



# UoA News

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

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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.

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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!

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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

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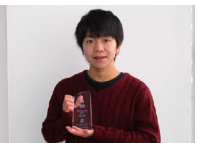
On Thursday, December 7, 2017, the IEEE Sendai Student Awards 2017 ceremony was held at the main building of the Research Institute of Electrical Communication in Tohoku University. At the ceremony, Yasuyuki MARUYAMA (4th-year undergraduate student supervised by Professor Toshiaki MIYAZAKI) was awarded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

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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

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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

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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

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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.



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## Senior Associate Professor Xin ZHU and UoA Doctoral Student Win Best Paper Award at iCAST 2017

A team including Senior Associate Professor Xin ZHU (※1), a member of CAIST ARC-BME, and Mr. Zhe GUO, a 1st-year UoA doctoral student, won the Best Paper Award at the 2017 IEEE International Conference iCAST 2017 in Taichung City, Taiwan. The award was given for research on a technique for automatic polyp recognition from colonoscopy images developed as part of a collaborative research project with the Aizu Medical Center, Fukushima Medical University.



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## Professor Tsuneo TSUKAHARA Wins the 31st Radio Engineering & Electronics Association Award

On Tuesday November 7, 2017, Professor Tsukahara received the 31st Radio Engineering & Electronics Association Award from the Radio Engineering & Electronics Association at Hotel Mielparque Tokyo for his contributions to the research, development, and practical use of high-frequency circuits for digital wireless communications.



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## PC Koshien 2017 was held

The finals of the PC Koshien 2017 were held on Saturday, November 3 and Sunday, November 4, 2017. In the programming competition, 64 students from 32 teams participated in the qualifying round. And 10 teams of students participated in the Mobile APP. They participated in the competition.



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## Free iOS app "VisualLearning" is now available

Mr. Kyori Suzuki (Master's student) of the CLR Phonetics Lab has developed a free iOS app "VisualLearning" for studying English pronunciation and English phonetics. It is now available in Apple's "App Store" for iPhones from October 31. With this app, you can learn English pronunciation visually and audibly by viewing ultrasound video of the native speaker's tongue movement, and by comparing it with the video of your own pronunciation.



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## Associate Professor Lei JING Wins the IEEE GCCE 2017 Excellent Paper Award

Associate Professor Lei JING won the Excellent Paper Award at the IEEE 6th Global Conference on Consumer Electronics (GCCE) held in Nagoya in October 2017. The award recognized his excellent research on a method for using a six-axis inertial sensor to detect insufficient tooth-brushing. This research project was aimed at developing a product which would enable children to have fun as they develop proper tooth-brushing habits.



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## The opening ceremony of the University of Aizu Women Programmer Development School was held

The opening ceremony was held at the University of Aizu on Wednesday, October 25, 2017. The opening ceremony was attended by about 20 of the 104 students in the first-term students. The chairman of Fukushima Information Industry Association, member companies of the association, Koriyama Regional Technopolis Promotion Organization, Aizu SLF Council, and people from Fukushima Prefecture, Aizu-Wakamatsu City, and Koriyama City were welcomed as guests of honor, and they congratulated and gave words of encouragement to the students.



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## Aizu IT Aki Forum 2017 was held

On Friday, October 20, 2017, the "Aizu IT Aki Forum 2017 - IT People and Technology to Pioneer the Next Era" was held at Held. The University of Aizu, which is the first university specializing in computers in Japan, has been holding this forum since 2007 to promote the revitalization of the IT industry and brand Aizu as a leading IT destination (holy land).



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## AY2017 Fall Entrance Ceremony held

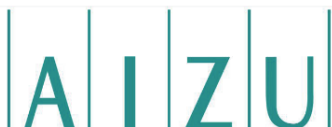
On Friday, September 29, 2017, the University of Aizu Fall Admission Ceremony was held. In the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, 16 students entered from three countries; China, Vietnam, and Japan. Twelve students from eight countries and regions; Bangladesh, China, Nepal, Russia, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Vietnam, and Japan were admitted to master's program, while eight students from five countries and regions; Bangladesh, China, Taiwan, Vietnam, and Japan were admitted to the doctoral program.



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## AY 2017 Fall Degree Conferment Ceremony

On Friday, September 15, 2017, the Degree Conferment Ceremony of Fall AY2017 was held. 34 individuals, including 21 from the Computer Science and Engineering Master's Program, 3 from the Doctoral Program, and 10 from the Undergraduate School of Computer Science and Engineering received degrees. The commendation of student started from this fall degree conferment ceremony. Ms. Tran Thi Thanh Huyen, who completed the master's program, was awarded the President's Award and a supplementary prize.



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