Overview of the 9th Workshop on Asian Translation

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Abstract

This paper presents the results of the shared tasks from the 9th workshop on Asian translation (WAT2022). For the WAT2022, 8 teams submitted their translation results for the human evaluation. We also accepted 4 research papers. About 300 translation results were submitted to the automatic evaluation server, and selected submissions were manually evaluated.

1 Introduction

The Workshop on Asian Translation (WAT) is an open evaluation campaign focusing on Asian languages. Following the success of the previous workshops WAT2014-WAT2021 (Nakazawa et al., 2021c), WAT2022 brings together machine translation researchers and users to try, evaluate, share and discuss brand-new ideas for machine translation. We have been working toward practical use of machine translation among all Asian countries.

For the 9th WAT, we included the following new tasks/languages:

• Structured Document Translation Task: English ↔ Japanese, Chinese and Korean translation.

- Video Guided Ambiguous Subtitling Task: Japanese → English video guided translation for ambiguous subtitles.
- Khmer Speech Translation Task: Low-resource Khmer \rightarrow English/French speech translation.
- Two new translation tasks to the Restricted Translation task: Chinese \leftrightarrow Japanese.
- Parallel Corpus Filtering: Japanese ↔ English parallel corpus filtering.
- Bengali Visual Genome Task: English → Bengali multi-modal translation has been added, similar to the recurring Hindi and Malayalam multi-modal translation tasks.
- 5 new languages to the Multilingual Indic Machine Translation Task (MultiIndicMT): Assamese, Sindhi, Sinhala, Nepali and Urdu.
- 1 new language to the Wikinews and Software Documentation Translation Task (NICT-SAP): Vietnamese.

All the tasks are explained in Section 2.

WAT is a unique workshop on Asian language translation with the following characteristics:

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• Open innovation platform

Due to the fixed and open test data, we can repeatedly evaluate translation systems on the same dataset over years. WAT receives submissions at any time; i.e., there is no submission deadline of translation results w.r.t automatic evaluation of translation quality.

• Domain and language pairs

WAT is the world's first workshop that targets scientific paper domain, and Chinese \leftrightarrow Japanese and Korean \leftrightarrow Japanese language pairs.

• Evaluation method

Evaluation is done both automatically and manually. Firstly, all submitted translation results are automatically evaluated using three metrics: BLEU, RIBES and AMFM. Among them, selected translation results are assessed by two kinds of human evaluation: pairwise evaluation and JPO adequacy evaluation.

2 Tasks

2.1 ASPEC+ParaNatCom Task

Traditional ASPEC translation tasks are sentencelevel and the translation quality of them seem to be saturated. We think it's high time to move on to document-level evaluation. For the first year, we use ParaNatCom¹ (Parallel English-Japanese abstract corpus made from Nature Communications articles) for the development and test sets of the Document-level Scientific Paper Translation subtask. We cannot provide document-level training corpus, but you can use ASPEC and any other extra resources.

2.2 Document-level Business Scene Dialogue Translation

There are a lot of ready-to-use parallel corpora for training machine translation systems, however, most of them are in written languages such as web crawl, news-commentary, patents, scientific papers and so on. Even though some of the parallel corpora are in spoken language, they are mostly spoken by only one person (TED talks) or contain a lot of noise (OpenSubtitle). Most of other MT evaluation campaigns adopt the written language, monologue or noisy dialogue parallel corpora for their translation tasks. Traditional ASPEC translation

Lang	Train	Dev	DevTest	Test-2022
zh-ja	1,000,000	2,000	2,000	10,204
ko-ja	1,000,000	2,000	2,000	7,230
en-ja	1,000,000	2,000	2,000	10,668
Lang	Test-N1	Test-N2	Test-N3	Test-N4
zh-ja	2,000	3,000	204	5,000
ko-ja	2,000	-	230	5,000
en-ja	2,000	3,000	668	5,000

Table 1: Statistics for JPC

tasks are sentence-level and the translation quality of them seem to be saturated. To move to a highly topical setting of translation of dialogues evaluated at the level of documents, WAT uses BSD Corpus² (The Business Scene Dialogue corpus) for the dataset including training, development and test data for the first time this year. Participants of this task must get a copy of BSD corpus by themselves.

2.3 JPC Task

JPO Patent Corpus (JPC) for the patent tasks was constructed by the Japan Patent Office (JPO) in collaboration with NICT. The corpus consists of Chinese-Japanese, Korean-Japanese, and English-Japanese parallel sentences of patent descriptions. Most sentences were extracted from documents with one of four International Patent Classification (IPC) sections: chemistry, electricity, mechanical engineering, and physics. As shown in Table 1, each parallel corpus consists of training, development, development-test, and three or four test datasets, including two test datasets introduced at WAT2022: test-2022 and test-N4. The test datasets have the following characteristics:

- test-2022: the union of the following three sets;
- test-N1: patent documents from patent families published between 2011 and 2013;
- test-N2: patent documents from patent families published between 2016 and 2017;
- test-N3: patent documents published between 2016 and 2017 with manually translated target sentences; and
- test-N4: patent documents from patent families published between 2019 and 2020.

¹http://www2.nict.go.jp/astrec-att/member/ mutiyama/paranatcom/

²https://github.com/tsuruoka-lab/BSD

Training		0.2 M sentence pairs
	Test	2,000 sentence pairs
Test set I	DevTest	2,000 sentence pairs
	Dev	2,000 sentence pairs
	Test-2	1,912 sentence pairs
Test set II	Dev-2	497 sentence pairs
lest set II	Context for Test-2	567 article pairs
	Context for Dev-2	135 article pairs

Table 2: Statistics for JIJI Corpus

2.4 Newswire (JIJI) Task

The Japanese \leftrightarrow English newswire task uses JIJI Corpus which was constructed by Jiji Press Ltd. in collaboration with NICT and NHK. The corpus consists of news text that comes from Jiji Press news of various categories including politics, economy, nation, business, markets, sports and so on. The corpus is partitioned into training, development, development-test and test data, which consists of Japanese-English sentence pairs. In addition to the test set (test set I) that has been provided from WAT 2017, a test set (test set II) with document-level context has also been provided from WAT 2020. These test sets are as follows.

- **Test set I** : A pair of test and reference sentences. The references were automatically extracted from English newswire sentences and not manually checked. There are no context data.
- **Test set II** : A pair of test and reference sentences and context data that are articles including test sentences. The references were automatically extracted from English newswire sentences and manually selected. Therefore, the quality of the references of test set II is better than that of test set I.

The statistics of JIJI Corpus are shown in Table 2.

The definition of data use is shown in Table 3.

Participants submit the translation results of one or more of the test data.

The sentence pairs in each data are identified in the same manner as that for ASPEC using the method from (Utiyama and Isahara, 2007).

2.5 ALT and UCSY Corpus

The parallel data for Myanmar-English translation tasks at WAT2021 consists of two corpora, the ALT corpus and UCSY corpus.

- The ALT corpus is one part from the Asian Language Treebank (ALT) project (Riza et al., 2016), consisting of twenty thousand Myanmar-English parallel sentences from news articles.
- The UCSY corpus (Yi Mon Shwe Sin and Khin Mar Soe, 2018) is constructed by the NLP Lab, University of Computer Studies, Yangon (UCSY), Myanmar. The corpus consists of 200 thousand Myanmar-English parallel sentences collected from different domains, including news articles and textbooks.

The ALT corpus has been manually segmented into words (Ding et al., 2018, 2019), and the UCSY corpus is unsegmented. A script to tokenize the Myanmar data into writing units is released with the data. The automatic evaluation of Myanmar translation results is based on the tokenized writing units, regardless to the segmented words in the ALT data. However, participants can make a use of the segmentation in ALT data in their own manner.

The detailed composition of training, development, and test data of the Myanmar-English translation tasks are listed in Table 4. Notice that both of the corpora have been modified from the data used in WAT2018.

2.6 NICT-SAP Task

In WAT2021, we decided to continue the WAT2020 task for joint multi-domain multilingual neural machine translation involving 4 low-resource Asian languages: Thai (Th), Hindi (Hi), Malay (Ms), Indonesian (Id). English (En) is the source or the target language for the translation directions being evaluated. The purpose of this task was to test the feasibility of multi-domain multilingual solutions for extremely low-resource language pairs and domains. Naturally the solutions could be one-to-many, many-to-one or many-to-many NMT models. The domains in question are Wikinews and IT (specifically, Software Documentation). The total number of evaluation directions are 16 (8 for each domain). There is very little clean and publicly available data for these domains and language pairs and thus we encouraged participants to not only utilize the small Asian Language Treebank (ALT) parallel corpora (Thu et al., 2016) but also the parallel corpora from OPUS³, other WAT tasks (past and

³http://opus.nlpl.eu/

Task	Use		Content
	Training		Training, DevTest, Dev, Dev-2, context for Dev2
	Test set I	To be translated	Test in Japanese
Japanese to English	Test set I	Reference	Test in English
Japanese to English		Test-2	Test-2 in Japanese
	Test set II	Context	Context in Japanese for Test-2
		Reference	Test-2 in English
	Training		Training, DevTest, Dev, Dev-2, context for Dev2
	Test set I	To be translated	Test in English
English to Japanese	Test set I	Reference	Test in Japanese
English to Japanese	Test set II	To be translated	Test-2 in English
		Context in English for Test-2	Context in English for Test-2
		Reference	Test-2 in Japanese

Table 3: Definition of data use in the Japanese \leftrightarrow English newswire task

Corpus	Train	Dev	Test
ALT	18,088	1,000	1,018
UCSY	204,539	-	-
All	222,627	1,000	1,018

Table 4: Statistics for the data used in Myanmar-English translation tasks

		Language Pair			
Split	Domain	Hi	Id	Ms	Th
Train	ALT	18,088			
mann	IT	254,242	158,472	506,739	74,497
Dev	ALT	1,000			
Dev	IT	2,016	2,023	2,050	2,049
Test	ALT	1,018			
	IT	2,073	2,037	2,050	2,050

Table 5: The NICT-SAP task corpora splits. The corpora belong to two domains: wikinews (ALT) and software documentation (IT). The Wikinews corpora are N-way parallel.

present) and WMT⁴. The ALT dataset contains 18,088, 1,000 and 1,018 training, development and testing sentences. As for corpora for the IT domain we only provided evaluation (dev and test sets) corpora⁵ (Buschbeck and Exel, 2020) and encouraged participants to consider GNOME, UBUNTU and KDE corpora from OPUS. We also encouraged the use of monolingual corpora expecting that it would be for pre-trained NMT models such as BART/MBART (Lewis et al., 2020; Liu et al., 2020). In Table 5 we give statistics of the aforementioned corpora which we used for the organizer's baselines. Note that the evaluation corpora for both domains are created from documents and thus contain document level meta-data. Participants were encouraged to use document level approaches. Note that we do not

exhaustively list⁶ all available corpora here and participants were not restricted from using any corpora as long as they are freely available.

