



UoA News

New Degree Conferment Ceremony for AY 2017 held

On March 20, 2018 (Tue), the degree conferment ceremony for AY2017 was held at the University of Aizu auditorium. 279 individuals, including 219 students graduating from the Undergraduate School of Computer Science and Engineering, 57 students completing the Master's Program, two students completing the Doctoral program, and one individual receiving a Dissertation PhD, were conferred with degrees that will help them contribute to society in their own way.



New The University of Aizu and Shirakawa City signed a cooperation agreement

On Thursday, March 15, 2018, the University of Aizu and Shirakawa City signed a collaboration agreement with the aim of contributing to human resource development, industrial promotion, and regional contributions through mutual cooperation and collaboration.

The signing ceremony for the collaboration agreement was attended by Mayor Suzuki of Shirakawa City, Director of Industry Division Kimura, Chancellor and President Oka from the University of Aizu, Director and Secretary General Yasuharu Miyamura, and Director Jiro Iwase from the University of Aizu.



New The University of Aizu and FUKUSHIMA-MINPO CO., LTD. Signed a collaboration agreement

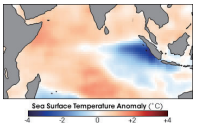
On Monday, February 26, 2018, the University of Aizu, a public university corporation, and Fukushima Minpo Co., Ltd. concluded a partnership agreement with the aim of contributing to human resource development, industrial promotion, and regional contributions through mutual cooperation and collaboration.

The signing ceremony for the collaboration agreement was attended by Masayuki Takahashi, President and Representative Director of Fukushima Minpo Corporation, and Chancellor and President Daiichi Oka from the University of Aizu University.



New An article by Professor Hameed was published in the Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Climate Science

On Tuesday, February 26, 2018, a review article on the Indian Ocean Dipole by Professor Saji N. Hameed (Environmental Informatics Laboratory) was published in the Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Climate Science, offered by the Oxford University Press. The Oxford Research Encyclopedias, consisting of twenty-five distinct digital encyclopedias, cover basic and advanced topics across the humanities, social sciences, and sciences. All articles are written and peer-reviewed by major researchers of each field, and provide a reliable, regularly updated knowledge base.



New Team "Block Forth" won the first prize at Blockchain Hackathon

On February 17th-22nd, 2018, "Blockchain x Company Vitalization Hackathon" hosted by Aizu General Holdings Co., Ltd. was held at the University of Aizu. In this event, participants developed systems utilizing the blockchain technology under the theme of "Health". Nine students joined blockchain workshop on 17th and 18th, and three teams composed of seven students participated in the Hackathon on 22th.

Team "Block Forth" won the first prize in the Hackathon. They developed an app named "39 Relay" in which employees can give "Thanks Point" to each other on an anonymous basis.



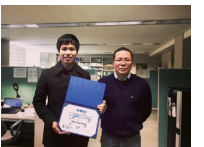
New Placed 131st, the UoA ranks in the Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2018 for the first time

The UoA was ranked for the first time in the THE Asia University Rankings 2018 published by the British educational journal on Wednesday, February 7, 2018. The university was ranked 131st in Asia and 15th amongst the 89 Japanese universities that were ranked. The ranking is calculated based on thirteen indicators in five categories, Teaching, Research, Industry Income, International Outlook and Citations. The UoA was given especially high marks for its international outlook (ranked 1st among Japanese universities) and the number of paper citations (ranked 8th among Japanese universities).



New Thanh V. Pham is awarded the 2017 IEEE ComSoc Sendai Chapter Student Excellent Research Award

Thanh V. Pham, supervised and recommended by Professor Anh T. Pham of the Computer Communications Laboratory (CCL), won the IEEE ComSoc Sendai Chapter Student Excellent Research Award 2017. The award is targeted to students in Tohoku region with excellent achievements in research areas covered the IEEE Communications Society (ComSoc). Every year, a maximum of three students are selected for this distinguished award.



New Researchers and students from the University of Aizu were awarded the Best Presentation Award at the Society of Instrument and Control Engineers (SI) Conference

At the 18th Society of Instrument and Control Engineers System Integration Division Lecture held in Sendai from December 20 to 22, 2017, The Center for Advanced Information Sciences (CAIST) Robotics and Information Technology Cluster (ARC-Robot) Taishi Yoshino and his colleagues, (CAIST Special Research Assistant), and ARC-Robot's Fumiaki Abe and his colleagues, a first-year master's student in the Naruse Lab., received the Outstanding Presentation Award at the 18th Society of Instrument and Control Engineers (SI) Conference, respectively.



