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BUSINESS CALENDAR



ProPak Asia 2017 will showcase technologies in various industries. KITJIA APICHONROJAREK

EXHIBITIONS

→ **WEDNESDAY:** The ProPak Asia 2017 fair, organised by the Bangkok Exhibition Services Co, starts today until Saturday at the Bangkok International Trade & Exhibition Centre (Bitec). The fair this year will feature several industry zones including processing, packaging, drink and pharmaceutical technologies; laboratory and tests; materials; coding, marking and labelling; and cold chain, logistics and warehousing.

SEMINARS

→ **MONDAY:** Science and Technology Minister Atchaka Sibunruang delivers a speech on Thailand 4.0: From Local to Global at a seminar "From Local to Global International Forum: Food Industry 4.0" organised by the Thailand Institute of Scientific and Technology Research or TISTR. The event consists of special lectures and an exhibition on Thailand and TISTR 4.0, as well as consultancy sessions for entrepreneurs, and business matching. It will be held at Centara Grand at Central Ladprao.

→ **TUESDAY:** GlobeTech Co, a leading solution provider of NOSTRA Map Thailand, a map data and location content app for smartphone and tablets, is organising a seminar entitled "SME Start Smart with

NOSTRA" for business startups and interested members of the public. The event will take place at meeting room 2, Queen Sirikit National Convention Center.

→ **FRIDAY:** The 5th International Conference for Asia's Drink Industry, which features business strategies and technology advances of the global beverage manufacturing industry, takes place at Bitec, Bangkok. Topics will include the latest trends in processing, packaging and products, while advice on marketing tactics will be also provided at the conference.

LAUNCHES

→ **MONDAY:** The Stock Exchange of Thailand opens the Young Financial Star Competition 2017 (YFS 2017) project at its head office on Ratchadaphisek Road. The project, in its 15th consecutive year, aims to encourage higher education students to have a better understanding of financial planning and investment for development. University students will compete in the field of financial planning, investment, insurance and comprehensive stock analysis, skills which deemed extremely crucial to pave ways for the new-generation into the professional financial world.

→ **FRIDAY:** Mercedes-Benz Thailand launches GLC Coupe, a SUV model assembled at the German carmaker's plant in Thailand. It will also introduce Mercedes-AMG GLC 43 4MATIC Coupe at the same event, to be held at Grand Ballroom, JW Marriott Bangkok.

FAIRS

→ **THURSDAY:** Thai Gem and Jewelry Traders Association is holding



Thailand Gems and Jewelry 2017 has 600 exhibitors. PATTANAPONG HIRUNARD

Thailand Gems and Jewelry Fair 2017 at Impact Challenger Muang Thong Thani. The four-day exhibition which ends on Sunday, will showcase gold, silver and other jewellery, precious and semi-precious gemstones, diamonds and pearls as well as tools and accessories from over 600 exhibitors from 30 countries.

NEWS CONFERENCES

→ **WEDNESDAY:** The Electronic Government Agency or EGA, a public organisation, updates its G-cloud system to improve its efficiency to support the digital government in the future. EGA president and chief executive Sak Segkhoonthod organises the event at Centara Grand at Central Plaza Ladprao Bangkok.

→ Siam Music Yamaha Co, an exclusive importer and distributor of Yamaha musical instrument, will talk about its new entertainment project in Bangkok called Yamaha Music Square. The company's managing director Perawat Chookhiatti will also reveal the facelift of Yamaha Music Academy Bangkok at the event, to take place at Siam Kolkarn Building, Rama I Road, Pathumwan.

