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 → English/French speech translation.

• Two new translation tasks to the Restricted Translation task: Chinese ↔ 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:
• 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↔Japanese and Korean↔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 sentence-level 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 ParaNatCom\(^1\) (Parallel English-Japanese abstract corpus made from Nature Communications articles) for the development and test sets of the Document-level Scientific Paper Translation sub-task. 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 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 Corpus\(^2\) (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.

\(^{1}\)http://www2.nict.go.jp/astrec-att/member/mutiyama/paranatcom/

\(^{2}\)https://github.com/tsuruoka-lab/bsd

| 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
2.4 Newswire (JIJI) Task

The Japanese ↔ 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
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Japanese to English | Training | Training, DevTest, Dev, Dev-2, context for Dev2
| Test set I | To be translated | Test in Japanese
| Reference | | Test in English
| Test set II | Test-2 | Test-2 in Japanese
| Context | Context in Japanese for Test-2
| Reference | Test-2 in English
English to Japanese | Training | Training, DevTest, Dev, Dev-2, context for Dev2
| Test set I | To be translated | Test in English
| Reference | Test in Japanese
| Test set II | Context in English for Test-2 | Test-2 in English
| Reference | Context in English for Test-2

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

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

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

| Split | Domain | Hi | Id | Ms | Th |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Train | ALT | 254,242 | 158,472 | 306,739 | 74,397 |
| Dev | ALT | 2,016 | 2,023 | 2,050 | 2,049 |
| Test | ALT | 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.

http://www.statmt.org/wmt20/

For the first time we introduce a structured document translation task for English ↔ 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 ↔ 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

http://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's 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, many-to-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 datasets 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→Hindi multi-modal translation task, we asked the participants to use Hindi Visual Genome 1.1 corpus (HVG, Parida et al., 2019a,b). 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 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).

2. 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→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→Malayalam multi-modal translation task we asked the participants to use the Malayalam Visual Genome corpus (MVG for short Parida and Bojar, 2021). 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.

| 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   | 8,039  |

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.

https://opus.nlpl.eu/ParaCrawl.php
https://lindat.mff.cuni.cz/repository/xmlui/handle/11234/1-3267
https://lindat.mff.cuni.cz/repository/xmlui/handle/11234/1-3533
https://github.com/facebookresearch/flores
| Source Text | Hindi Captioning | System Output |
|-------------|------------------|---------------|
| The woman is waiting to cross the street | महिला सड़क पार करने का इंतजार कर रही है | महिला सड़क पार करने का इंतजार कर रही है |
| Car on the road | टेनिस कोर्ट के बगल में एक नीली दीवार | टेनिस कोर्ट के बगल में एक नीली दीवार |
| A blue wall beside tennis court | एक मिहाला सड़क पार करने के लिए इंतजार कर रही है | एक मिहाला सड़क पार करने के लिए इंतजार कर रही है |

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

| Dataset | Items | English Tokens | Malayalam Tokens |
|---------|-------|---------------|-----------------|
| 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→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.

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

2.11 **English→Bengali Multi-Modal Task**

This new task, introduced in WAT2022, uses a multimodal machine translation dataset in Bengali language. The task mimics the structure of English→Hindi (Section 2.9) and English→Malayalam (Section 2.10) multi-modal tasks. For English→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

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11https://lindat.mff.cuni.cz/repository/xmlui/handle/11234/1-3722
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 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.\(^\text{12}\)

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) dataset\(^\text{13}\) can be used as training data. In the unconstrained setting, the MS COCO English data\(^\text{14}\) and STAIR Japanese image captions\(^\text{15}\) 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 → English and English → Japanese directions.