2.7 Structured Document Translation Task

For the first time we introduce a structured document translation task for English \leftrightarrow Japanese, Chinese and Korean translation. The goal is to translate sentences with XML annotations in them. The key challenge is to accurately transfer the XML annotations from the marked source language words/phrases to their translations in the target language. The evaluation dataset for this task was created by SAP and is an extension of the software documentation dataset, which is used for the NICT-SAP task. It consists of 2,011 and 2,002 segments in the development and test sets respectively. Note that the dataset also comes with its XML stripped equivalent and can be used to evaluate English \leftrightarrow Japanese, Chinese and Korean translation for the software documentation domain. Given that there is no training data available for this task, it becomes more challenging.

2.8 Indic Multilingual Task (MultiIndicMT)

Owing to the increasing interest in Indian language translation and the success of the multilingual Indian languages tasks in 2018 (Nakazawa et al., 2018), 2020 (Nakazawa et al., 2020) and 2021 (Nakazawa et al., 2021b), we decided to enlarge the scope of the 2021 task by adding 5 new languages to the MultiIndicMT task, namely, Assamese (As), Urdu (Ur), Sindhi (Si), Sinhala (Sd) and Nepali (Ne). In addition to the original 10 Indic languages, alongside English (En), namely, Hindi (Hi), Marathi (Mr), Kannada (Kn), Tamil

⁴http://www.statmt.org/wmt20/

⁵Software Domain Evaluation Splits

⁶http://lotus.kuee.kyoto-u.ac.jp/WAT/ NICT-SAP-Task

(Ta), Telugu (Te), Gujarati (Gu), Malayalam (Ml), Bengali (Bn), Oriya (Or) and Punjabi (Pa), we have a total of 15 Indic languages being evaluated this year. We used the FLORES-101 dataset's⁷ dev and devtest sets for development and testing both containing roughly 1000 sentences each per language. FLORES-101 is N-way parallel which ensures Indic to Indic translation evaluation although we did not consider it this year.

The objective of this task, like the Indic languages tasks in 2018, 2020, and 2021, is to evaluate the performance of multilingual NMT models for English to Indic and Indic to English translation. The desired solution could be one-to-many, manyto-one or many-to-many NMT models. In general, we encouraged participants to focus on multilingual NMT (Dabre et al., 2020) solutions. For training, we encouraged the use of the Samanantar corpus (Ramesh et al., 2022) which covers 11 of the 15 Indic languages. For other languages, we asked users to use the corpora from Opus, specifically the Paracrawl datasets⁸ for Nepali and Sinhala. We also listed additional sources of monolingual corpora for participants to use.

2.9 English→Hindi Multi-Modal Task

This task is running successfully in WAT since 2019 and attracted many teams working on multimodal machine translation and image captioning in Indian languages (Nakazawa et al., 2019, 2020, 2021a).

For English \rightarrow Hindi multi-modal translation task, we asked the participants to use Hindi Visual Genome 1.1 corpus (HVG, Parida et al., 2019a,b).⁹

The statistics of HVG 1.1 are given in Table 6. One "item" in HVG consists of an image with a rectangular region highlighting a part of the image, the original English caption of this region and the Hindi reference translation. Depending on the track (see 2.9.1 below), some of these item components are available as the source and some serve as the reference or play the role of a competing candidate solution.

2.9.1 English→Hindi Multi-Modal Task Tracks

1. Text-Only Translation (labeled "TEXT" in WAT official tables): The participants are

		Tokens		
Dataset	Items	English	Hindi	
Training Set	28,930	143,164	145,448	
D-Test	998	4,922	4,978	
E-Test (EV)	1,595	7,853	7,852	
C-Test (CH)	1,400	8,186	8,639	

Table 6: Statistics of Hindi Visual Genome 1.1 used for the English—Hindi Multi-Modal translation task. One item consists of a source English sentence, target Hindi sentence, and a rectangular region within an image. The total number of English and Hindi tokens in the dataset also listed. The abbreviations EV and CH are used in the official task names in WAT scoring tables.

asked to translate short English captions (text) into Hindi. No visual information can be used. On the other hand, additional text resources are permitted (but they need to be specified in the corresponding system description paper).

- Hindi Captioning (labeled "HI"): The participants are asked to generate captions in Hindi for the given rectangular region in an input image.
- 3. Multi-Modal Translation (labeled "MM"): Given an image, a rectangular region in it and an English caption for the rectangular region, the participants are asked to translate the English text into Hindi. Both textual and visual information can be used.

The English \rightarrow Hindi multi-modal task includes three tracks as illustrated in Figure 1.

2.10 English -> Malayalam Multi-Modal Task

This task was introduced in WAT2021 using the first multi-modal machine translation dataset in *Malayalam* language. For English \rightarrow Malayalam multi-modal translation task we asked the participants to use the Malayalam Visual Genome corpus (MVG for short Parida and Bojar, 2021).¹⁰

The statistics of MVG are given in Table 7. As in Hindi Visual Genome (see Section 2.9), one "item" in MVG consists of an image with a rectangular region highlighting a part of the image, the original English caption of this region and the Malayalam reference translation as shown in Figure 2. Depending on the track (see 2.10.1 below), some of these item components are available as the source and some serve as the reference or play the role of a competing candidate solution.

⁷https://github.com/facebookresearch/flores ⁸https://opus.nlpl.eu/ParaCrawl.php

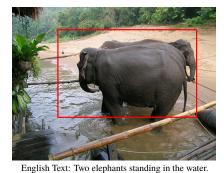
⁹https://lindat.mff.cuni.cz/repository/

xmlui/handle/11234/1-3267

¹⁰https://lindat.mff.cuni.cz/repository/ xmlui/handle/11234/1-3533

-	Text-Only MT	Hindi Captioning	Multi-Modal MT
Image	_		and an and a second sec
Source Text	The woman is waiting to cross	-	A blue wall beside tennis court
	the street		
System Output	महिला सड़क पार करने का इंतजार कर रही है	सड़क पर कार	टेनिस कोर्ट के बगल में एक नीली दीवार
Gloss	Woman waiting to cross the	Car on the road	a blue wall next to the tennis
	street		court
Reference Solution	एक महिला सड़क पार करने के लिए इं- तजार कर रही है	सड़क के किनारे खड़ी कारें	टेनिस कोर्ट के बगल में एक नीली दीवार
Gloss	the woman is waiting to cross	Cars parked along the side of the	A blue wall beside the tennis
	the street	road	court

Figure 1: An illustration of the three tracks of WAT 2022 English→Hindi Multi-Modal Task.



Malayalam Text: വെള്ളത്തിൽ നിൽക്കുന്ന രണ്ട് ആനകൾ

Figure 2: Sample item from Malayalam Visual Genome (MVG), Image with specific region and its description.

2.10.1 English→Malayalam Multi-Modal Task Tracks

- 1. Text-Only Translation (labeled "TEXT" in WAT official tables): The participants are asked to translate short English captions (text) into Malayalam. No visual information can be used. On the other hand, additional text resources are permitted (but they need to be specified in the corresponding system description paper).
- 2. Malayalam Captioning (labeled "ML"): The participants are asked to generate captions in Malayalam for the given rectangular region in an input image.
- 3. Multi-Modal Translation (labeled "MM"): Given an image, a rectangular region in it and an English caption for the rectangular region, the participants are asked to translate the En-

		Tokens	
Dataset	Items	English	Malayalam
Training Set	28,930	143,112	107,126
D-Test	998	4,922	3,619
E-Test (EV)	1,595	7,853	6,689
C-Test (CH)	1,400	8,186	6,044

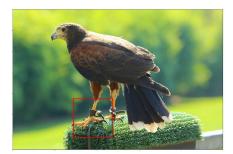
Table 7: Statistics of Malayalam Visual Genome used for the English \rightarrow Malayalam Multi-Modal translation task. One item consists of a source English sentence, target Hindi sentence, and a rectangular region within an image. The total number of English and Malayalam tokens in the dataset also listed. The abbreviations EV and CH are used in the official task names in WAT scoring tables.

glish text into Malayalam. Both textual and visual information can be used.

This new task, introduced in WAT2022, uses a multimodal machine translation dataset in *Bengali* language. The task mimics the structure of English \rightarrow Hindi (Section 2.9) and English \rightarrow Malayalam (Section 2.10) multi-modal tasks. For English \rightarrow Bengali multi-modal translation task we asked the participants to use the Bengali Visual Genome corpus (BVG for short, Sen et al., 2022).¹¹

The statistics of BVG are given in Table 8. One "item" in BVG again consists of an image with a rectangular region highlighting a part of the image, the original English caption of this region and the

¹¹https://lindat.mff.cuni.cz/repository/ xmlui/handle/11234/1-3722



English Text: The sharp bird talon. Bengali Text: ধারালো পাখি টাল

Figure 3: Sample item from Bengali Visual Genome (BVG), Image with specific region and its description.

Bengali reference translation as shown in Figure 3. Depending on the track (see Section 2.11.1 below), some of these item components are available as the source and some serve as the reference or play the role of a competing candidate solution.

