AUB students win national computer programming competition

Beirut, Lebanon- 29/09/2014 - American University of Beirut students have grabbed the top four slots in the 6th Lebanese Collegiate Programming Competition (LCPC 2014), which was held on September 26-27.

Twenty teams, with three students per team, representing 13 universities in Lebanon registered for the contest.

"The contest provides an excellent opportunity for students majoring in computer science, computer engineering, management information systems, IT, and IT-related subjects to show their skills in programming and also to meet students from other institutions," said Wassim El-Hajj, chairman of the Department of Computer Science at AUB, which organized the competition. "This contest, which gathers the top programmers in Lebanon, also prepares the various teams for the regional and world programming contests."

Winners of the national competition qualify for the regional competitions, which will take place in Sharm El- Sheikh November 14-18, 2014.

Competitors were asked to solve 10 difficult computer programming questions. The team that answered the biggest number of questions correctly in the fastest time possible won.

Prizes included iPads for first-place winners, GPS devices and digital cameras for members of the second-placed and third-placed teams, respectively.

The winners were as follows:

First place: American University of Beirut, Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Team Name: Tribonacci
Team members: Rene Adaimi, Jimmy Saade, Samer Bekhazi
Coach: Nagi Nahas

Second place: American University of Beirut, Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Team Name: Batata
Team members: Ezzeddine Al Kotob, Rayan Kanso, Cyril Tamraz
Coach: Nagi Nahas

Third place: American University of Beirut, Dept. of Computer Science
Team Name: I Hate Programming

Team members: Kinan Dak El Bab, Ali Cherri, Fatima Makki
Coach: Dr. Mohamad Jaber

Fourth place: American University of Beirut, Dept. of Computer Science
Team Name: I Detest Programming
Team members: Bassel El Mabsout, Julia El Zini, Ali Al Amine
Coach: Dr. Mohamad Jaber

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