

A Memorandum about 2nd Asian Robotics Summit Meeting

[ARSU]

- The Asian Robotics Society Union (ARSU) was established consisting of the following robotics related societies of countries and regions in Asia.

Participating Society of countries and regions in Alphabetical Order

(Australia)

"Australia Robotics Society "(Tentative Name)

(China)

The Professional Committee on Robotics, Chinese Association of Automation (PCR,CAA)

(Japan)

The Robotics Society of Japan (RSJ)

(Korea)

Korea Robotics Society (KRS)

(Singapore)

"Singapore Robotics Society "(Tentative Name) *1

(Thailand)

Thai Robotics Society (TRS)

(Vietnam)

Vietnam Association of Robotics

*1 The 5th of November 2007, the president of RSJ confirmed the will of the participation in ARSU of the society in Singapore.

- The Asian Robotics Society Summit Meeting (ARSSM) is the highest decision making meeting of ARSU.

[Purposes of ARSU]

- The societies of ARSU aim to share such wide range of interests on robotics and robot engineering as promotion, information sharing, cooperation.

- [Basically,]*2 in each country or each region, one academic society participates in ARSSM, because the number of participants attending ARSSM should not be too large.

*2 We hope to include "Basically," in the above sentence in order to adapt the rules of ARSU to various situations.

- Before next the 3rd ARSSM, the formal such rules of ARSU as membership of ARSU shall be

determined. The activities of the union participation shall be clarified such as the contribution to the industry of each country.

- ARSU starts as a volunteer base organization at the beginning. However it aims at continuous organization in the future.

[Future Activities]

- The website of ARSU will be established as quickly as possible. ARSU also aims at founding an international journal/magazine in the future. The content of the website is described in attached paper entitled "The Contents of Asian Robotics Society Union's Web Site". Each society is required to send the articles of the website to the director of international affairs of RSJ. The director is Eimei OYAMA (AIST).

- The order by which each academic society is described on the website etc. of ARSU would be an alphabetical order.

- The construction of the network among young researchers will be started according to the agreement matters of the first ARSSM. At the beginning, the information exchange on the ARSU website will be started.

- International workshops will be planned according to the agreement matters of the first ARSSM. For example, Asian Robot Week will be considered in the future.

[3rd and future ARSSM]

- 3rd ARSSM will be held on around September 25 (noon time of the final day of the technical session), 2008 at Niece, France during IROS 2009.

- The expansion of the participating societies of 3rd ARSSM was agreed at 2nd ARSSM. The representatives of the societies of ARSU are requested to send the information about the representatives of the possible participating societies to the president of RSJ. The current president of RSJ is Tomomasa SATO.

- Since IROS is held all over the world, the conference site of IROS sometimes becomes very far from Asian countries. In the future, the other international conferences will be considered for ARSSM as well as IROS. The IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Biomimetics (ROBIO), for example. ROBIO 2008 will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, Dec. 14-17, 2008.

- ARSU considers the financial support to the societies, which have difficulty to send their representatives to ARSSM because of their economical conditions, by the financially capable societies.