2.11.1 English→Bengali Multi-Modal Task Tracks

- 1. Text-Only Translation (labeled "TEXT" in WAT official tables): The participants are asked to translate short English captions (text) into Bengali. No visual information can be used. On the other hand, additional text resources are permitted (but they need to be specified in the corresponding system description paper).
- 2. Bengali Captioning (labeled "BN"): The participants are asked to generate captions in Bengali for the given rectangular region in an input image.
- 3. Multi-Modal Translation (labeled "MM"): Given an image, a rectangular region in it and an English caption for the rectangular region, the participants are asked to translate the English text into Bengali. Both textual and visual information can be used.

2.12 Ambiguous MS COCO Japanese⇔English Multimodal Task

This is the 2nd year that we have organized this task. We provide the Japanese–English Ambiguous MS COCO dataset (Merritt et al., 2020) for validation and testing, which contains ambiguous

-		Tokens		
Dataset	Items	English	Bengali	
Training Set	28,930	143,115	113,978	
D-Test	998	4,922	3,936	
E-Test (EV)	1,595	7,853	6,408	
C-Test (CH)	1,400	8,186	6,657	

Table 8: Statistics of Bengali Visual Genome used for the English \rightarrow Bengali Multi-Modal translation task. One item consists of a source English sentence, target Bengali sentence, and a rectangular region within an image. The total number of English and Bengali tokens in the dataset also listed. The abbreviations EV and CH are used in the official task names in WAT scoring tables.

verbs that may require visual information in images for disambiguation. The validation and testing sets contain 230 and 231 Japanese–English sentence pairs, respectively. The Japanese sentences are translated from the English sentences in the original Ambiguous MS COCO dataset.¹²

Participants can use the constrained and unconstrained training data to train their multimodal machine translation system. In the constrained setting, only the Flickr30kEntities Japanese (F30kEnt-Jp) dataset¹³ can be used as training data. In the unconstrained setting, the MS COCO English data¹⁴ and STAIR Japanese image captions¹⁵ can be used as additional training data.

We prepare a baseline using the double attention on image region method following (Zhao et al., 2020) for both Japanese \rightarrow English and English \rightarrow Japanese directions.

2.13 Japanese→English Video Guided MT Task for Ambiguous Subtitles

This is a new Japanese \rightarrow English multimodal task. We provide VISA (Li et al., 2022), an ambiguous subtitles dataset, including 35, 880, 2, 000, and 2, 000 samples for training, validation, and testing, respectively. The dataset contains parallel subtitles in which the Japanese source subtitles are ambiguous and may require visual information in corresponding video clips for disambiguation. Furthermore, according to the cause of ambiguity, the dataset is divided into Polysemy and Omission.

Participants can use the constrained and unconstrained training data to train their multimodal machine translation system. In the constrained setting,

¹²http://www.statmt.org/wmt17/multimodal-task.html

¹³https://github.com/nlab-mpg/Flickr30kEnt-JP

¹⁴https://cocodataset.org/#captions-2015

¹⁵https://stair-lab-cit.github.io/STAIR-captions-web/

only the VISA dataset¹⁶ can be used as training data. In the unconstrained setting, pre-trained models, additional data from other sources can be used as additional training sources.

We prepare a baseline using the spatial hierarchical attention network following (Gu et al., 2021) with both motion and spatial features.

2.14 Low-Resource Khmer→English/French Speech Translation Task

This is the first time that WAT has hosted a speech translation task. The purpose of this task is to identify effective techniques for speech translation of Khmer into English and French. We expect that the low-resource nature of Khmer will pose a reasonable challenge. To this end, we have curated a dataset from the ECCC corpus (Soky et al., 2021), which is an international court dataset consisting of text and speech in Khmer, English, and French. The dataset used for WAT 2022 contains 11, 563, 624, and 626 utterances for training, validation, and testing, respectively. This dataset has a wide range of speakers: witnesses, defendants, judges, clerks or officers, co-prosecutors, experts, defense counsels, civil parties, and interpreters.

Participants can use the constrained and unconstrained training data to train their speech machine translation system. In the constrained setting, only the provided ECCC dataset¹⁷ can be used as training data. Additionally, participants may use pretrained models such as BART, mBART, mT5, and wav2vec 2.0 as applicable. In the unconstrained setting, additional data from other sources can also be used.

We prepare a baseline using the transformerbased model presented in (Soky et al., 2021) for both Khmer \rightarrow English and Khmer \rightarrow French directions.

2.15 Restricted Translation Task

The Restricted Translation task was first introduced in WAT2021 (Nakazawa et al., 2021c). In this task, participants are required to submit a system that translates source texts under given constraints about the target vocabulary. At inference time, vocabulary constraints are provided as a list of target words and phrases, consisting of scientific technical terms in the target language. The system outputs must contain all these target words. We introduced English \leftrightarrow Japanese tasks in the previous campaign, and we also added Chinese \leftrightarrow Japanese tasks this year. We employ the ASPEC corpus for all the translation tasks and allow participants to use any other external data sources.

Restricted Vocabulary List Creation We built a new vocabulary constraints for the Chinese↔Japanese tasks by extracting phrase pairs from the evaluation data ("*dev/devtest/test*") by the following steps: (1) extracting term candidates for each language, and (2) making the alignments between the extracted terms in both languages to make phrase-level translation pairs. More concretely, we automatically extracted the term candidates from the ASPEC corpus using termextractor¹⁸. We then obtained term lists for each sentence pair in the ASPEC corpus according to the extracted term candidates. To this end, we asked one Japanese-Chinese bilingual speaker to make alignments between the term lists for each sentence pair, and obtained the phrase pair lists. We conducted the source-based direct assessment (Cettolo et al., 2017; Federmann, 2018) on the dictionaries created by the process above. We employed another two bilingual annotators to give translation scores ranging [0, 100]for Chinese→Japanese and Japanese→Chinese directions respectively. We then filtered out the translation pairs with average scores less than 50. Thus, we publicized the restricted vocabulary lists for each language direction, along with the corresponding source-side terms and annotation scores¹⁹. Table 9 reports the statistics of the vocabulary constraints in the evaluation data for English \leftrightarrow Japanese and Chinese \leftrightarrow Japanese tasks.

Evaluation Metrics We evaluate submitted systems with two distinct metrics: (1) BLEU score as a conventional translation accuracy and (2) a consistency score: the ratio of the number of sentences satisfying exact match of given constraints over the whole test corpus. For the "exact match" evaluation, we conduct the following process. In English, we simply lowercase hypotheses and constraints, then judge character-level sequence match-

¹⁶ https://github.com/ku-nlp/VISA

¹⁷https://github.com/ksoky/ECCC_DATASET

¹⁸We used termex_janome.py and termex_nlpir.py for Japanese and Chinese texts, respectively. http:// gensen.dl.itc.u-tokyo.ac.jp/pytermextract/

¹⁹All scores are publicly available at the task page: https://sites.google.com/view/ restricted-translation-task/2022.

	En-Ja	Ja-En	Zh-Ja	Ja-Zh
	(# phrase, # char)	(# phrase, # word)	(# phrase, # char)	(# phrase, # char)
Dev.	(2.8, 16.4)	(2.8, 6.6)	(1.2, 4.7)	(1.2, 3.8)
Devtest	(3.2, 18.2)	(3.2, 7.3)	(1.5, 5.5)	(1.5, 4.5)
Test	(3.3, 18.1)	(3.2, 7.4)	(1.4, 5.2)	(1.4, 4.2)

Table 9: Statistics of the restricted vocabulary in the evaluation data. We report average number of phrases and characters/words per source sentence.

ing (including whitespaces) for each constraint. In Chinese and Japanese, we judge character-level sequence matching (including whitespaces) for each constraint without any preprocessing. For the final ranking, we also calculate the combined score of both: calculating BLEU with only the exactly matched sentences. We note that, in this scenario, the brevity score in BLEU does not carry its usual meaning, but the n-gram scores will maintain their consistency.

2.16 Parallel Corpus Filtering Task

Machine translation systems are trained from usually large corpora obtained from noisy data sources. Noisy examples in the training corpora are known as the main cause of reducing the translation accuracy of the resulting models (Khayrallah and Koehn, 2018), and this problem can be mitigated by corpus filtering (Koehn et al., 2020), which removes problematic examples from the training corpus, so that the model is eventually trained by cleaner dataset than the data source.

The motivation for this task is inspired by the Parallel Corpus Filtering Tasks held in 2018, 2019, and 2020 Workshop on Machine Translation (Koehn et al., 2020), in which the participants are asked to filter the web crawled corpora, train the NMT model on the cleaner subsets, and evaluate its quality on a multi-domain test set. Unlike the tasks in the WMT, the Parallel Corpus Filtering Task in this workshop focuses on both filtering and domain adaptation.

Specifically, this task lets the participants train machine translation models under the following restrictions:

• The model architecture is fixed. The training program is provided as a fixed Docker image by the organizer, and participants can only run a specific training command to build their own model. The same image is used in the final evaluation.

Dataset	# sentences
JParaCrawl v3.0	25.7M
ASPEC Train	3M
ASPEC Dev	1.8K
ASPEC Devtest	1.8K
ASPEC Test	1.8K

Table 10: Number of sentence pairs in the corpora used in the parallel corpus filtering task.

- Training corpus is fixed. The whole corpus is provided by the organizer, and participants are requested to find a subset of the corpus that is more effective in achieving higher translation accuracy on the given model architecture.
- The test set is from a single domain (scientific paper domain) and its in-domain data is provided.

We adopted the Transformer model as the shared architecture for this task. 20

We asked the participants to select a subset from JParaCrawl (Morishita et al., 2020), the noisy English-Japanese web-crawled parallel corpus, based on its cleanliness and domain-similarity. The baseline model is obtained by training the model on the whole set of this dataset. We also provide the in-domain clean English-Japanese corpus, the ASPEC (Nakazawa et al., 2016) dataset except for the 'test' sub-set, which is used in the evaluation.

We trained the model with the submitted data for both English-Japanese and English-Japanese. We evaluated the submission on both BLEU score (Papineni et al., 2002) and JPO adequacy as described in Section 6.1 on the ASPEC test set.

The corpus statistics are summarized in Table 10.

