



# UoA News

## Two teams from the University of Aizu have advanced to the ACM-ICPC 2018 Asian Regional Competition.

In the preliminary round of the ACM-ICPC 2018 (Held online) on Friday, July 6, 2018, the University of Aizu Competitive Programming Club placed fourth in the university rankings, and two teams, team "UKUNICHIA" and team "Return\_ZUKKY", made it through to the preliminary round. to compete in the Asian Regional Championships.



## Associate Professor Yan Pei and Associate Professor Lei Jing of the University of Aizu and Professor Jianqiang Li of Beijing University of Technology won the Best Paper Award at FC2018.

Associate Professor Yan Pei and Associate Professor Lei Jing of the University of Aizu and Professor Jianqiang Li of Beijing University of Technology were awarded the Best Paper Award at The 7th International Conference on Frontier Computing (FC2018) held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on July 3-6, 2018.

This paper is about the selection of learning models for optimizing the recognition algorithm of machine learning in the handwriting sensor being developed at the University of Aizu.



## A research paper by a research team led by Professor HAMEED Saji has been published in the British scientific journal.

On Thursday, June 28, 2018, a research paper on the mechanism of the Super El Niño event by a research team led by Professor HAMEED Saji of the Faculty of Computer Science and Engineering was published online in the British scientific journal Nature Communications.

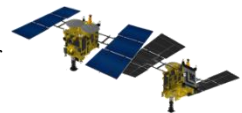
The Super El Niño event is an intensified version of the El Niño event, and while it was previously thought that the Pacific Ocean was the cause of the "Super" class, Professor Saji and his research team have found that the Indian Ocean has an influence on its occurrence.



## the Japan Planetary Science Association released a statement on the successful arrival of Hayabusa2 to the asteroid Ryugu (162173 Ryugu).

On Wednesday, June 27, 2018, the Japan Planetary Science Association announced that Hayabusa2 successfully reached the asteroid Ryugu (162173Ryugu).

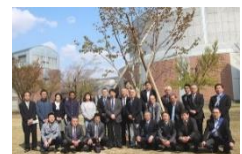
Currently there are eight regular members of the JPSA on the University of Aizu staff. We are participating in deep space exploration including Hayabusa2 with our students. Every day, I am working on planetary and lunar information science.



## The nameplate was installed in the Oyama cherry tree donated by the Kitakata Rotary Club last year.

On April 20, 2018, a nameplate was installed by the Rotary Club of Kitakata, and a commemorative photo was taken by President Suzuki, everyone involved in the Rotary Club, Chancellor Oka, and international students receiving Rotary Yoneyama Scholarships at the university.

The Oyama cherry tree has been planted near the bus terminal of the university.



## University of Aizu AI Center established.

On April 1, 2018, the University of Aizu established the AI Center, a new organization on campus dedicated to the study of artificial intelligence (AI). As the first project, the 1st University of Aizu AI Science and Technology Symposium (SAIST) was held on Saturday, April 21.

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First Symposium on AI Science and Technology (SAIST)  
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## AY 2018 Entrance Ceremony was held

The university of Aizu AY 2018 entrance ceremony took place on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. Blessing with spring like weather, the ceremony was held in a warm yet dignified manner. Esteemed guests at the ceremony including Fukushima Governor Masao Uchibori delivered congratulatory messages to the new students. A total of 312 new students, 252 to the undergraduate school, 53 to master's program, and 6 to the doctoral program were admitted by President Oka after their names were called at the ceremony.



## AY 2017 Excellent Student Award

On Friday, March 30, 2018, the top performing students for Academic Year 2017 were awarded certificates. The University of Aizu utilizes a Grade Point Average (GPA) system, and the top three performers from the undergraduate school are awarded. GPA is an internationally recognized standard for university grades, and a student's GPA is a major factor in landing a job, getting in to graduate school, and for studying abroad.



## 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.



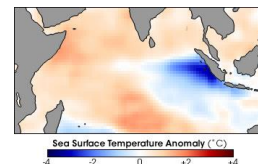
## The University of Aizu and Shirakawa City Signed a Collaboration Agreement

On Thursday, March 15, 2018, the University of Aizu, and Shirakawa City signed a partnership agreement with the aim of mutually collaborating and cooperating to contribute to the promotion of local industries utilizing ICT. The ceremony was attended by Mayor Suzuki of Shirakawa City and President Oka of the University of Aizu.



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

Tuesday, February 27, 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 University of Aizu and FUKUSHIMA-MINPO CO., LTD. Signed a Collaboration Agreement

On Monday, February 26, 2018, the University of Aizu and FUKUSHIMA-MINPO CO., LTD. signed a partnership agreement with the aim of mutually contributing to human resource development, industrial promotion, and regional contribution. 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.