Teams from the University of Aizu won various awards at the "GovHack Aizu-Wakamatsu City"

A hackathon "GovHack Aizuwakamatsu City" utilizing "LINE @" held all over the country co-sponsored by OpenAppLab was held in Aizuwakamatsu City on January 19th and 20th, 2018.

In this hackathon, Mr. Nozomu Morimoto, a second-year undergraduate student, created "Get Money from the Municipality," which won the "GovHack Aizu-Wakamatsu City Prize" and the team "skymth" (Yusuke Soeda, a second-year undergraduate student, and Sanshiro Hirahara, a third-year undergraduate student) won the "Accenture Award" for their work "Virtual Dinner Date peco", and the "Accenture Award" was given to the team. Team "Aiko Tovar" (Associate Professor Yasufumi Fujii and two others) won the "Aizuwakamatsu Mayor's Award" for their "Aiko Tovar".



The University of Aizu and Sumitomo Life Insurance Company Fukushima branch signed a cooperation agreement

On January 29, 2018, the University of Aizu and Sumitomo Life Insurance Company Fukushima Branch signed a collaboration agreement.

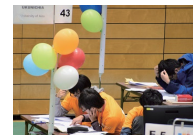
With the cooperation of Sumitomo Life Insurance, the University of Aizu's education, research and industry-academic collaboration will be further disseminated to the region.



Competitive Programming Club plays a big role in the ACM-ICPC 2017 Asia Regional Contest!

In the ACM-ICPC 2017 Asia Regional Contest held in Korea, Taiwan, Vietnam and Tsukuba City, The University's competitive Programming Club team competed and did very well.

The team "UKUNICHIA" was the fourth best university in the country in the Tsukuba competition.



UoA Student Yasuyuki MARUYAMA received the Encouragement Prize at the IEEE Sendai Student Awards 2017 Ceremony

On Thursday, December 7, 2017, the IEEE Sendai Student Awards 2017 ceremony was held at the main building of the Research Institute of Electrical Communication in Tohoku University. At the ceremony, Yasuyuki MARUYAMA (4th-year undergraduate student supervised by Professor Toshiaki MIYAZAKI) was awarded the Encouragement Prize.

The prize winners were decided based on the evaluation results of the presentations made by students at the 2017 Tohoku-Section Joint Convention of Institutes of Electrical and Information Engineers, which was held at the Bunkyo-cho Campus of Hirosaki University on August 24 (Thu) and 25 (Fri), 2017.



UoA Student Seiya KOBAYASHI Win the Second Prize at Sendai CTF Cyber Security Competition 2017

On Sunday, November 12, 2017, the Sendai CTF 2017 was held at the Sendai City Support Center in Miyagi Prefecture. UoA third-year undergraduate Seiya KOBAYASHI (affiliated with the Prof. Toshiaki MIYAZAKI's lab) won the second place in the competition. It consists of the security study session for learning about information security skills which are necessary for minimizing the damage caused by cyber-attacks, and the cyber security competition (CTF) where participants compete in their technical abilities.



RTC-Library-FUKUSHIMA Research Consortium Receives 3rd Annual Award for Contribution to the Promotion of RT-Middleware from the Japan Robot Association

RTC-Library-FUKUSHIMA, a research consortium formed through a partnership between UoA and private IT enterprises, received the 3rd Annual Award for Contribution to the Promotion of RT-Middleware (Publishing and Advertising Division) from the Japan Robot Association at the International Robot Exhibition 2017 held on Wednesday, November 29 at the Tokyo Big Sight.



A Cherry Blossom Tree was Donated by the Rotary Club of Kitakata

The Rotary Club of Kitakata donated a Sergeant's cherry tree (Oyamazakura) to the UoA on Tuesday, Nov. 21.

The UoA was selected as the site for the tree, which was donated as part of the centennial celebration project for the Rotary Foundation.

A tree planting ceremony conducted that day was attended by chairperson Asao SUZUKI and other members of the Rotary Club of Kitakata, a UoA international student who is receiving the Rotary Yoneyama Scholarship, a faculty member and international student who had received said scholarship previously, and others.



The UoA Cafeteria "RAT-A-TAT" Win Governor's Award for Excellence in Food Hygiene

On November 13, 2017, the 41st Fukushima Prefecture Conference on Environmental Health and Food Hygiene was held at Fukushima Terra in Fukushima City. RAT-A-TAT, the UoA cafeteria run by Student Life Support Corp., won the Governor's Award (Prize) for Excellent Food Hygiene Facility for their many years of continuous contribution to the health and hygiene of UoA students and other cafeteria users.