Team ID	Organization	Country
TMU	Tokyo Metropolitan University	Japan
NICT-5	NICT	Japan
sakura	Rakuten Institute of Technology Singapore, Rakuten Asia.	Singapore
CNLP-NITS-PP	NIT Silchar	India
NITR	NIT Rourkela	India
HwTscSU	Huawei Translation Services Center, 2012 Lab, Huawei co. LTD; School of	China
	Computer Science and Technology, Soochow University	
SILO_NLP	Silo AI	Finland
nlp_novices	SCTR's Pune Institute of Computer Technology	India

Table 11: List of participants who submitted translations for the human evaluation in WAT2022

	A	SPEC	:		NICT-SAP							Par	allel		
	Re	stricte	d		Unstr	ucture	ed		Structured					Co	pus
Team ID	En-Ja	ι Ja	-En	En-M	ls (IT)	Ms	-En (I	T)	En-Ja	/Ko/Zł	n Ja	/Ko/Zł	n-En	Filte	ering
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SILO_NLI	>	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark											
nlp_novice	s	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark											

Table 12: Submissions for each task by each team.

3 Participants

Table 11 shows the participants in WAT2022. The table lists 8 organizations from various countries, including Japan, China, India, Singapore and Finland.

300 translation results by 8 teams were submitted for automatic evaluation. Table 12 summarizes the participation of teams across WAT2022 tasks and indicates which tasks included manual evaluation.

4 Baseline Systems

Human evaluations of most of WAT tasks were conducted as pairwise comparisons between the translation results for a specific baseline system and translation results for each participant's system. That is, the specific baseline system served as the standard for human evaluation. At WAT 2022, we adopted some of neural machine translation (NMT) as baseline systems. The details of the NMT baseline systems are described in this section.

The NMT baseline systems consisted of publicly available software, and the procedures for building the systems and for translating using the systems were published on the WAT web page. We also have SMT baseline systems for the tasks that started at WAT 2017 or before 2017. SMT baseline systems are described in the WAT 2017 overview paper (Nakazawa et al., 2017). The commercial RBMT systems and the online translation systems were operated by the organizers. We note that these RBMT companies and online translation companies did not submit their systems. Because our objective is not to compare commercial RBMT systems or online translation systems from companies that did not themselves participate, the system IDs of these systems are anonymous in this paper.

4.1 Tokenization

We used the following tools for tokenization.

4.1.1 For ASPEC, JPC, JIJI, and ALT+UCSY

• Juman version 7.0^{21} for Japanese segmentation.

²⁰The Dockerfile for constructing the training pipeline can be obtained from https://github.com/ MorinoseiMorizo/wat2022-filtering

²¹http://nlp.ist.i.kyoto-u.ac.jp/EN/index. php?JUMAN

- Stanford Word Segmenter version 2014-01-04²² (Chinese Penn Treebank (CTB) model) for Chinese segmentation.
- The Moses toolkit for English and Indonesian tokenization.
- Mecab-ko²³ for Korean segmentation.
- Indic NLP Library²⁴ (Kunchukuttan, 2020) for Indic language segmentation.
- The tools included in the ALT corpus for Myanmar and Khmer segmentation.
- subword-nmt²⁵ for all languages.

When we built BPE-codes, we merged source and target sentences and we used 100,000 for -s option. We used 10 for vocabulary-threshold when subword-nmt applied BPE.

4.1.2 For Indic and NICT-SAP Tasks

- For the Indic task we did not perform any explicit tokenization of the raw data.
- For the NICT-SAP task we only character segmented the Thai corpora as it was the only language for which character level BLEU was to be computed. Other languages corpora were not preprocessed in any way.
- Any subword segmentation or tokenization was handled by the internal mechanisms of tensor2tensor.

4.1.3 For Structured Document Translation Task

• No tokenization was explicitly performed.

4.1.4 For English→Hindi, English→Malayalam, and English→Bengali Multi-Modal Tasks

- Hindi Visual Genome 1.1, Malayalam Visual Genome, and Bengali Visual Genome come untokenized and we did not use or recommend any specific external tokenizer.
- The standard OpenNMT-py sub-word segmentation was used for pre/post-processing for the baseline system and each participant used what they wanted.

4.1.5 For English↔Japanese Multi-Modal Tasks

- For English sentences, we applied lowercase, punctuation normalization, and the Moses to-kenizer.
- For Japanese sentences, we used KyTea for word segmentation.

4.2 Baseline NMT Methods

We used the NMT models for all tasks. Unless mentioned otherwise we use the Transformer model (Vaswani et al., 2017). We used Open-NMT (Klein et al., 2017) (RNN-model) for AS-PEC, JPC, JIJI, and ALT tasks, tensor2tensor²⁶ for the NICT-SAP task, HuggingFace transformers²⁷ for the Structured Document Translation task and OpenNMT-py²⁸ for other tasks.

4.2.1 NMT with Attention (OpenNMT)

For ASPEC, JPC, JIJI, and ALT tasks, we used OpenNMT (Klein et al., 2017) as the implementation of the baseline NMT systems of NMT with attention (System ID: NMT). We used the following OpenNMT configuration.

- encoder_type = brnn
- brnn_merge = concat
- $src_seq_length = 150$
- $tgt_seq_length = 150$
- src_vocab_size = 100000
- tgt_vocab_size = 100000
- src_words_min_frequency = 1
- tgt_words_min_frequency = 1

The default values were used for the other system parameters.

We used the following data for training the NMT baseline systems of NMT with attention.

- All of the training data mentioned in Section 2 were used for training except for the AS-PEC Japanese–English task. For the ASPEC Japanese–English task, we only used train-1.txt, which consists of one million parallel sentence pairs with high similarity scores.
- All of the development data for each task was used for validation.

²⁶https://github.com/tensorflow/ tensor2tensor

²²http://nlp.stanford.edu/software/segmenter. shtml

²³https://bitbucket.org/eunjeon/mecab-ko/

²⁴https://github.com/anoopkunchukuttan/indic_ nlp_library

²⁵https://github.com/rsennrich/subword-nmt

²⁷https://github.com/huggingface/ transformers

²⁸https://github.com/OpenNMT/OpenNMT-py

4.2.2 Transformer (Tensor2Tensor)

For the News Commentary task, we used tensor2tensor's²⁹ implementation of the Transformer (Vaswani et al., 2017) and used default hyperparameter settings corresponding to the "base" model for all baseline models. The baseline for the News Commentary task is a multilingual model as described in Imankulova et al. (2019) which is trained using only the in-domain parallel corpora. We use the token trick proposed by Johnson et al. (2017) to train the multilingual model.

For the NICT-SAP task, we used tensor2tensor to train many-to-one and one-to-many models where the latter were trained with the aforementioned token trick. We trained models for all languages except Vietnamese. We used default hyperparameter settings corresponding to the "big" model. Since the NICT-SAP task involves two domains for evaluation (Wikinews and IT) we used a modification of the token trick technique for domain adaptation to distinguish between corpora for different domains. In our case we used tokens such as 2alt and 2it to indicate whether the sentences belonged to the Wikinews or IT domain, respectively. For both tasks we used 32,000 separate sub-word vocabularies. We trained our models on 1 GPU till convergence on the development set BLEU scores, averaged the last 10 checkpoints (separated by 1000 batches) and performed decoding with a beam of size 4 and a length penalty of 0.6.

4.2.3 Transformer (HuggingFace)

For the Structured Document Translation task, we used the official mbart-50 model fine-tuned³⁰ for machine translation to directly translate the test sets. We used the HuggingFace transformers implementation to decode sentences using a beam of size 4 and length penalty of 1.0. The tokenization was handled by the mbart-50 tokenizer. Surprisingly, this naive approach actually yielded good results.

4.2.4 Transformer (OpenNMT-py)

For the English \rightarrow Hindi, English \rightarrow Malayalam, and English \rightarrow Bengali Multimodal tasks we used the Transformer model (Vaswani et al., 2018) as implemented in OpenNMT-py (Klein et al., 2017)

³⁰https://huggingface.co/facebook/ mbart-large-50-many-to-many-mmt and used the "base" model with default parameters for the multi-modal task baseline. We have generated the vocabulary of 32k sub-word types jointly for both the source and target languages. The vocabulary is shared between the encoder and decoder.

5 Automatic Evaluation

5.1 Procedure for Calculating Automatic Evaluation Score

We evaluated translation results by three metrics: BLEU (Papineni et al., 2002), RIBES (Isozaki et al., 2010) and AMFM (Banchs et al., 2015a). BLEU scores were calculated using SacreBLEU (Post, 2018). RIBES scores were calculated using RIBES.py version 1.02.4.³¹ AMFM scores were calculated using scripts created by the technical collaborators listed in the WAT2022 web page.³² Note that AMFM scores were not produced for all tasks. For the Structured Document Translation task, we used only the XML-BLEU metric (Hashimoto et al., 2019), which takes into account the accuracy of XML annotation transfer. All scores for each task were calculated using the corresponding reference translations.

