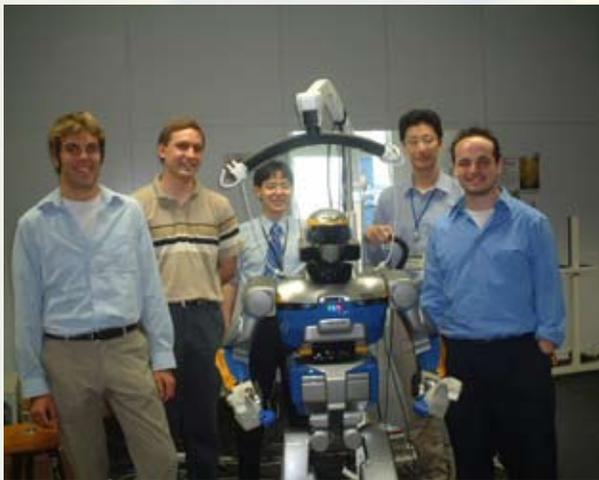




Students at Mutnovsky volcano in Kamchatka, Russia under the NSF-supported International Volcanological Field School.



U.S. students working with robots at the Digital Human Research Center, part of the Japan Science and Technology Agency.

Front cover photo: U.S. students exploring the Great Wall of China.

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