Introduction
From 2015 to 2018, the World Robot Conference (WRC) was held four times by the People’s Government of Beijing Municipality, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) and the China Association for Science and Technology (CAST), with the approval from the State Council. As the largest-scale, highest-level and most-internationalized robotics conference in China, the WRC pooled the wisdom of global experts, brought together world-leading companies, and showcased the latest technical achievements. Its importance to domestic robotic entrepreneurship and innovation cannot be overstated. Each WRC has benefited from the care and guidance of the CPC Central Committee and the State Council. To the inaugural WRC, for instance, President XI Jinping sent a congratulation letter and Premier LI Keqiang gave instructions. Among the heads of state who attended the opening ceremonies and relevant events were Vice President LI Yuanchao, Vice Premiers LIU Yandong and LIU He.

Around the theme of “Creating Intelligent Momentum for a New Era of Openness and Shared Benefits”, the WRC comprises three parts - Forums, Exhibitions and Contests. It is supported by 21 international organizations, including the UN Industrial Development Organization, World Federation of Engineering Organizations, IEEE Robotics and Automation Society, International Federation for the Promotion of Mechanism and Machine Science, and International Foundation of Robotics Research. Through four years of accumulation, the WRC has evolved into an annual idea exchange and a global trendsetter in robotic policy making, technical research, product development, market expansion, industry-finance integration, and talent fostering.
Review of Previous WRCs

Held by MIIT, CAST and the People’s Government of Beijing Municipality, WRC 2015 was the largest-scale, highest-level and most-internationalized robotics conference in China. Intensive responses were triggered from global robotic industries and the public alike. The aim to “gather the most outstanding experts, enterprises and institutes” was achieved: 116 world-renowned experts addressed the forums; 209 institutions worldwide presented their latest technologies and products; and 217 cooperative agreements worth RMB 4.2 billion were signed.

WRC 2016 was held at Beijing Etrong International Exhibition & Convention Center on Oct. 20th-25th. It was graced by the presence of over 200 top experts, scholars and entrepreneurs across the globe. Nearly 20,000 people attended the Forums. The exhibition area was twice as large as the previous one. A wide array of world-leading intelligent robotic products, including SmartBird, were displayed in China for the first time, receiving 228,000 site visits. Outstanding players from all continents entered for the six land, sea and air challenges.
Building on past successes, WRC 2017 was held by MIIT, CAST and the People’s Government of Beijing Municipality on Aug. 23rd-27th. Although there was no change to the three parts - Forums, Exhibitions and Contests - it featured a higher level, a larger scale and a richer content than the previous WRCs. Among the debutants in China were robotic jellyfish and robotic dragonfly.

WRC 2018 was made up of the Main Forum (three-day), 20 Thematic Forums, Exhibitions (five-day), and six Contests (five-day). Over 300 experts, scholars, scientists and executives attended the Forums. The exhibition area exceeded 50,000m². Agreements worth more than RMB 8.9 billion were signed on the spot. Webcast viewers approximated 15 million. This year’s WRC featured greater influence, wider coverage, and a higher impetus for industries than the previous three. It also saw a sharp rise in the size of Exhibitions, the quality of Contests, and the number of international institutional supporters, domestic and foreign guests, top-notch exhibits, media agencies and posts.
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## Achievements

1. Conclusion of the Beijing Consensus on Robot Innovation Cooperation
2. Release of the *Initiative on Global Cooperation and Development of Intelligent Robot*
3. Release of the *Outlook on Top 10 Most Promised Robotic Technologies*
4. Release of the *Top Ten Emerging Robotic Applications*
5. Launch of a Platform for Robotic Innovation and Application
6. Conclusion of the Memorandum of Cooperation in Robot Innovation
7. Release of *A Brief History of Robot and Towards the Robot Era - China’s Choice*
8. Release of 17 social organization standards including the *Glossary of Educational Robot* and the *General Specification of Robotic Polishing Systems*
9. Official launch of Bots developer platform
11. Release of the *Outlook on the Top Ten Most Promising Next-generation AI Technologies*
12. Release of the WRC 2018 Collected Papers
13. Launch and conferral of WRC2018 Most Innovative Product Award and WRC2018 Most Popular Exhibit Award
14. RMB 27.6 billion in trade volume during the previous four WRCs
Figures of WRC 2015