Except for XML-BLEU, which uses this implementation for evaluation, the following preprocessing is done prior to computing scores. Before the calculation of the automatic evaluation scores, the translation results were tokenized or segmented with tokenization/segmentation tools for each language. For Japanese segmentation, we used three different tools: Juman version 7.0 (Kurohashi et al., 1994), KyTea 0.4.6 (Neubig et al., 2011) with full SVM model³³ and MeCab 0.996 (Kudo, 2005) with IPA dictionary 2.7.0.34 For Chinese segmentation, we used two different tools: KyTea 0.4.6 with full SVM Model in MSR model and Stanford Word Segmenter (Tseng, 2005) version 2014-06-16 with Chinese Penn Treebank (CTB) and Peking University (PKU) model.³⁵ For Korean segmentation, we used mecab-ko.³⁶ For Myanmar and Khmer segmentations, we used $myseg.py^{37}$ and

²⁹https://github.com/tensorflow/ tensor2tensor

³¹http://www.kecl.ntt.co.jp/icl/lirg/ribes/ index.html

³²lotus.kuee.kyoto-u.ac.jp/WAT/WAT2022/

³³http://www.phontron.com/kytea/model.html

³⁴http://code.google.com/p/mecab/downloads/

detail?name=mecab-ipadic-2.7.0-20070801.tar.gz
³⁵http://nlp.stanford.edu/software/segmenter.
shtml

³⁶https://bitbucket.org/eunjeon/mecab-ko/

³⁷http://lotus.kuee.kyoto-u.ac.jp/WAT/

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Figure 4: The interface for translation results submission

kmseg.py.³⁸ For English, French and Russian tokenizations, we used tokenizer.perl 39 in the Moses toolkit. For Indonesian, Malay, and Vietnamese tokenizations, we used tokenizer.perl

actually sticking to the English tokenization settings. For Thai tokenization, we segmented the text at each individual character. For Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Nepali, Odia, Punjabi, Sindhi, Sinhala, Tamil, Telugu, and Urdu tokenizations, we used Indic NLP Library⁴⁰ (Kunchukuttan, 2020). The de-

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my-en-data/wat2020.my-en.zip ³⁸http://lotus.kuee.kyoto-u.ac.jp/WAT/ km-en-data/km-en.zip

³⁹https://github.com/moses-smt/mosesdecoder/ tree/RELEASE-2.1.1/scripts/tokenizer/ tokenizer.perl

⁴⁰https://github.com/anoopkunchukuttan/indic_ nlp_library

tailed procedures for the automatic evaluation are shown on the WAT evaluation web page.⁴¹

5.2 Automatic Evaluation System

The automatic evaluation system receives translation results by participants and automatically gives evaluation scores to the uploaded results. As shown in Figure 4, the system requires participants to provide the following information for each submission:

- Human Evaluation: whether or not they submit the results for human evaluation;
- Publish the results of the evaluation: whether or not they permit to publish automatic evaluation scores on the WAT2022 web page;
- Task: the task you submit the results for;
- Used Other Resources: whether or not they used additional resources; and
- Method: the type of the method including SMT, RBMT, SMT and RBMT, EBMT, NMT and Other.

Evaluation scores of translation results that participants permit to be published are disclosed via the WAT2022 evaluation web page. Participants can also submit the results for human evaluation using the same web interface.

This automatic evaluation system will remain available even after WAT2022. Anybody can register an account for the system by the procedures described in the application site.⁴²

5.3 A Note on AMFM Scores

Unlike previous years we do not compute AMFM scores on all tasks due to low participation this year. For readers interested in AMFM and recent advances, we refer readers to the following literature: Zhang et al. (2021b,a); D'Haro et al. (2019); Banchs et al. (2015b).

6 Human Evaluation

In WAT2022, we conducted *JPO adequacy evaluation* (Section 6.1).

- 5 All important information is transmitted correctly. (100%)
- 4 Almost all important information is transmitted correctly. (80%–)
- 3 More than half of important information is transmitted correctly. (50%–)
- 2 Some of important information is transmitted correctly. (20%–)
- 1 Almost all important information is NOT transmitted correctly. (-20%)

Table 13: The JPO adequacy criterion

6.1 JPO Adequacy Evaluation

We conducted JPO adequacy evaluation for the top two or three participants' systems of pairwise evaluation for each subtask.⁴³ The evaluation was carried out by translation experts based on the JPO adequacy evaluation criterion, which is originally defined by JPO to assess the quality of translated patent documents.

6.1.1 Sentence Selection and Evaluation

For the JPO adequacy evaluation, the 200 test sentences were randomly selected from the test sentences.

For each test sentence, input source sentence, translation by participants' system, and reference translation were shown to the annotators. To guarantee the quality of the evaluation, each sentence was evaluated by two annotators. Note that the selected sentences are basically the same as those used in the previous workshop.

6.1.2 Evaluation Criterion

Table 13 shows the JPO adequacy criterion from 5 to 1. The evaluation is performed subjectively. "Important information" represents the technical factors and their relationships. The degree of importance of each element is also considered in evaluating. The percentages in each grade are rough indications for the transmission degree of the source sentence meanings. For Structured Document Translation, we instructed the evaluators to consider the XML structure accuracy between the source, the translation and the reference. The detailed criterion is described in the JPO document (in Japanese).⁴⁴

⁴¹http://lotus.kuee.kyoto-u.ac.jp/WAT/ evaluation/index.html

⁴²http://lotus.kuee.kyoto-u.ac.jp/WAT/ WAT2022/application/index.html

⁴³The number of systems varies depending on the subtasks. ⁴⁴http://www.jpo.go.jp/shiryou/toushin/

chousa/tokkyohonyaku_hyouka.htm

7 Evaluation Results

In this section, the evaluation results for WAT2022 are reported from several perspectives. Some of the results for both automatic and human evaluations are also accessible at the WAT2022 website.⁴⁵

7.1 Official Evaluation Results

Figures 5 and 6 show those of ASPEC-RT subtasks, Figures 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 show those of Indic Multilingual subtasks, Figures 18, 19 and 20 show those of Multimodal subtasks, Figures 21 and 22 show those of Parallel Corpus Filtering subtasks, and Figures 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 show those of NICT-SAP subtasks. Each figure contains the JPO adequacy evaluation result and evaluation summary of top systems. The detailed automatic evaluation results are shown in Appendix A.

8 Findings

8.1 NICT-SAP Task

This year we only had 1 submission from team "HwTscSU" who outperformed all previous years submissions. They claim to have fine-tuned on the devlopment set, which has a high degree of similarity to the test set. This action ended up giving large improvements in translation quality over non fine-tuned baselines. The human evaluation showed that around 80% of translations had a score of 4 or 5 indicating the high translation quality.

8.2 Structured Document Translation Task

We only had 1 submission this year from team "NICT-5" who used similar ideas as our organizer baseline where they used the M2M-100 model for directly translating test sets. They also used the detag-and-project approach where they translated the sentences without XML and then inserted the XML content using word alignment. They got better scores in 3 out of 6 directions, but were not too far behind in others. The human evaluation showed that over 60% of the translations were scored 4 or 5 for English to Japanese/Korean/Chinese whereas this number increased to 80% for the reverse direction.

8.3 Indic Multilingual Task

In contrast to WAT 2021, this year we had two teams who participated in the task, namely, "NITR" and "CNLP-NITS-PP". They did not submit results for all pairs. Human evaluation was done only for Nepali to English translation, where the human ratings were mostly low. Due to poor and inconsistent participation, it is difficult to make any further observations.

8.4 English → Hindi Multi-Modal Task

This year three teams participated in the different sub-tasks (TEXT, MM) of the English-Hindi Multi-Modal task. The WAT2022 automatic evaluation scores for the participating teams are shown in Tables 43 to 46. The team "nlp_novices" obtained the highest BLEU score for the text-only translation (TEXT) for both the evaluation (E-Test) and challenge (C-Test) test set. The best performance is obtained by fine-tuned Transformer using OPUS Corpus as an additional resource. For the multimodal sub-task (MM), we received two submissions from the teams "CNLP-NITS-PP", and "Silo_NLP", respectively. The team "Silo_NLP" obtained the highest BLEU score for the multimodal translation (MM) for the evaluation (E-Test) by extracting object tags from images and using fine-tuned mBART. They used Flickr8 as an additional resource. The team "CNLP-NITS-PP" obtained the highest BLEU score for the challenge (C-Test) test set following transliteration-based phrase pairs augmentation and visual features in training using BRNN encoder and doubly-attentive-rnn decoder.

Human evaluation was done for the challenge test set text-only translation (TEXT) as shown in Figure 19. We observe that both BLEU and RIBES can correctly predict the quality of translation as measured by the manually annotated Adequacy. "nlp_novices" is the best submission with almost 35% of sentences reaching the highest rank of "Almost all information is transmitted correctly", see the JPO adequacy scale in Table 13 which was used in the evaluation.

This year two teams "Silo_NLP", and "nlp_novices" participated in the different sub-tasks (TEXT, MM) of the English \rightarrow Malayalam Multi-Modal task. The WAT2022 automatic evaluation scores are shown in the Table 47, 48,

⁴⁵http://lotus.kuee.kyoto-u.ac.jp/WAT/
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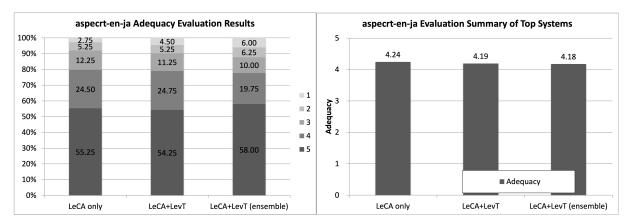


Figure 5: Official evaluation results of aspecrt-en-ja.

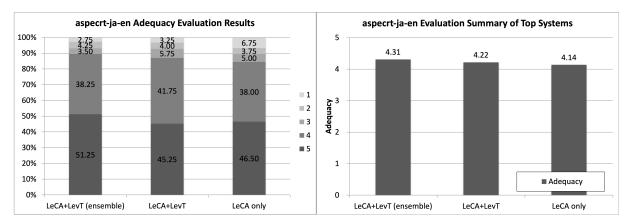


Figure 6: Official evaluation results of aspecrt-ja-en.

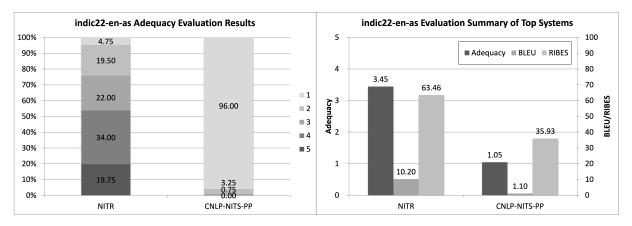


Figure 7: Official evaluation results of indic22-en-as.

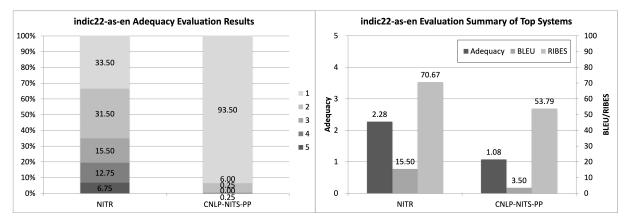


Figure 8: Official evaluation results of indic22-as-en.