### 2.13 Japanese → English Video Guided MT Task for Ambiguous Subtitles

This is a new Japanese → 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,\(^\text{12}\) http://www.statmt.org/wmt17/multimodal-task.html

\(^{13}\) https://github.com/nlab-mpg/Flickr30kEnt-JP

\(^{14}\) https://cocodataset.org/#captions-2015

\(^{15}\) https://stair-lab-cit.github.io/STAIR-captions-web/
only the VISA dataset\textsuperscript{16} 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 dataset\textsuperscript{17} can be used as training data. Additionally, participants may use pre-trained 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 transformer-based model presented in (Soky et al., 2021) for both Khmer→English and Khmer→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↔Japanese tasks in the previous campaign, and we also added Chinese↔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 termextractor\textsuperscript{18}. 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 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 scores\textsuperscript{19}. Table 9 reports the statistics of the vocabulary constraints in the evaluation data for English↔Japanese and Chinese↔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-

\textsuperscript{16}https://github.com/ku-nlp/VISA
\textsuperscript{17}https://github.com/ksoky/ECCC_DATASET
\textsuperscript{18}We used termex_janome.py and termex_nlpir.py for Japanese and Chinese texts, respectively. http://gensen.dl.itc.u-tokyo.ac.jp/ptermeextract/
\textsuperscript{19}All scores are publicly available at the task page: https://sites.google.com/view/restricted-translation-task/2022.
Table 9: Statistics of the restricted vocabulary in the evaluation data. We report average number of phrases and characters/words per source sentence.

|        | En-Ja (# phrase, # char) | Ja-En (# phrase, # word) | Zh-Ja (# phrase, # char) | Ja-Zh (# 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 10: Number of sentence pairs in the corpora used in the parallel corpus filtering task.

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

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.

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

| 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 Computer Science and Technology, Soochow University | China    |
| SILO_NLP | Silo AI                                                                       | Finland  |
| nlp_novices | SCTR’s Pune Institute of Computer Technology                                | India    |

Table 12: Submissions for each task by each team.

| Team ID  | ASPEC | Multimodal | NICT-SAP | Parallel Corpus Filtering |
|----------|-------|------------|----------|--------------------------|
| TMU      | ✓     | ✓          | ✓        | ✓                        |
| NICT-5   | ✓     | ✓          | ✓        | ✓                        |
| sakura   | ✓     | ✓          | ✓        | ✓                        |
| HwTscSU  | ✓     | ✓          | ✓        | ✓                        |

| Team ID  | En-Ja | Ja-En | En-Ms (IT) | Ms-En (IT) | En-Ja/Ko/Zh | Ja/Ko/Zh-En | Multimodal | Indic |
|----------|-------|-------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------|
| CNLP-NITS-PP | ✓     | ✓     | ✓          | ✓          | ✓           | ✓           | ✓          | ✓     |
| NITR     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓          | ✓          | ✓           | ✓           | ✓          | ✓     |
| SILO_NLP | ✓     | ✓     | ✓          | ✓          | ✓           | ✓           | ✓          | ✓     |
| nlp_novices | ✓     | ✓     | ✓          | ✓          | ✓           | ✓           | ✓          | ✓     |

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 7.021 for Japanese segmentation.

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

21 http://nlp.ist.i.kyoto-u.ac.jp/EN/index.php?JUMAN
• Stanford Word Segmenter version 2014-01-04\textsuperscript{22} (Chinese Penn Treebank (CTB) model) for Chinese segmentation.
• The Moses toolkit for English and Indonesian tokenization.
• Mecab-ko\textsuperscript{23} for Korean segmentation.
• Indic NLP Library\textsuperscript{24} (Kunchukuttan, 2020) for Indic language segmentation.
• The tools included in the ALT corpus for Myanmar and Khmer segmentation.
• subword-nmt\textsuperscript{25} 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 tokenizer.

• 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 OpenNMT (Klein et al., 2017) (RNN-model) for ASPEC, JPC, JIJI, and ALT tasks, tensor2tensor\textsuperscript{26} for the NICT-SAP task, HuggingFace transformers\textsuperscript{27} for the Structured Document Translation task and OpenNMT-py\textsuperscript{28} 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 ASPEC 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.

