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AUB students organize competition for remote-controlled, student-designed toy boats

Beirut, Lebanon- 03/05/2012 - Eight teams from four universities in Lebanon competed in AUB's second annual Remote Control Boat Competition for the chance to win cash prizes, on May 2, in the Charles W. Hostler Student Center swimming pool.

The teams, comprised of Mechanical Engineering students were required to construct their own remote-controlled boats and were judged by AUB Mechanical Engineering professors on various criteria such as the length of the boat, the weight, the motor the propeller, the electronic connections in its compartment, and the outer look of the boat such as the color and the logo.

After four races, the points were tabulated and the winners were announced. In first place, came team Red Rocket from LAU, in second place, team Konyali Marine from BAU, and in third place, team TJT, from AUB.

Organizer and one of the founders of the event, SME (Society of Manufacturing Engineers) AUB chapter president Louay Saleh, says he and two other friends founded the competition because there was nothing like it in Lebanon. "Our goal in the next few years is to make it a regional tournament with competitors from other surrounding countries."

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