**World Robot Forums 2015**
1 main forum, 12 thematic forums
200-odd top experts from 13 countries and regions
12 international institutional supporters
65,000 site visits and live-stream viewers

**World Robot Exhibitions 2015**
Over 18,500m² exhibitions
209 companies, institutes and universities
RMB 4.2 billion in trade volume
50,000-odd visitors

**World Adolescent Robot Contest 2015**
145 teams from 16 countries and regions
700-odd contestants and coaches

**Media Focus**
93 media
200 field journalists
10,726 reposts
Figures of WRC 2016

**World Robot Forums 2016**
- 3-day main forum, 22 thematic forums
- 13 international institutional supporters
- 300-odd top experts from 11 countries

**World Robot Exhibitions 2016**
- 130 renowned companies
- Over 40,000m² exhibitions
- 228,000-odd visitors
- 5 zones, 500-odd exhibits

**World Adolescent Robot Contest 2016**
- 6 types of contests
- 830-odd teams from 15 countries and regions
- 2,500-odd contestants, including more than 400 foreign players

**Media Focus**
- 4.42 million live-stream viewers
- 11,914 reposts
- Over 260 media agencies and nearly 300 journalists on the spot
Figures of WRC 2017

**World Robot Forums 2017**
- 3-day main forum
- 20 thematic forums around 5 themes
- 300-odd top experts
- 15 international institutional supporters
- iFLYTEK-enabled real-time bilingual caption

**World Robot Exhibitions 2017**
- Over 50,000m² exhibitions
- 6 zones
- 140 companies
- RMB 8 billion in trade volume
- 255,000-odd visitors

**World Adolescent Robot Contest 2017**
- 5 types of contests
- 1,017 teams from more than 10 countries
- 4,500-odd contestants

**Media Focus**
- 350 media
- 700 journalists
- 12,036 reposts
- 7 million live-stream viewers
Figures of WRC 2018

World Robot Forums 2018
- 3-day main forum
- 20 thematic forums around 6 themes
- 300-odd top experts
- 21 international institutional supporters
- Nearly 20,000 site visits

World Robot Exhibitions 2018
- 4 zones, 9 themes
- Over 50,000m² exhibitions
- 16 countries, 166 companies, 500-odd exhibits
- RMB 8.9 billion in trade volume
- 280,000-odd visitors
World Adolescent Robot Contest 2017
- 6 types of contests
- Over 20 countries and regions
- 10,000-odd teams
- 50,000-odd contestants

Media Focus
- 355 media
- 700-odd journalists
- 12,796 reposts
- 15 million live-stream viewers
- 10.92 million topic viewers on Douyin
2019 World Robot Conference

Introduction

Date
August 20-25, 2019

Venue
Beijing Etrong International Exhibition & Convention Center

WRC 2019 consists of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Main Forum, Exhibitions, and a number of fabulous Contests. Here, world-renowned robotic experts and scholars will put their heads together over academic frontiers. Chinese and foreign companies, universities and research institutes concerned will showcase their latest findings, products and applications.
Layout

- **4F**
  - Hall B - 4F: Youth Design Contest

- **3F**
  - Hall B - 3F: Dining Area

- **2F**
  - Corridor between Hall A & Hall B: Dining Area
  - Lobby - 2F: Media Area
  - Hall C - 2F: Technology Matchmaking, Supply-Demand Matchmaking

- **1F**
  - Lobby: Exhibition Area, Service Center, Retro Exhibition Area
  - Hall A: Industrial Robots and Core Components Exhibition Area
  - Hall B: Service Robots Exhibition Area
  - Hall C: Opening Ceremony, Closing Ceremony, Main Forum, “Night of Cooperation”
  - Hall D: Special-purpose Robots Exhibition Area
  - Zone E: KOB Robot Combat Competition Area, Intelligent Sorting Robots Exhibition Area, Automated Guided Vehicle Exhibition Area, WRC Store

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- **4F**
  - Hall B - 4F: Youth Design Contest
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