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Japan Team Exits MAGIC 2010 Robotics Competition

U.S. ARMY DETROIT ARSENAL, WARREN, MI – Citing issues outside the competition, organizers of the inaugural Multi Autonomous Ground-robotic International Challenge (MAGIC 2010) have announced that Tokyo's Team Chiba has exited the competition, which takes place at the Royal Showground in Adelaide, South Australia, Nov. 7-12, 2010.

Teams from Australia, Turkey and the United States remain in the competition. The U.S. and Australian defense departments selected the teams in an effort to develop the next generation of fully-autonomous ground robots.

The remaining teams include: **Magician** (Perth, Australia), **Cappadocia** (Ankara, Turkey), **RASR** (Gaithersburg, Md.), **Team Michigan** (Ann Arbor, Mich.) and the **University of Pennsylvania** (Philadelphia).

MAGIC 2010 is a joint initiative of Australia's Defence Science and Technology Organisation and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command's Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC). The competition's aim is to develop teams of robots that can operate autonomously on the battlefield in dangerous situations, keeping Soldiers out of harm's way.

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