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Robot Sumo World Championship Finals!

Notice of the Second INTERNATIONAL ROBOT SUMO TOURNAMENT 2015
to be held concurrently with the 27th All Japan Robot-Sumo Tournament

FUJI SOFT INCORPORATED (headquartered in Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture; President and Representative Director: Satoyasu Sakashita; “FUJISOFT,” hereafter) is pleased to announce that the second robot sumo world tournament, the INTERNATIONAL ROBOT SUMO TOURNAMENT 2015, and the 27th All Japan Robot-Sumo Tournament will be held on Sunday, December 13, 2015 at the Kokugikan (located in Sumida-ku, Tokyo).

The robot sumo tournament initiated by FUJISOFT has spread outside Japan, and now various robot sumo tournaments are held all over the world. Building sumo robots is also highly valued in overseas countries as an effective educational tool for learning robot technologies, and university students constitute the majority of tournament participants. At present, 20 countries take part in 14 robot sumo tournaments held overseas, with as many as 1,000 robots in total competing each year.

The All Japan Robot-Sumo National Tournament is the national version of the All Japan Robot-Sumo Tournament organized by FUJISOFT. Held for the 27th time this year, 64 robots that secured victories to advance out of the 938 robots competing in the national category in regional tournaments held in nine locations throughout Japan will gather for the national tournament. The robots will compete in a tournament format in a bid to be crowned the 27th Yokozuna. The winner will be awarded the cup and prize from the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

In the International Robot Sumo Tournament, the 27th Yokozuna of the All Japan Robot-Sumo National Tournament, the High-School Student Yokozuna of the All Japan Robot-Sumo Tournament (High-School) (held November 22) and the top-ranked winners of robot sumo tournaments held overseas will fight to decide the best in the world. Now in its second year, the top winners from 14 tournaments held in Canada, the United States, Australia, Romania, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Brazil, Mongolia, the Baltic States, Peru, Poland, Spain and Turkey will take part in what will be a fierce battle for the world number one crown.



Scenes from the International Robot Sumo Tournament 2014 held on December 14 last year



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[Event Outline]

- **Date:** Sunday, December 13, 2015
- **Location:** Kokugikan (Yokoami 1-3-28, Sumida-ku, Tokyo)
- **Program:** Part 1 – 27th All Japan Robot-Sumo National Tournament
(10:00 – Opening Ceremony, 10:30 – Play Begins, 12:40 – Award Ceremony)

Part 2 – International Robot Sumo Tournament 2015
(13:30 – Opening Ceremony, 14:00 – Play Begins, 16:00 – Award Ceremony)

*Depending on the number of robots competing on the day and the progression of matches, the scheduled times may be moved forward.
 *Entry is free of charge and is open to everyone wishing to view the event. (Please bring along and present a flyer printed out from the website to enter)
 All Japan Robot-Sumo Tournament Website: <http://www.fsi.co.jp/sumo/>

[Outline of the International Robot Sumo Tournament 2015]

■ **Number of Participating Robots**

Autonomous: 48, Radio-controlled: 16, Total: 64 (planned)

*Including winners of the 27th All Japan Robot-Sumo National Tournament and 23rd All Japan Robot-Sumo Tournament (High-school))

■ **Overseas Participants**

Top winners from 14 robot sumo tournaments held overseas will compete.

Tournament Name	Region
ROBOWARS	Canada
RoboGames2015	United States
RobotChallenge2015	Australia
RoboChallenge2015	Romania
II Megatorneo RUNIBOT 2015	Colombia
ROBOT GAMES ZERO LATITUD° 2015	Ecuador
La Copa Internacional de Robotica IPN	Mexico
ROBOCORE WINTER CHALLENGE XI	Brazil
Robot Sumo competition in Mongolia	Mongolia
BALTIC ROBOT SUMO	Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania
FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF LIMA SUR	Peru
Opolski Festiwal Robotow 2015	Poland
ROBOLID	Spain
9th International Robot Competition	Turkey



