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[20051002]

Meanwhile , business and government leaders rebuked the computer makers , and fretted about the broader statement the companies ' actions make about Japanese cutthroat pricing .

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The company also disclosed that during that period it offered 10,000 yen , or about \$ 70 , for another contract .

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But Fujitsu , Japan 's No. 1 computer maker , is n't alone .

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NEC , one of its largest domestic competitors , said it bid one yen in two separate public auctions since 1987 .

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In both cases , NEC lost the contract to Fujitsu , which made the same bid and won a tie-breaking lottery .

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All the contracts were for computer-system-design contracts and involved no hardware or software .

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The Ministry of International Trade and Industry summoned executives from the companies to " make sure they understood " the concern about such practices , according to a government spokesman .

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" These cases lead to the loss of the firms ' social and international credibility . " a ministry statement said .

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Japan 's Fair Trade Commission has said it is considering investigating the bids for possible antitrust-law violations .

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" We would like to apologize for having caused huge trouble . " Fujitsu President Takuma Yamamoto , read from a prepared statement as he stood before a packed news conference at his company 's downtown headquarters .

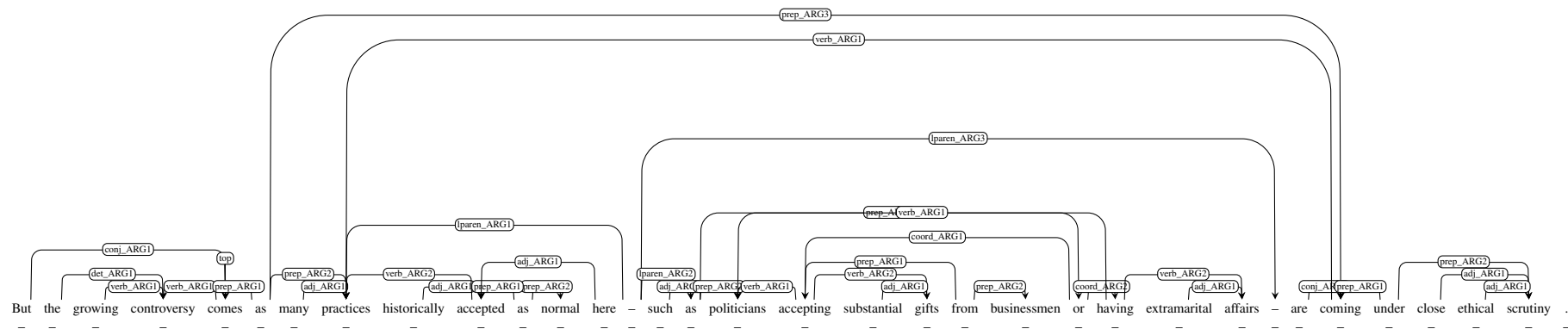
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The bids , he added , were " contrary to common sense . "

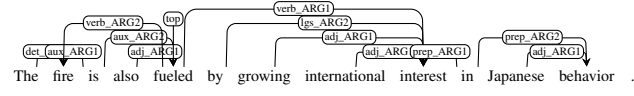
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Japanese companies have long had a reputation for sacrificing short-term profits to make a sale that may have long-term benefits .

