3rd Virtual Space Design Contest 2024: Contest Regulations

Version 1.0

Event Date: July 25, 2024

Let's produce space!

The Meta-Space Studio at Sojo University's IoT/AI Center is a rectangular room with a width of 11.1m, a depth of 6.2m, and a height of 6m, equipped with a special projector that can seamlessly project images onto the entire wall surface in four directions. This studio is designed to give visitors the feeling of being thrown into a virtual space, and is a great place to try your hand at directing the space itself.



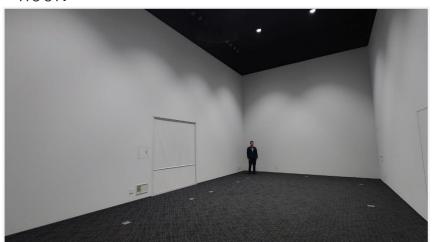




What is a meta-space studio?

A room equipped with a large projector capable of seamless projection on all walls.

*Currently cannot project on the ceiling and floor.



Room size 11,183W x 6,260D x 5,984H [mm].

*Height is the height of the projection surface wall



Flow of presenting works

Projecting video content with added narration, sound effects, and background music on the walls of the studio

keep it under 2 minutes

Contest theme:

"World"

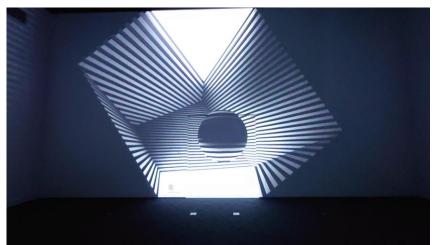
"Extra-ordinary"

"Life" (i.e. conception, birth, life span, aging, etc.)
...Choose one from three themes.

Evaluation Points

- ① Storyline
- 2 Graphic Quality
- 3 Music Matching

*Each team chooses where to focus its efforts based on its own strategy.





Scenes from last year's event

[video]J:COM Jimoto Topics "Virtual Space Design Contest," edition of 2023/07/27 [2:02].

https://youtu.be/xYLnSqvdhQl

[Newspaper]Kumamoto Daily Newspaper Morning Edition, "Virtual Space 'Four Seasons'" 2023/7/28 edition.

https://www.cis.sojo-u.ac.jp/index.php/topix-of-iot-ai-center/207-vsdc2023-kumanichi.html

A scene from the staging at another event

Opening Ceremony of eSports Studio on JCOM WEEKLY Topics [3:00]. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TP5BpO9WQSE

■Outlines

Event Title: 3rd Virtual Space Design Contest 2024
Event Date and Time: July 25, 2024 (Thursday), 10:40 AM to 12:10 PM
(Simultaneous streaming via Zoom for participants from overseas)
Venue: Sojo University IoT · AI Center
Hosted by: Sojo University IoT · AI Center
Awards: Top 8 teams will receive awards (certificates):Sojo University President's Award/Kumamoto City Kita Ward Mayor's Award/Higo Bank President's Award/J:COM Kyushu Kumamoto Branch Director's Award/Kumamoto Daily Newspaper President's Award/DX from KUMAMOTO Award/IoT · AI Center President's Award/Judges' Special Award

■ Major Schedule

Entry deadline: Thursday, July 4
Video contents submission deadline: Thursday, July 11
Announcement of nomination results: Thursday, July 18

Contest Thursday: Thursday, July 25 10:40~12:10

■ Divisions

This contest will be held in the following four categories.

Judging and awards will be given in each category.

(1) Freshers' Division

- This category is for students who have attended Special Lecture I on Computer and Information Sciences.
- Seven teams will be selected in the preliminary round, and four prize-winning works will be selected in the final round.

(2) Challengers Division

- This division is for students from other faculties of the University or students in their second year or above in the Faculty of Computer and Information Sciences.
- There are no restrictions on how teams can be formed, such as mixed faculties, but each team must have no more than 9 members.
- Duplicate registrations for more than one team are not permitted.
- Four teams will be selected in the preliminary round, and two winning entries will be selected in the finals.