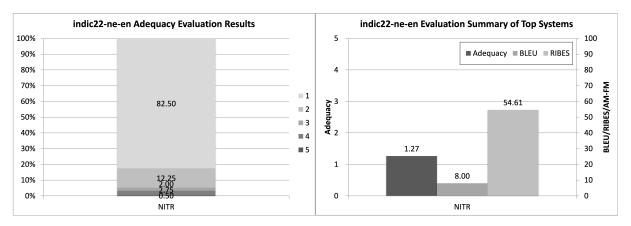


Figure 9: Official evaluation results of indic22-ne-en.

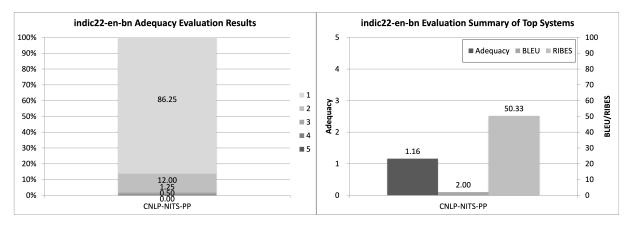


Figure 10: Official evaluation results of indic22-en-bn.

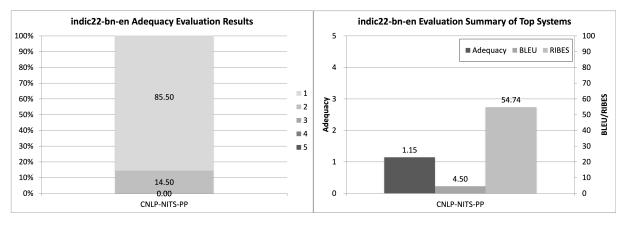


Figure 11: Official evaluation results of indic22-bn-en.

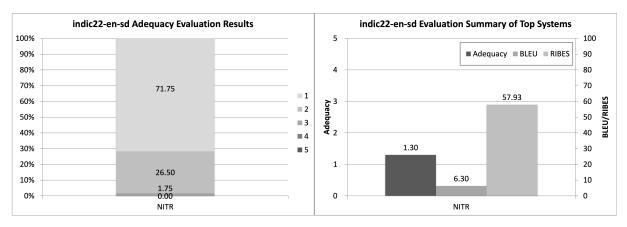


Figure 12: Official evaluation results of indic22-en-sd.

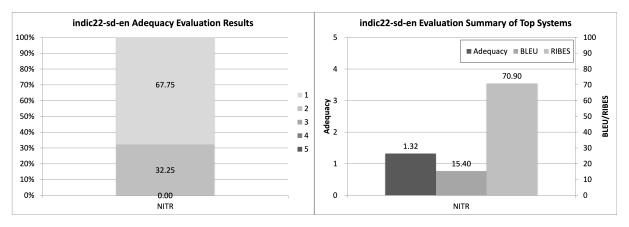


Figure 13: Official evaluation results of indic22-sd-en.

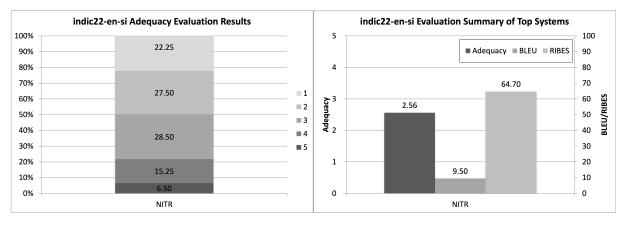


Figure 14: Official evaluation results of indic22-en-si.

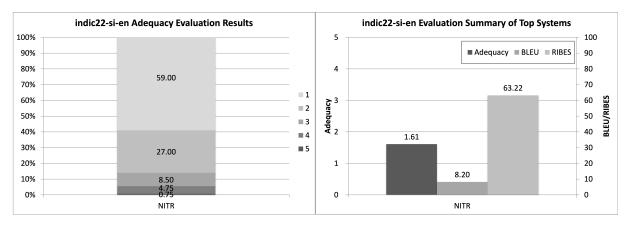


Figure 15: Official evaluation results of indic22-si-en.

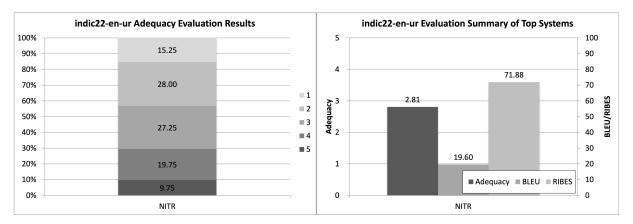


Figure 16: Official evaluation results of indic22-en-ur.

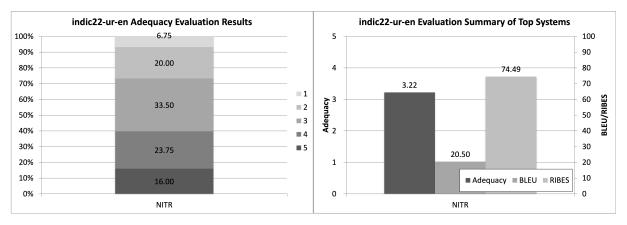


Figure 17: Official evaluation results of indic22-ur-en.

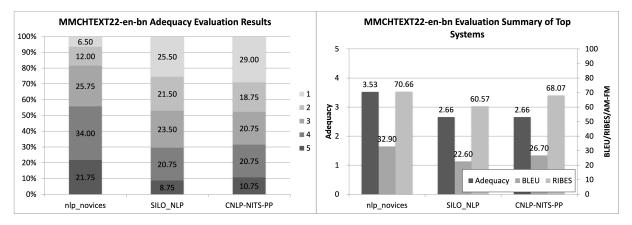


Figure 18: Official evaluation results of mmchtext22-en-bn.

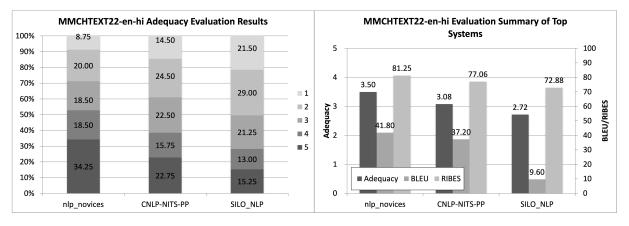


Figure 19: Official evaluation results of mmchtext22-en-hi.

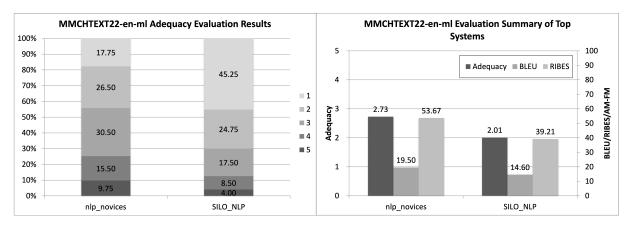


Figure 20: Official evaluation results of mmchtext22-en-ml.

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Figure 21: Official evaluation results of parallel-corpus-filtering-en-ja.

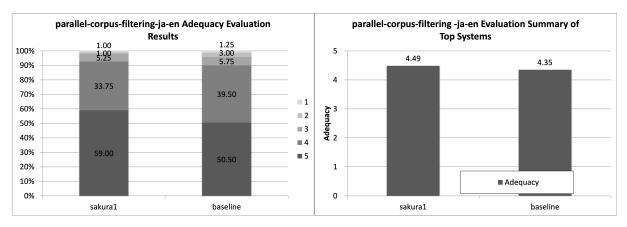


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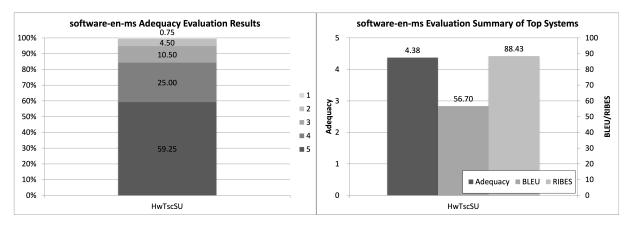


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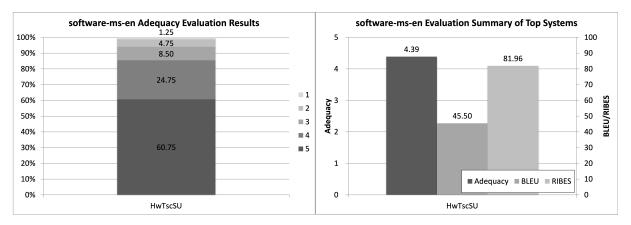


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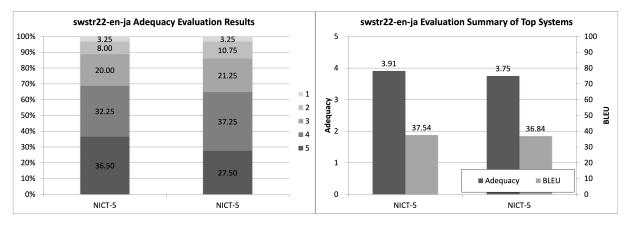


Figure 25: Official evaluation results of swstr22-en-ja.