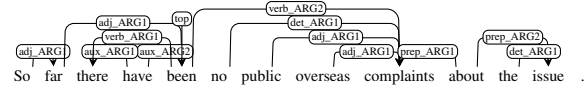
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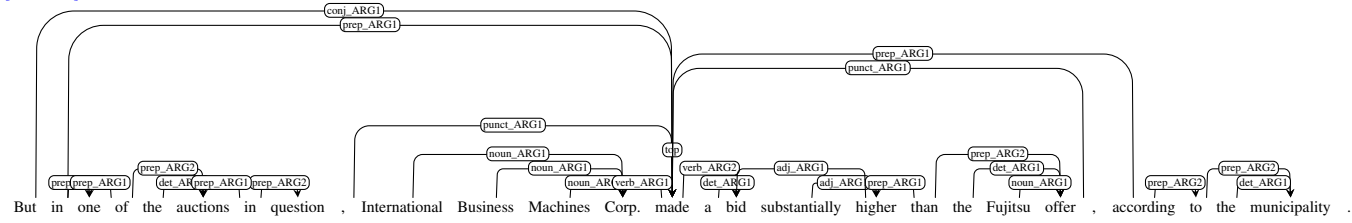
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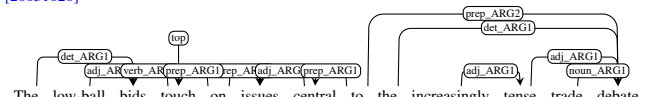
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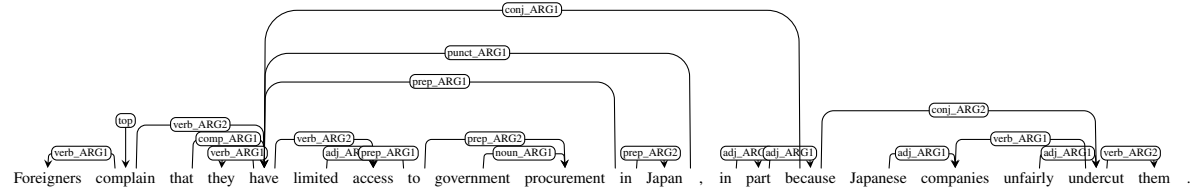
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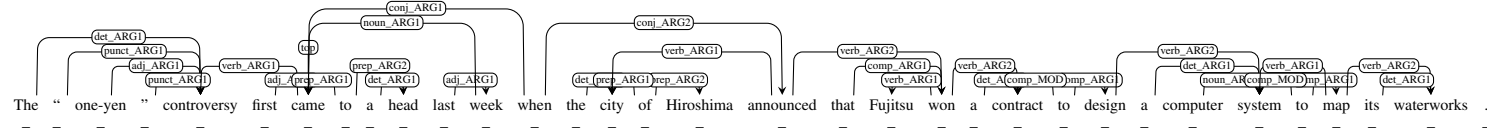
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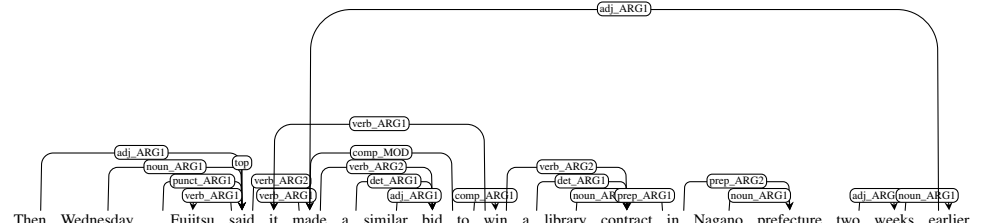
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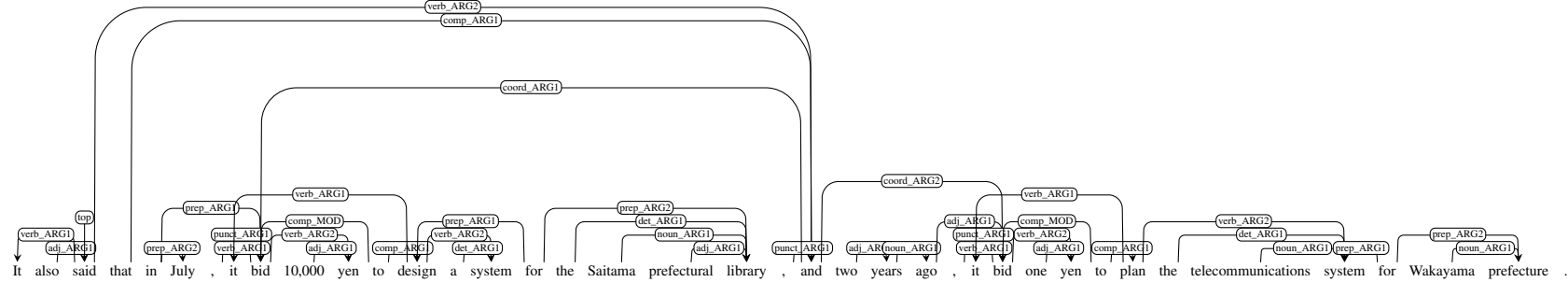
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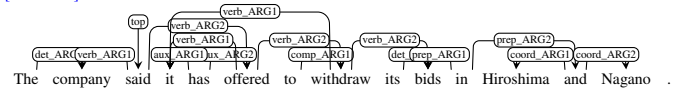
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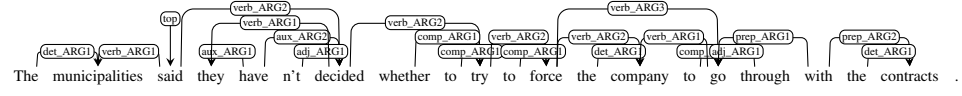
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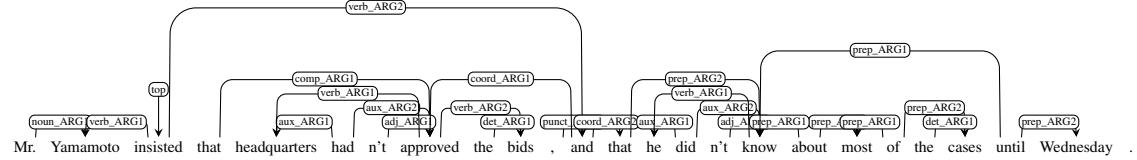
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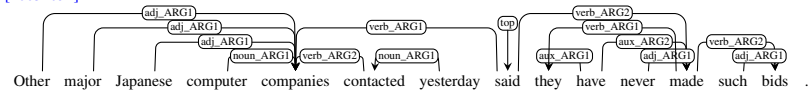
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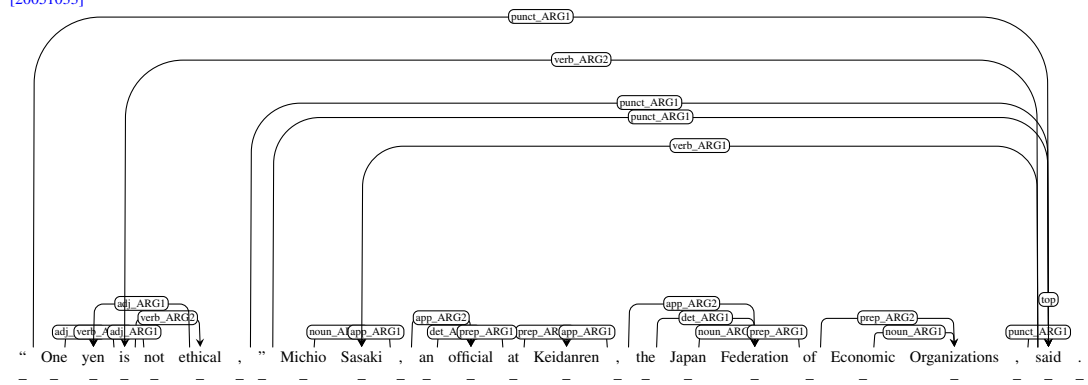
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