■ Divisions

(3) High School Students Division

- This is a division for high school students.
- No more than 9 members per team.
- Duplicate registrations for more than one team will not be accepted.
- Three teams will be selected in the preliminary round, and one winning entry will be selected in the finals.

(4) Overseas University Student Division

- This category is for university students from overseas universities.
- Each team must have no more than 9 members.
- Duplicate registrations for more than one team will not be accepted.
- Three teams will be selected in the preliminary round, and one winning entry will be selected in the finals.

■Entry Method

Please enter the required information at the URL below. The deadline for applications is Thursday, July 4.

https://forms.office.com/r/p9cacsnH6W

- Team Name
- Names of all members
- Representative's contact information, etc.

Please note that we may close the application process if there are too many entries.

Please understand this in advance.



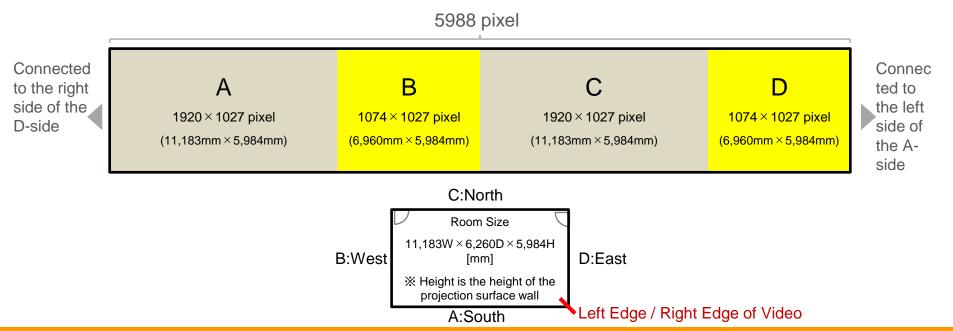
■Submittion of your video content

- Only one MP4-formatted video content entry per team will be accepted.
- The maximum duration of one work is 2 minutes.
- Submission instructions will be communicated via e-mail at a later date.
- All materials used must comply with copyright laws and other related laws and regulations.
- (* Any material that violates these laws may not be broadcast on TV or the Internet.)



Additional information about the video

Please prepare a 5988 x 1027 pixel video of all images projected on the four walls of the room. The format is available on the contest website.



Future schedule (planned)

Publication of Guidelines Wed. June 5 Production activities of each team Entry deadline Thu. July 4 Local test projection (if desired) Thu. July 4 (Planned) Modified based on test results Submission of a video content file Thu. July 11 Qualification Announcement of Preliminary Thu. July 18 (Nomination) Results Contest day Thu. July 25

Other Production Tips

Free usage and ideas

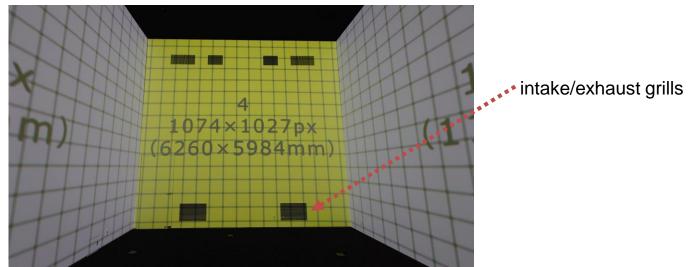
- Use it as a "square room" as it is no need to force it to be trick art
- No need to be concerned about projecting on the entire wall
- Connect all 4 sides together / Connect only 2 sides together / Use all 4 sides individually
- Use the wall for a different purpose from the other walls. How to switch images - advance scenes in a picture-story style - animate in a flip-book style

Other Production Tips

About the air conditioning duct on the east wall

For the convenience of the facility, there are intake/exhaust grills for air conditioning ducts.

- Place the image so that the grille does not stand out.
- Use the grille as part of the material...etc.



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Contest Website