\textsuperscript{22}http://nlp.stanford.edu/software/segmenter.shtml
\textsuperscript{23}https://bitbucket.org/eunjeon/mecab-ko/
\textsuperscript{24}https://github.com/anoopkunchukuttan/indic_nlp_library
\textsuperscript{25}https://github.com/rsennrich/subword-nmt
\textsuperscript{26}https://github.com/tensorflow/tensor2tensor
\textsuperscript{27}https://github.com/huggingface/transformers
\textsuperscript{28}https://github.com/OpenNMT/OpenNMT-py
4.2.2 Transformer (Tensor2Tensor)

For the News Commentary task, we used tensor2tensor’s\(^{29}\) 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-tuned\(^{30}\) 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→Hindi, English→Malayalam, and English→Bengali Multimodal tasks we used the Transformer model (Vaswani et al., 2018) as implemented in OpenNMT-py (Klein et al., 2017) 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 model\(^{33}\) 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

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\(^{29}\)https://github.com/tensorflow/tensor2tensor  
\(^{30}\)https://huggingface.co/facebook/mbart-large-50-many-to-many-mmt  
\(^{31}\)http://www.kecl.ntt.co.jp/icl/lirg/ribes/index.html  
\(^{32}\)lotus.kuee.kyoto-u.ac.jp/WAT/WAT2022/  
\(^{33}\)http://www.phontron.com/kytea/model.html  
\(^{34}\)http://code.google.com/p/mecab/downloads/detail?name=mecab-ipadic-2.7.0-20070801.tar.gz  
\(^{35}\)http://nlp.stanford.edu/software/segmenter.shtml  
\(^{36}\)https://bitbucket.org/eunjeon/mecab-ko/  
\(^{37}\)http://lotus.kuee.kyoto-u.ac.jp/WAT/
For English, French and Russian tokenizations, we used \texttt{tokenizer.perl} in the Moses toolkit. For Indonesian, Malay, and Vietnamese tokenizations, we used \texttt{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, Sindi, Sinhala, Tamil, Telugu, and Urdu tokenizations, we used Indic NLP Library (Kunchukuttan, 2020). The de-
tailed procedures for the automatic evaluation are shown on the WAT evaluation web page.\footnote{http://lotus.kuee.kyoto-u.ac.jp/WAT/evaluation/index.html}

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.\footnote{http://lotus.kuee.kyoto-u.ac.jp/WAT/WAT2022/application/index.html}

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).\footnote{http://www.jpo.go.jp/shiryou/toushin/chousa/tokkyohonyaku_hyouka.htm}

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.\footnote{The number of systems varies depending on the subtasks.} 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).\footnote{http://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.

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.

8.5 English→Malayalam Multi-Modal Task

This year two teams “Silo_NLP”, and “nlp_novices” participated in the different sub-tasks (TEXT, MM) of the English→Malayalam Multi-Modal task. The WAT2022 automatic evaluation scores are shown in the Table 47, 48.
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.
Figure 21: Official evaluation results of parallel-corpus-filtering-en-ja.

Figure 22: Official evaluation results of parallel-corpus-filtering-ja-en.
Figure 23: Official evaluation results of software-en-ms.

Figure 24: Official evaluation results of software-ms-en.
Figure 25: Official evaluation results of swstr22-en-ja.

Figure 26: Official evaluation results of swstr22-ja-en.

Figure 27: Official evaluation results of swstr22-en-ko.
Figure 28: Official evaluation results of swstr22-ko-en.

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→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) 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→Japanese and Japanese→English tasks, and no systems submitted to the Chinese↔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 (MSeLevT 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 MSeLevT, and achieved 100% performance on the output of the constrained phrase pairs.

Table 14 reports the final score and two distinct human evaluation results. Regarding the final automatic evaluation score, we used SacreBLEU 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, (ja-en) lang=ja-en.
the English↔Japanese translation tasks.\footnote{Two 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.} 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→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 src-based 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→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 ASPEC 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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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.

|                | 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              |

|                | final | HE (Accuracy) | HE (src-based DA) |
|----------------|-------|---------------|-------------------|
| LeCA+LevT (ensemble) | 40.8  | 4.31          | 74.1*             |
| LeCA+LevT       | 38.1  | 4.22          | 72.0              |
| LeCA only       | 23.0  | 4.14          | 73.3              |
| Human Reference | –     | –             | 74.7              |