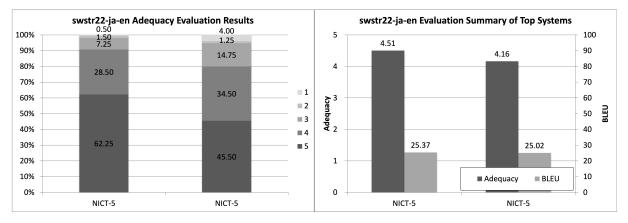


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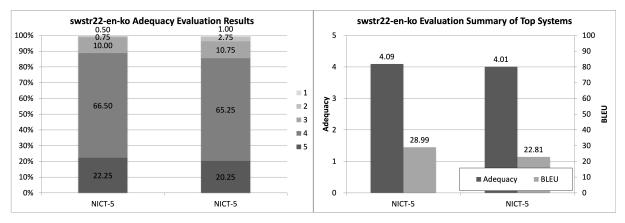


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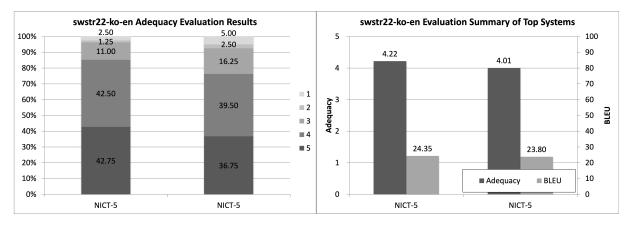


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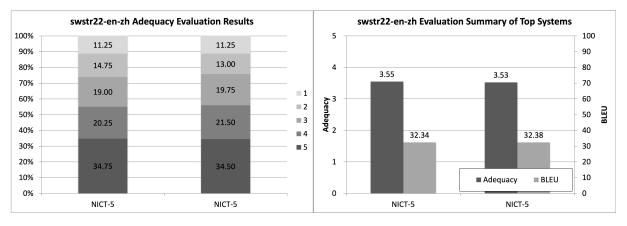


Figure 29: Official evaluation results of swstr22-en-zh.

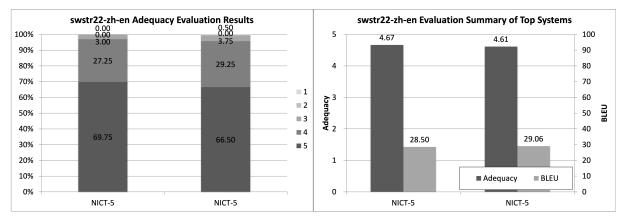


Figure 30: Official evaluation results of swstr22-zh-en.

49, 50.

For English to Malayalam text-only translation the team "Silo_NLP" obtained a BLEU score of 30.80 fine-tuning with pre-trained mBART-50 model for the evaluation test set and team "nlp_novices" obtained a BLEU score of 19.60 using the Simple Transformer model. For multimodal, the team "Silo_NLP" obtained a BLEU score of 41.00 for the evaluation test set and a BLEU score of 20.40 for the challenge test set. They extracted the object tags from the images with fine-tuning mBART for the multimodal task.

Human evaluation was done for the challenge test set text-only translation (TEXT) as shown in Figure 20. Automatic (both BLEU and RIBES) scores agree with the manual judgement on the JPO adequacy scale (see Table 13), but it is important to mention that even for the better system ("nlp_novices") only a little less than 10% of sentences have all information transmitted correctly. If we consider Adequacy ranks 3–5 together (i.e. about a half or more of information transmitted correctly), "nlp_novices" can produce about 55% of sentences like that while "Silo_NLP" has only 30% of sentences in these levels.

8.6 English-Bengali Multi-Modal Task

This year three teams participated in the different sub-tasks (TEXT, MM) of the English \rightarrow Bengali Multi-Modal task. The WAT2022 automatic evaluation scores are shown in the Table 51, 52, 53, 54.

The team "Silo NLP" obtained the highest BLEU score for the text-only translation (TEXT) for the evaluation (E-Test) set by using Transformer model and utilizing BNLIT Corpus as an additional resource. The team "nlp_novices" obtained the highest BLEU score on the challenge (C-Test) test set by fine-tuning the Transformer model. For the multimodal sub-task (MM), we received two submissions from the teams "CNLP-NITS-PP", and "Silo_NLP", respectively. The team "CNLP-NITS-PP" obtained the highest BLEU score for the evaluation (E-Test) test set following transliteration-based phrase pairs augmentation and visual features in training using BRNN encoder and doubly-attentive-rnn decoder. The team "Silo_NLP" and "nlp_novices" obtained the same BLEU score for the challenge (C-Test) test set. The team "nlp_novices" followed the same approach as that for E-Test while team "Silo_NLP" extracted the object tags from images and fine-

tuned mBART.

Human evaluation was done for the challenge test set text-only translation (TEXT) as shown in Figure 18. Automatic scores (both BLEU and RIBES) agree on the best system ("nlp_novices") with the manual judgement on the JPO adequacy scale (see Table 13) but they diverge for "Silo_NLP" and "CNLP-NITS-PP" where both receive Adequacy of 2.66 and differ in BLEU and RIBES. "CNLP-NITS-PP" scores higher in automatic metrics and actually very close to the winning "nlp_novices", see RIBES of 70.66 ("nlp_novices") vs. 68.07 ("CNLP-NITS-PP"). This suggests a problem with RIBES because the difference in Adequacy is important: 3.53 vs 2.66. One can also see a striking difference in the distribution of Adequacy levels between the winning "CNLP-NITS-PP" (55% of sentences reach Adequacy of 4 or 5) and its competitors (only 30% of sentences reach 4 or 5), see the left part of Figure 18.

8.7 Restricted Translation Task

In this year, we received system submissions from the team "TMU" for the English \rightarrow Japanese and Japanese \rightarrow English tasks, and no systems submitted to the Chinese \leftrightarrow Japanese tasks. The TMU team employed a soft-constrained system that combined two methods, namely the Lexical Constraint Aware NMT (LeCA; Chen et al., 2020) and the Multi-Source Levenshtein Transformer (MSLevT Susanto et al., 2020). In case the soft constrained method of LeCA does not satisfy the target-side term requirements, the authors applied one of the automatic post-editing methods to compensate for those terms in the system outputs, such as MSLevT, and achieved 100% performance on the output of the constrained phrase pairs.

Table 14 reports the final score and two distinct human evaluation results⁴⁶. Regarding the final automatic evaluation score, we used SacreBLEU⁴⁷ to calculate BLEU scores. More details are described in Section 2.15. Moreover, we asked human bilingual speakers to assess three systems on

⁴⁶In the final automatic score for En-Ja, we received an inquiry from TMU that the specification of the submission form included backslashes before quotations, and they were detrimental to the evaluation of some constrained terms. The final score without the backslash is as follows; LeCA+LevT (*ensemble*): 42.1, LeCA+LevT: 39.3, LeCA only: 23.8.

⁴⁷Detail settings: case.mixed, numrefs=1, smooth.exp, version.1.5.1, (en-ja) lang=en-ja, tok=ja-mecab-0.996-IPA, (jaen) lang=ja-en.

the English \leftrightarrow Japanese translation tasks.⁴⁸ Two annotators were asked to assess the systems' translation accuracy, and we also conducted another system assessment by the source-based direct assessment (src-based DA) (Cettolo et al., 2017; Federmann, 2018), with two bilingual annotators.

In the English \rightarrow Japanese direction (En-Ja), we do not observe any consistent tendency among three results. LeCA only is the most preferred system by annotators in terms of translation accuracy. However, the other two systems also achieve higher evaluation scores as well as srcbased DA scores. These systems can not be statistically distinguished from the human reference. On the other hand, the LeCA+LevT ensemble model achieved the top performance in all metrics in the Japanese \rightarrow English direction (Ja-En), while LeCA+LevT is less preferred in the src-based DA.

According to the HE (accuracy) results, we observe that the LeCA+LevT (ensemble) system achieves both the highest number of outputs with score=5 (58%) and score=1 (6%) in the human evaluation. For the outputs with score=1 in LeCA+LevT (ensemble), texts other than the constrained terms were often omitted. This indicates that the lack of the effects from the brevity penalty in our final score can not capture under-generation problems on the ensemble model. Therefore, we eventually need to consider an alternative scoring to address this issue in future work. Another observation is that annotators do not necessarily have specific domain knowledge that would be required to provide more accurate assessment. To address this issue, we need to allow annotators to look up the generated dictionaries during the assessment. In conclusion, the trade-off between completing vocabulary constraints and achieving high translation performance remains challenging, even in the soft-constrained model.

8.8 Parallel Corpus Filtering Task

We received a single submission from team 'sakura', Rakuten Institute of Technology. They submitted two systems, one leverages feature decay algorithms(FDA) and the other one uses probability scores of the NMT model trained on the AS- PEC corpus. They submitted the top 5M-scored sentence pairs as a clean dataset.

Table 15 summarized the evaluation results. We carried out human evaluation only for the baseline and the FDA-based method since the NMT probability-based model was inferior to the baseline in terms of the BLEU scores.

The results show that the submission based on the FDA surpasses the baseline in both language directions on both BLEU and human evaluation while reducing the data size to 20%.

9 Conclusion and Future Perspective

This paper summarizes the shared tasks of WAT2022. We had 8 participants worldwide who submitted their translation results for the human evaluation, and collected a large number of useful submissions for improving the current machine translation systems by analyzing the submissions and identifying the issues.

This year we had smaller number of participants compared to the last year. For the next WAT workshop, we want attract much more people to join our shared tasks.

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⁴⁸Two systems, that is "LeCA only" and "LeCA+LevT", were originally designated by the team "TMU" for human evaluation, however, none of those systems are top-ranked on our metrics. Therefore, we decided to additionally include each top-ranked system (LeCA+LevT (*ensemble*)) to the human evaluation.

En-Ja Outputs	final	HE (Accuracy)	HE (src-based DA)
LeCA+LevT (ensemble)	52.7	4.18	76.4*
LeCA+LevT	50.5	4.19	76.6*
LeCA only	37.6	4.24	74.9
Human Reference	_	_	76.6
Ja-En Outputs	final	HE (Accuracy)	HE (src-based DA)
Ja-En Outputs LeCA+LevT (<i>ensemble</i>)	final 40.8	HE (Accuracy) 4.31	HE (src-based DA) 74.1*
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LeCA+LevT (ensemble)	40.8	4.31	74.1*

Table 14: Human evaluation results of translation accuracy run by WAT and source-based direct assessments, ranging [0, 5] and [0, 100], respectively. The "final" column reports the final score of the automatic evaluation metric described in the Section 2.15. * indicates that the systems and Human Reference are not statistically distinguishable to the annotators.