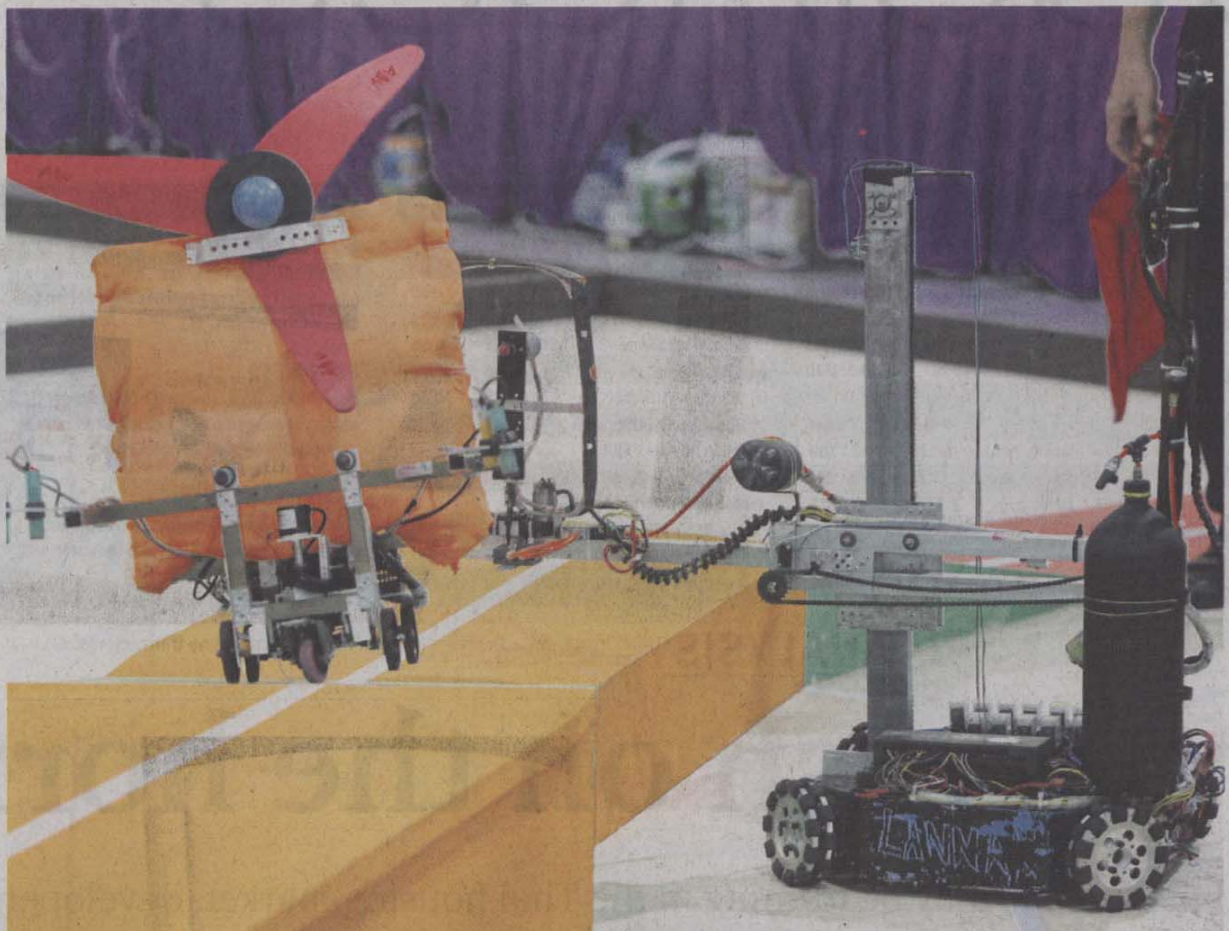
→ MCOT Plc holds a news briefing on the 2017 ABU Robocon contest to select representatives from Thailand to participate in the ABU Asia-Pacific Robot Contest Robocon 2017, to be held in Tokyo in August. The briefing will be held at MCOT office on Rama IX Road.



Container trucks move across the Second Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge connecting Mukdahan in Thailand with Savannakhet in Laos. PATTARAPONG CHATPATTARASIL

SEMINAR

MONDAY: Commerce Minister Apiradi Tantraporn will preside over the business forum entitled "Mukdahan: A Potential Gateway to Asean Market" at Rama Gardens Hotel, Bangkok. The event, held by the Thai Chamber of Commerce, Federation of Thai Industries, Tourism Council of Thailand and Savan-Seno Special Economic Zone of Laos, also include sessions for experts and government agencies to update on the latest development of the Mukdahan special economic zone, one of the 10 SEZs set up by the government to expand border trade and investment with neighbouring countries.



Vocational students fine-tune their robotic creations, designed to increase industrial productivity, at last year's robot contest. APICHI JINAKUL