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

| 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        |
| baseline    | 19.9  | —           |
| sakura (NMT Prob.) | 19.4  | 4.35        |

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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   | Type | RSRC   | BLEU  | RIBES  | AMFM  |
|----------|------|------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| TMU      | 6947 | NMT  | NO     | 49.80 | 50.00  | 0.864394 |
| TMU      | 6948 | NMT  | NO     | 50.80 | 51.30  | 0.867732 |

Table 16: ASPECRT en-ja submissions

| System   | ID   | Type | RSRC   | BLEU  | RIBES  | AMFM  |
|----------|------|------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| TMU      | 6942 | NMT  | NO     | 39.60 | 0.799376 |
| TMU      | 6949 | NMT  | NO     | 39.30 | 0.795787 |

Table 17: ASPECRT ja-en submissions

| System   | ID   | Type | RSRC   | BLEU  | RIBES  | AMFM  |
|----------|------|------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| ORGANIZER | 6932 | NMT  | NO     | 1.70  | 0.222952 |

Table 18: ECCC km-en submissions

| System   | ID   | Type | RSRC   | BLEU  | RIBES  | AMFM  |
|----------|------|------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| ORGANIZER | 6933 | NMT  | NO     | 5.70  | 0.202578 |
| ORGANIZER | 6934 | NMT  | NO     | 5.70  | 0.202578 |

Table 19: ECCC km-fr submissions

| System   | ID   | Type | RSRC   | BLEU  | RIBES  | AMFM  |
|----------|------|------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| CNLP-NITS-PP | 6963 | NMT  | YES    | 3.50  | 0.637859 |
| NITR     | 6998 | NMT  | NO     | 15.50 | 0.706743 |

Table 20: INDIC22 as-en submissions

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

Table 21: INDIC22 bn-en submissions

| System   | ID   | Type | 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   | Type | RSRC   | BLEU  | RIBES  | AMFM  |
|----------|------|------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| CNLP-NITS-PP | 6969 | NMT  | YES    | 2.00  | 0.503286 |

Table 23: INDIC22 en-bn submissions

| System   | ID   | Type | RSRC   | BLEU  | RIBES  | AMFM  |
|----------|------|------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| NITR     | 7009 | NMT  | NO     | 6.30  | 0.579323 |

Table 24: INDIC22 en-sd submissions

| System   | ID   | Type | RSRC   | BLEU  | RIBES  | AMFM  |
|----------|------|------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| NITR     | 7012 | NMT  | NO     | 9.50  | 0.647028 |

Table 25: INDIC22 en-si submissions

| System   | ID   | Type | RSRC   | BLEU  | RIBES  | AMFM  |
|----------|------|------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| NITR     | 7014 | NMT  | NO     | 19.60 | 0.718763 |

Table 26: INDIC22 en-ur submissions
| System ID | Type | RSRC  | BLEU | RIBES | AMFM |
|-----------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
| NITR 7007 | NMT  | NO    | 8.00 | 0.546125 |      |
|           |      |       |      |       |      |
| Table 27: INDIC22 en submissions |

| System ID | Type | RSRC  | BLEU | RIBES | AMFM |
|-----------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
| NITR 7005 | NMT  | NO    | 8.40 | 0.709039 |      |
|           |      |       |      |       |      |
| Table 28: INDIC22 en submissions |

| System ID | Type | RSRC  | BLEU | RIBES | AMFM |
|-----------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
| NITR 7003 | NMT  | NO    | 8.20 | 0.632225 |      |
|           |      |       |      |       |      |
| Table 29: INDIC22 en submissions |

| System ID | Type | RSRC  | BLEU | RIBES | AMFM |
|-----------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
| NITR 7000 | NMT  | NO    | 20.50| 0.744934 |      |
|           |      |       |      |       |      |
| Table 30: INDIC22 en submissions |

| System ID | Type | RSRC  | BLEU | RIBES | AMFM |
|-----------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
| ORGANIZER 6543 | NMT  | NO    | 47.04| 48.86 | 46.90 |
|              |      |       | 0.870867| 0.870904| 0.869950 |
| Table 31: JPC22 en-ja submissions |

