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## Takahashi Lab: Past Year in Review

Research work, extracurricular activities and sports events ...  
A year at our lab is truly exciting!



April



When the freshperson-welcoming boarding camp is over, "Rinko" begins, discussing control theory and scientific papers. Research activities gain momentum as students' mood shifts from that of freshperson-welcoming events.

May



Our lab participates in the softball meet of the Faculty of Science and Technology. In 2010, our team advanced to the final stage consolation round. After the games were over, the lab members enjoyed Futsal to refreshingly perspire in preparation for the coming research activities.

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July



We warmly received foreign students (from Italy, U.S.A. and Spain) studying in Japan. Interaction with foreign students is a good opportunity for our students to experience foreign cultures face to face and improve their foreign language communication skills.

August



At our summer boarding camp, students not only present their research achievements, but they also have valuable experiences such as factory inspection tours as well as interaction with OBs.

September



As part of our extracurricular activities, our students developed a compact autonomous spacecraft, and participated in the space-related events in Noshiro in August and in the ARLISS held in Nevada's Black Rock Desert in September (see page 5).

October



During our faculty's campus festival (Yagami Festival), we featured a water rocket class – a volunteer activity by our lab students for space education targeting elementary school children in the neighborhood area.

November



Our students participated in various academic meetings (on control, robotics and space) held from July at various locations in Japan and overseas, where they read papers on their research achievements.

December



This is the season when students' research activities gain further momentum to mold their research results into shape. Before finally completing their graduation and master's theses, students refresh themselves by skiing and snowboarding.

January



Master's course first-graders take the lead in holding an "encouragement party" (cooking/serving rice and side dishes) for the last spurt so that all the lab members can successfully complete their graduation or master's theses. It's an annual event of Takahashi lab.

February



Students put their research achievements for the year into graduation or master's theses and present them. The finale of this month is a drinking party, where the graduating students send passionate messages to their juniors.

March



This is the season of graduation and degree-granting ceremonies. Some advance to master's or doctor's courses, while others find employment with businesses – fledglings branching out into their respective courses in life, full of hope.