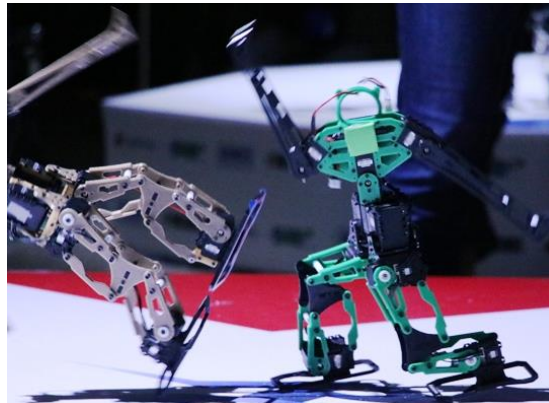


“MISUMI presents the 31st ROBO-ONE” to be held in Yokohama**~ An event children can enjoy: newly established "Introductory robot seminar"****for primary school students ~**

MISUMI Group Inc. (Head Office: Bunkyo ward, Tokyo; Representative Director, President and CEO, Ryusei Ono) is the main sponsor of “MISUMI presents the 31st ROBO-ONE”, a battling tournament for biped robots, organized by the Biped Robot Association of Japan, and will be held at the Kanagawa Prefectural Youth Center between September 23-24th 2017..

Through the sponsoring of “ROBO-ONE” since 2016, MISUMI Group Inc. is supporting manufacturing passion of students studying engineering and corporate engineers. This year’s competition will hold the first “Introductory robot seminar” aimed at primary school children to simply explain the structure and function of robots. .



Scene from the previous competition- the 30th ROBO-ONE

Summary of “ROBO-ONE”- battling tournament for biped robots

“ROBO-ONE” is battling tournament that is held twice a year, since it began in 2002. The robots throw punches and employs throwing techniques to defeat their opponents. Each contestant fights a three-minute round to see who has the toughest biped robot. The first contestant to score three knockdowns wins the match.

The competition is made up of three categories. “ROBO-ONE”, “ROBO-ONE Light”, and “ROBO-ONE auto”. “ROBO-ONE” and “ROBO-ONE Light” uses a controller to manipulate and battle it out. “ROBO-ONE Light” is a tournament for beginners using official authorized store-bought robots or self-made robots weighing less than 1Kg. “ROBO-ONE auto” differs from the other two categories in that robots cannot be manipulated during the fight using a controller; a completely autonomous battling competition. First held in February and will be held for the second time in the upcoming competition.



The following is the schedule for the upcoming tournament.

■Date and time

MISUMI presents the 15th ROBO-ONE Light / MISUMI presents the 2nd ROBO-ONE auto
September 23rd (Saturday) Tournament starts at 10:45 and scheduled to end at 17:00

MISUMI presents the 31st ROBO-ONE

September 24th (Sunday) Preliminary qualifying rounds start at 10:30 and the final tournament starts
from 12:40 and scheduled to end at 17:00

■Venue

Kanagawa Prefectural Youth Center (9-1 Momijigaoka, Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan)

<http://kanagawa-yc.jp/>

■Website

<http://www.robo-one.com/en/>

■Number of robots participating (as of September 13, 2017)

MISUMI presents the 31st ROBO-ONE: 136 robots

MISUMI presents the 15th ROBO-ONE Light: 85 robots

MISUMI presents the 2nd ROBO-ONE auto 25 robots

■Prizes

MISUMI presents the 31st ROBO-ONE

First prize: ¥500,000, Second prize: ¥100,000, MISUMI award: ¥100,000 and a MISUMI product
valued at ¥50,000, etc.

MISUMI presents the 15th ROBO-ONE Light / MISUMI presents the 2nd ROBO-ONE auto

First prize: ¥200,000, Second prize: ¥50,000, etc.

In addition to sponsorship of the ROBO-ONE, MISUMI Group has been offering student clubs participating in car and robot competition as part of the "student manufacturing support" initiative since 2008, MISUMI FA mechanical products etc. pursuant to a selection and screening process. We provide these free of charge to students involved in future manufacturing. In fiscal year 2016, we have supported over 200 student clubs.

The MISUMI Group will continue to support people who are passionate about manufacturing.

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