| System ID | Type | RSRC  | BLEU | RIBES | AMFM |
|-----------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
| ORGANIZER 6544 | NMT  | NO    | 44.51| 0.857903 |      |
|           |      |       |      |       |      |
| Table 32: JPC22 ja-en submissions |

| System ID | Type | RSRC  | BLEU | RIBES | AMFM |
|-----------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
| ORGANIZER 6542 | NMT  | NO    | 72.79| 0.952385 |      |
|           |      |       |      |       |      |
| Table 33: JPC22 ja-ko submissions |

| System ID | Type | RSRC  | BLEU | RIBES | AMFM |
|-----------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
| ORGANIZER 6540 | NMT  | NO    | 44.73| 45.77 | 45.48 |
|              |      |       | 0.871421| 0.877354| 0.875780 |
| Table 34: JPC22 ja-zh submissions |

| System ID | Type | RSRC  | BLEU | RIBES | AMFM |
|-----------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
| ORGANIZER 6541 | NMT  | NO    | 73.55| 74.58 | 73.89 |
|              |      |       | 0.956442| 0.956203| 0.956269 |
| Table 35: JPC22 ko-ja submissions |

| System ID | Type | RSRC  | BLEU | RIBES | AMFM |
|-----------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
| ORGANIZER 6539 | NMT  | NO    | 51.03| 51.64 | 51.14 |
|              |      |       | 0.887901| 0.885180| 0.887404 |
| Table 36: JPC22 zh-ja submissions |

| System ID | Type | RSRC  | BLEU | RIBES | AMFM |
|-----------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
| ORGANIZER 6536 | NMT  | NO    | 58.87| 60.50 | 58.83 |
|              |      |       | 0.905725| 0.907156| 0.904626 |
| Table 37: JPCN4 en-ja submissions |

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| System     | ID  | Type | RSRC | BLEU | RIBES | AMFM |
|------------|-----|------|------|------|-------|------|
| ORGANIZER  | 6537| NMT  | NO   | 54.86| 0.580671 | —    |

Table 38: JPCN4 ja-en submissions

| System     | ID  | Type | RSRC | BLEU | RIBES | AMFM |
|------------|-----|------|------|------|-------|------|
| ORGANIZER  | 6535| NMT  | NO   | 74.73| 0.958438 | —    |

Table 39: JPCN4 ja-ko submissions

| System     | ID  | Type | RSRC | BLEU | RIBES | AMFM |
|------------|-----|------|------|------|-------|------|
| ORGANIZER  | 6538| NMT  | NO   | 57.54| 0.898847 | 0.906742 | 0.904318 | —    |

Table 40: JPCN4 ja-zh submissions

| System     | ID  | Type | RSRC | BLEU | RIBES | AMFM |
|------------|-----|------|------|------|-------|------|
| ORGANIZER  | 6534| NMT  | NO   | 64.31| 0.924617 | 0.922020 | 0.924463 | —    |

Table 41: JPCN4 ko-ja submissions

| System     | ID  | Type | RSRC | BLEU | RIBES | AMFM |
|------------|-----|------|------|------|-------|------|
| ORGANIZER  | 6532| NMT  | NO   | 37.40| 0.795302 | —    |

Table 42: JPCN4 zh-ja submissions

| System     | ID  | Type | RSRC | BLEU | RIBES | AMFM |
|------------|-----|------|------|------|-------|------|
| ORGANIZER  | 6739| NMT  | NO   | 37.00| 0.795302 | —    |
| SILO_NLP   | 6733| NMT  | YES  | 43.10| 0.816860 | —    |
| nlp_novices| 6733| NMT  | YES  | 43.10| 0.816860 | —    |

Table 43: MMEVTEXT22 en-hi submissions

| System     | ID  | Type | RSRC | BLEU | RIBES | AMFM |
|------------|-----|------|------|------|-------|------|
| CNLP-NITS-PP | 6739| NMT  | NO   | 39.40| 0.802635 | —    |
| SILO_NLP   | 6636| NMT  | NO   | 36.20| 0.785073 | —    |
| nlp_novices| 6733| NMT  | YES  | 42.00| 0.796441 | —    |

