The 5th annual Pan Pacific VEX Robotics Championship will take place February 23-24, 2013 at the Hawaii Convention Center, Exhibit Hall I, featuring 104 teams from Hawaii, China, Taiwan and California including Hawaii elementary school teams for the first time. Nine teams will qualify from this tournament for the World VEX Championship which will take place in April at the Anaheim Convention Center. Already 22 Hawaii teams have qualified for the World VEX Championship through island/regional tournaments held earlier. We hope you will come and support the schools and teams from your district. If there are any questions, please call Art Kimura, (808) 987-6798 or email art@higp.hawaii.edu.

On behalf of the Pan Pacific VEX Championship steering committee, the 300 volunteers, the sponsors and most especially, the students whose collective creative genius will make a difference for Hawaii and our nation…mahalo for your support of STEM education in Hawaii.

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Saturday, February 23, 2013
8:00 am: Pit area opens
8:30 am: Opening ceremonies
8:45 am - 12:15 pm: Qualifying rounds
12:15 pm - 1:00 pm: Lunch break
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm: Qualifying rounds continue

Sunday, February 24, 2013
8:15 am: Opening Ceremonies/Awards
8:45 am - 11:15 am: Qualifying rounds continue
11:30 am: Alliance selection process
11:45 am - 12:30 pm: Lunch break
12:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Elimination matches
3:45 pm: Awards/Closing ceremonies