

Latest AI 'Buddhabot' allows users to 'chat' with Buddha image about their worries

Have you ever had any troubles in your life? Who would you seek advice from in such a circumstance? It might be helpful to touch upon the words of Buddha in such a time.

A team of researchers in Japan (1) an artificial intelligence system for smartphones that can automatically answer users' questions about their worries (2) a Buddhist perspective, while displaying an image of Buddha on the screen.

The AI system is fed with two types of Buddhist scriptures including the world's oldest "Sutta Nipata," (3) is a collection of discourses of Buddha, and is capable of coming up with 1,000 kinds of answers depending on the content of users' consultations.

(4)As the system is a combination (5) the "Buddhabot" AI dialogue system unveiled by the team in 2021 and augmented reality (AR) technology, it can also display images of the place where the user is located as the background of the Buddha via the smartphone camera function.

When a user enters their questions using text or voice, the Buddha on the smartphone screen answers them, (6)give them a sense of "chatting" with the Buddha in front of them.

The content of answers is the same (7) the user's age or gender. For the time being, the latest "AI Buddha" will be available at events and on other limited occasions. (8)The research team aims to eventually release the system

to the general public after making improvements while securing society's understanding about using the image of Buddha in it.

Seiji Kumagai, an associate professor in Buddhist studies at Kyoto University, who heads the research team, commented, "Buddhist circles face a harsh reality with the income of temples waning, while people's anxiety and suffering are growing amid the coronavirus pandemic and other crises. We'd like to respond to ⁽⁹⁾both challenges by combining traditional wisdom with AI and the metaverse."

問1 空所(1)に入る適切な形を選択肢の中から選びなさい。

- ① has developed ② have developed ③ is developed ④ are developed

問2 空所(2)に適切な前置詞を入れなさい。

問3 空所(3)に入る適切な語を選択肢の中から選びなさい。

- ① it ② what ③ which ④ that

問4 下線部(4)の As と同じ意味の as を含む文を選びなさい。

- ① Living as I do so remote from town, I rarely have visitors.
② As she learned more about the culture, she became more interested in it.
③ Try as you may, you won't find it easy to solve the problem.
④ As she was allergic to cats, she had to give away her beloved pet.

問5 空所(5)に適切な前置詞を入れなさい。

問6 下線部(6)の give を適切な形に直す場合に適切なものを選びなさい。

- ① gives ② giving ③ given ④ and give

問7 空所(7)に入る適切なものを選択肢の中から選びなさい。

- ① instead of ② with a view to ③ regardless of ④ in relation to

問8 下線部(8)を日本語に直しなさい。

問9 下線部(9)の both challenges の内容を具体的に日本語で書きなさい。