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- **Awards** Winner: 200,000 yen in prize money
Runner-up: 150,000 yen in prize money
Third Place: 100,000 yen in prize money



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■Organizer FUJI SOFT INCORPORATED

■Results of the 1st International Tournament (Held December 14, 2014)

(Autonomous)

Ranking	Stage Name	Team Name	Country of Origin
1	Blitz	ROBOTU SKOLA	Latvia
2	SAKIN	KAROT	Turkey
3	Nenkin Seikatsu 3	Nenkin Seikatsu A Team	Japan
4	SENJU	H-Tech	Turkey

(Radio Controlled)

Ranking	Stage Name	Team Name	Country of Origin
1	Bishamon Zero	Future Robot Engineering Research Department(Oita Technical High School)	Japan
2	ZILVER	ESIMEZ ROBOTS	Mexico
3	MAXIMUZ	ESIMEZ ROBOTS	Mexico
4	Stonehenge	ThundeRatz	Brazil

Outline of the All Japan Robot-Sumo National Tournament

The All Japan Robot-Sumo Tournament has been held since 1990 with the aim of providing opportunities to experience the joy of *monozukuri* (the spirit of craftsmanship) through the creation of robots. It is Japan’s largest domestic robot competition which is celebrating its 27th tournament this year.

The robots created by the participants are treated as sumo wrestlers, and use technology and imaginations in a competition to push the opponent out of the ring. The tournament comprises an open “All Japan” competition with no entry restrictions and a “High-school Student” competition open only to high school students from the areas where regional tournaments take place. Two kinds of robot compete in each tournament, the “autonomous” type equipped with programs that allow them to move automatically, and a “radio controlled” type which move through radio controlled signals from an operator. The All Japan Robot-Sumo National Tournament is the national version of the All Japan Robot-Sumo Tournament organized by FUJISOFT.



Scenes from the All Japan Robot-Sumo National Tournament held on December 14 last year

■Number of Participating Robots

Robots placing in the top 64 in the “All Japan” category from regional tournaments held in nine locations around Japan (32 autonomous, 32 radio controlled)

■Awards

Winner: Cup and prize from the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology / 1,000,000 yen in prize money
Runner-up: 500,000 yen in prize money
Third Place: 300,000 yen in prize money

■Organizer

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■ **Sponsorship** Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), The National Association of Principals of Technical Senior High Schools, Japan Robot Association, The Robotics Society of Japan, The Japan Society of Mechanical Engineers, The Institute of Electrical Engineers of Japan

■ **Tournament Committee Members**

Chairperson: Hiroshi Nozawa, Chairman & Representative Director, Fuji Soft Incorporated
Vice Chairperson: Masaru Sudo, Executive Operating Officer, Fuji Soft Incorporated
Committee Member: Katsuya Nagata, Professor, School of Science and Engineering, Waseda University
Committee Member: Terukazu Nishimura, Director, Isuzu Central Research Laboratory
Committee Member: Eiji Koyanagi, Representative Director, Mobil Robot Research Co., Ltd.
Committee Member: Koichi Hiratsuka, Advisor, The Institute of Research and Development, Polytechnic University
Committee Member: Fumio Takigami, Secretary General, National Association of Principals of Technical Senior High Schools
Committee Member: Katsuhiko Yamada, Vice Manager, National Association of Principals of Technical Senior High Schools
Committee Member: Takeshi Kanai, Tournament Chief Secretary, Fuji Soft Incorporated

■ **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.

■ **Competition Rules**

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: All Japan – no entry restrictions
High School – High school students who belonging to member schools of the National Association of Principals of Technical Senior High Schools

Robot Types: “Autonomous” robots that move automatically based on built-in computer programs
“Radio-controlled” robots that move based on radio-controlled signals from an operator

Specifications: Less than 20 cm in depth and width, no height restrictions, weighing 3 kg or less

■ **Number of Participants in the Regional Tournaments**

2015: 1,190 robots (All Japan category: 938, High-school Category: 252)

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