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MEDIA ADVISORY

Robots ready to rumble at SIAST

High school students gear up for SIAST's first-ever robotics competition

March 25, 2009 – SIAST campuses in Moose Jaw and Saskatoon are gearing up for their first-ever SUMO robot competition. With more than 160 high school students participating from 36 schools across the province, it's expected that the "SUMObot" competition will be fierce.

In February 2009, SIAST provided a SUMO robot kit to high schools registered for the competition. Each kit contained enough parts for two SUMO robots. The high school teachers worked with their students to build, program and then test their robots.

Similar to traditional Japanese sumo wrestling matches, at this week's competitions, during each match, two SUMObots will face-off against each other in a ring. The goal is to stay in the ring while pushing the opposing robot out of the ring. The robot that stays in the ring the longest wins the match.

Media are invited to attend.

Date: March 26, 2009

Event: myRobotRumble
SUMObot Challenge 2009

Time: 11 a.m. competition starts
Noon – 1:30 p.m. competitor lunch and program tours
2 p.m. final competition round starts

Locations: SIAST Kelsey Campus
Idylwyld Dr. & 33rd Street, Saskatoon

SIAST Palliser Campus
Saskatchewan Street and 6th Avenue NW, Moose Jaw

Note: See accompanying list for participating high schools.

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Information about SIAST can be found at www.goSIAST.com.

List of Participating High Schools

SIAST Palliser Campus competition site

A.E. Peacock Collegiate, Moose Jaw
Balcarres Community School, Balcarres
Bert Fox Community School, Fort Qu'appelle
Churchbridge Public School, Churchbridge
F.W. Johnson Collegiate, Regina
Greenall High School, Balgonie
Lumsden High School, Lumsden
Shaunavon High School, Shaunavon
Swift Current Comprehensive School, Swift Current
Thom Collegiate, Regina
Vanguard Community School, Vanguard
Vanier Collegiate, Moose Jaw
Weyburn Comprehensive School, Weyburn
Winston Knoll Collegiate, Regina

SIAST Kelsey Campus competition site

Birch Hills School, Birch Hills
Bishop James Mahoney High School, Saskatoon
Canora Composite School, Canora
Canwood Community School, Canwood
Carrot River Junior Senior High School, Carrot River
Colonsay School, Colonsay
Dalmeny High School, Dalmeny
Gronlid Central School, Gronlid
Holy Rosary High School, Lloydminster
Invermay School, Invermay
L.P. Miller Comprehensive School, Nipawin
Marion Graham High School, Saskatoon
Martensville High School, Martensville
Meath Park School, Meath Park
Melville Comprehensive School, Melville
Mount Royal Collegiate, Saskatoon
Oskayak High School, Saskatoon
Porcupine Plain Composite School, Porcupine Plain
Prince Albert Collegiate Institute, Prince Albert
St. Louis Community School, St. Louis
Tisdale Middle & Secondary School, Tisdale
Warman High School, Warman