Table 44: MMEVMM22 en-hi submissions

| System     | ID  | Type | RSRC | BLEU | RIBES | AMFM |
|------------|-----|------|------|------|-------|------|
| CNLP-NITS-PP | 6742| NMT  | NO   | 37.20| 0.770640 | —    |
| SILO_NLP   | 6735| NMT  | YES  | 41.80| 0.812500 | —    |
| nlp_novices| 6725| NMT  | YES  | 41.80| 0.812500 | —    |

Table 45: MMCHTEXT22 en-hi submissions

| System     | ID  | Type | RSRC | BLEU | RIBES | AMFM |
|------------|-----|------|------|------|-------|------|
| CNLP-NITS-PP | 6741| NMT  | NO   | 39.30| 0.791468 | —    |
| SILO_NLP   | 6695| NMT  | YES  | 39.10| 0.784169 | —    |

Table 46: MMCHMM22 en-hi submissions

| System     | ID  | Type | RSRC | BLEU | RIBES | AMFM |
|------------|-----|------|------|------|-------|------|
| SILO_NLP   | 6748| NMT  | NO   | 30.80| 0.589471 | —    |
| nlp_novices| 6719| NMT  | YES  | 30.60| 0.643987 | —    |

Table 47: MMEVTEXT22 en-ml submissions
| System   | ID   | Type | RSRC | BLEU  | RIBES | AMFM |
|----------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|
| SILO_NLP | 6849 | NMT  | NO   | 14.60 | 0.392158 | –    |
|          | 6720 | NMT  | YES  | 19.60 | 0.535043 | –    |

Table 48: MMCHTEXT22 en-ml submissions

| System   | ID   | Type | RSRC | BLEU  | RIBES | AMFM |
|----------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|
| SILO_NLP | 6936 | NMT  | NO   | 41.00 | 0.705349 | –    |

Table 49: MMEVMM22 en-ml submissions

| System   | ID   | Type | RSRC | BLEU  | RIBES | AMFM |
|----------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|
| SILO_NLP | 6937 | NMT  | NO   | 20.40 | 0.533737 | –    |

Table 50: MMCHMM22 en-ml submissions

| System   | ID   | Type | RSRC | BLEU  | RIBES | AMFM |
|----------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|
| ORGANIZER| 6703 | NMT  | NO   | 40.90 | 0.758246 | –    |
| CNLP-NITS-PP | 6746 | NMT  | NO   | 40.90 | 0.752543 | –    |
| SILO_NLP | 6934 | NMT  | NO   | 41.00 | 0.756712 | –    |

Table 51: MMEVTEXT22 en-bn submissions

| System   | ID   | Type | 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 | 0.606076 | –    |
| nlp_novices | 6970 | NMT  | YES  | 32.90 | 0.706596 | –    |

Table 52: MMCHTEXT22 en-bn submissions

| System   | ID   | Type | 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   | Type | 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   | Type | RSRC | BLEU  | RIBES | AMFM |
|----------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|
| HwTscSU  | 6751 | NMT  | NO   | 56.70 | 0.884286 | –    |

Table 55: SOFTWARE en-ms submissions

| System   | ID   | Type | RSRC | BLEU  | RIBES | AMFM |
|----------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|
| HwTscSU  | 6752 | NMT  | NO   | 45.50 | 0.819582 | –    |

Table 56: SOFTWARE ms-en submissions

| System   | ID   | Type | RSRC | BLEU  | RIBES | AMFM |
|----------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|
| 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  | Type | 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  | Type | RSRC | BLEU | RIBES | AMFM |
|----------|-----|------|------|------|-------|------|
| 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  | Type | 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 submissions

| System   | ID  | Type | 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: SWSTR22 ko-en submissions

| System   | ID  | Type | 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  | Type | RSRC | BLEU | RIBES | AMFM |
|----------|-----|------|------|------|-------|------|
| ORGANIZER| 6706| OTHER| NO   | 14.50| 0.465183 | -   |

Table 63: VIDEOGAS ja-en submissions