sumo ring made of a steel plate that is 154 centimeters in diameter. The robot that pushes its opponent out of the ring twice is the clear winner.

Categories: Free admission for participants in the All Japan Tournament
High school participants are limited to those belonging to member schools of the National Association of Principals of Technical Senior High Schools.

Robot types: “Self-operating” means that the robot wrestlers fight based on computer programs;
“Radio-controlled” means that the robot wrestlers are controlled by a proportional radio control system

Specifications: The size of the robot must be less than 20 centimeters in depth and width; No restrictions on height; The weight must be 3,000 grams or less

Number of participants in the regional tournaments:
1,263 players this year (All-Japan: 993; Senior high school: 270)

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