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AUB team to represent Lebanon at Microsoft's Imagine Cup 2011 in July

Beirut, Lebanon- 23/05/2011 - A team of AUB computer science students grabbed the first prize at the Local Imagine Cup Competition in Beirut on May 13 and will represent Lebanon at the Microsoft Imagine Cup 2011, the world's premier student technology competition. The members of the D4W team—Wajih BouKaram and Daniel Haddad—beat out 12 other teams including two other teams of AUB students to take first prize. Their winning entry, Project Brogil, is an educational video game that they developed using their own technology to educate young people between the ages of 7 and 12 about the proliferation of deforestation in developing countries.

More than 300,000 students from 120 countries participated in this annual competition last year, which Microsoft sponsors to encourage young scientists to use technology to develop innovative solutions to some of the toughest problems in the world. Computer Science Professor and Department Chair George Turkiyyah saluted all three AUB teams for their creative projects. Wajih and Daniel say they are looking forward to the international competition, which will take place in New York July 8-13.

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Note to Editors
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