En-Ja		
Team	BLEU	Human Eval.
sakura (FDA)	28.8	4.31
baseline	27.4	4.18
sakura (NMT Prob.)	26.7	
Ja-En		
Team	final	Human Eval.
sakura (FDA)	21.8	4.49
sakura (NMT Prob.)	19.9	
baseline	19.4	4.35

Table 15: Results of the parallel corpus filtering task evaluated on the ASPEC test set.

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Appendix A Submissions

Tables 16 to 63 summarize translation results submitted to WAT2022. Type and RSRC columns indicate type of method and use of other resources.

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU				AMFM		
				juman	kytea	mecab	juman	kytea	mecab	
TMU	6947	NMT	NO	49.80	49.80	50.00	0.864394	0.865434	0.869480	0.788640
TMU	6948	NMT	NO	50.80	51.60	51.30	0.867732	0.869859	0.873110	0.800450

Table 16:	ASPECRT	en-ja	submissions
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System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
TMU	6942	NMT	NO	39.60	0.799376	0.640000
TMU	6949	NMT	NO	39.30	0.795787	0.653280

Table 17: ASPECRT ja-en submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
ORGANIZER	6932	NMT	NO	1.70	0.222952	_

Table 18: ECCC km-en submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
ORGANIZER	6933	SMT	NO	5.70	0.202578	_
ORGANIZER	6934	NMT	NO	5.70	0.202578	—

Table 19: ECCC km-fr submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
CNLP-NITS-PP	6963	NMT	YES	3.50	0.537859	-
NITR	6998	NMT	NO	15.50	0.706743	

Table 20: INDIC22 as-en submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
CNLP-NITS-PP	6966	NMT	YES	4.50	0.547407	-

Table 21: INDIC22 bn-en submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
CNLP-NITS-PP	6965	NMT	YES	1.10	0.359265	_
NITR	7016	NMT	NO	10.20	0.634631	-

Table 22: INDIC22 en-as submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
CNLP-NITS-PP	6969	NMT	YES	2.00	0.503286	_

Table 23: INDIC22 en-bn submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
NITR	7009	NMT	NO	6.30	0.579323	—

Table 24: INDIC22 en-sd submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
NITR	7012	NMT	NO	9.50	0.647028	_

Table 25: INDIC22 en-si submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
NITR	7014	NMT	NO	19.60	0.718763	_

Table 26: INDIC22 en-ur submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
NITR	7007	NMT	NO	8.00	0.546125	_

Table 27: INDIC22 ne-en submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
NITR	7005	NMT	NO	15.40	0.709039	_

Table 28: INDIC22 sd-en submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
NITR	7003	NMT	NO	8.20	0.632228	-

Table 29: INDIC22 si-en submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
NITR	7000	NMT	NO	20.50	0.744934	-

Table 30:	INDIC22	ur-en	submissions
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System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU			RIBES			AMFM
				juman	kytea	mecab	juman	kytea	mecab	
ORGANIZER	6543	NMT	NO	47.04	48.86	46.96	0.870867	0.870604	0.869950	_

Table 31: JPC22 en-ja submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
ORGANIZER	6544	NMT	NO	44.51	0.857963	—

Table 32: JPC22 ja-en submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
ORGANIZER	6542	NMT	NO	72.79	0.952385	_

Table 33: JPC22 ja-ko submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC		BLEU			AMFM		
				kytea	ctb	pku	kytea	ctb	pku	
ORGANIZER	6540	NMT	NO	44.73	45.77	45.48	0.871424	0.877354	0.875780	_

Table 34: JPC22 ja-zh submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC		BLEU			AMFM		
				juman	kytea	mecab	juman	kytea	mecab	
ORGANIZER	6541	NMT	NO	73.55	74.58	73.89	0.956442	0.956203	0.956269	-

Table 35: JPC22 ko-ja submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC		BLEU			AMFM		
				juman	kytea	mecab	juman	kytea	mecab	
ORGANIZER	6539	NMT	NO	51.03	51.64	51.14	0.887901	0.885180	0.887404	-

Table 36: JPC22	zh-ja	submissions
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System	ID	Туре	RSRC		BLEU			AMFM		
				juman	kytea	mecab	juman	kytea	mecab	
ORGANIZER	6536	NMT	NO	58.87	60.50	58.83	0.905725	0.907156	0.904626	

Table 37: JPCN4 en-ja submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
ORGANIZER	6537	NMT	NO	54.86	0.880671	-

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
ORGANIZER	6535	NMT	NO	74.73	0.958438	-

Table 39: JPCN4 ja-ko submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC		BLEU			AMFM		
				kytea	ctb	pku	kytea	ctb	pku	
ORGANIZER	6538	NMT	NO	57.51	57.92	57.99	0.898847	0.906742	0.904318	_

Table 40: JPCN4 ja-zh submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC		BLEU			AMFM		
				juman	kytea	mecab	juman	kytea	mecab	
ORGANIZER	6534	NMT	NO	76.69	78.17	77.09	0.963465	0.963548	0.963376	_

Table 41: JPCN4 ko-ja submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC		BLEU			AMFM		
				juman	kytea	mecab	juman	kytea	mecab	
ORGANIZER	6532	NMT	NO	64.31	65.00	64.62	0.924617	0.922020	0.924463	—

Table 42: JPCN4 zh-ja submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
CNLP-NITS-PP	6739	NMT	NO	37.00	0.795302	_
SILO_NLP	6836	NMT	NO	36.20	0.785673	—
nlp_novices	6733	NMT	YES	43.10	0.816860	—

Table 43: MMEVTEXT22 en-hi submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
CNLP-NITS-PP	6740	NMT	NO	39.40	0.802635	_
SILO_NLP	6958	NMT	YES	42.00	0.796441	_

Table 44: MMEVMM22 en-hi submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
CNLP-NITS-PP	6742	NMT	NO	37.20	0.770640	_
SILO_NLP	6838	NMT	NO	29.60	0.728801	_
nlp_novices	6725	NMT	YES	41.80	0.812500	-

Table 45: MMCHTEXT22 en-hi submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
CNLP-NITS-PP	6741	NMT	NO	39.30	0.791468	_
SILO_NLP	6959	NMT	YES	39.10	0.784169	_

Table 46: MMCHMM22 en-hi submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
SILO_NLP	6848	NMT	NO	30.80	0.589471	_
nlp_novices	6719	NMT	YES	30.60	0.643987	_

Table 47: MMEVTEXT22 en-ml submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
SILO_NLP	6849	NMT	NO	14.60	0.392158	_
nlp_novices	6720	NMT	YES	19.60	0.535043	_

Table 48: MMCHTEXT22 en-ml submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
SILO_NLP	6936	NMT	NO	41.00	0.705349	-

Table 49: MMEVMM22 en-ml submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
SILO_NLP	6937	NMT	NO	20.40	0.533737	—

Table 50: MMCHMM22 en-ml submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
ORGANIZER	6703	NMT	NO	40.90	0.758246	_
CNLP-NITS-PP	6746	NMT	NO	40.90	0.752543	_
SILO_NLP	6954	NMT	NO	41.00	0.767212	-

Table 51: MMEVTEXT22 en-bn submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
ORGANIZER	6704	NMT	NO	22.50	0.614267	_
CNLP-NITS-PP	6745	NMT	NO	26.70	0.680655	_
SILO_NLP	6843	NMT	NO	22.60	0.605676	_
nlp_novices	6970	NMT	YES	32.90	0.706596	_

Table 52: MMCHTEXT22 en-bn submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
CNLP-NITS-PP	6743	NMT	NO	43.90	0.780669	_
SILO_NLP	6939	NMT	NO	42.10	0.754291	

Table 53: MMEVMM22 en-bn submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
CNLP-NITS-PP	6744	NMT	NO	28.70	0.688931	-
SILO_NLP	6940	NMT	NO	28.70	0.666817	_

Table 54: MMCHMM22 en-bn submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
HwTscSU	6751	NMT	NO	56.70	0.884286	_

Table 55: SOFTWARE en-ms submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
HwTscSU	6752	NMT	NO	45.50	0.819582	—

Table 56: SOFTWARE ms-en submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC		BLEU			RIBES		AMFM
				juman	kytea	mecab	juman	kytea	mecab	
ORGANIZER	6806	NMT	NO	—	—	40.27	—	_	_	_
NICT-5	6821	NMT	NO	-	_	36.84	_	—	—	_
NICT-5	6974	NMT	NO	-	_	37.54	-	—	-	-

Table 57: SWSTR22 en-ja submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
ORGANIZER	6809	NMT	NO	21.87	_	—
NICT-5	6823	NMT	NO	22.81		_
NICT-5	6976	NMT	NO	28.99	_	-

Table 58: SWSTR22 en-ko submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	E	BLEU		F	RIBES		AMFM
				kytea	ctb	pku	kytea	ctb	pku	
ORGANIZER	6811	NMT	NO	28.03	_	_	_	_	_	_
NICT-5	6827	NMT	NO	32.34	_	-	-	-	-	_
NICT-5	6978	NMT	NO	32.38	—	_	_	—	_	_

Table 59: SWSTR22 en-zh submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
ORGANIZER	6807	NMT	NO	28.20	_	_
NICT-5	6822	NMT	NO	25.02	_	_
NICT-5	6975	NMT	NO	25.37	_	_

Table 60: SWSTR22 ja-en submission	submissio	ja-en	SWSTR22	able 60:	Т
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System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
ORGANIZER	6810	NMT	NO	10.80	—	_
NICT-5	6824	NMT	NO	23.80		_
NICT-5	6977	NMT	NO	24.35		-

Table 61: S	SWSTR22 ko-en	submissions
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System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
ORGANIZER	6812	NMT	NO	29.14	_	_
NICT-5	6826	NMT	NO	28.50		_
NICT-5	6979	NMT	NO	29.06	_	-

Table 62: SWSTR22 zh-en submissions

System	ID	Туре	RSRC	BLEU	RIBES	AMFM
ORGANIZER	6706	OTHER	NO	14.50	0.465183	—

Table 63: VIDEOGAS ja-en submissions