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Fig. 1. The Asia Student Photonics Conference 2014(ASPC 2014) will be held in Kolkata, in July 2014.