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## South Korean team wins ACM contest at Amrita

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KOLLAM: Team 'Oasis' from Sogang University, South Korea, won the prestigious Asia Regional ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC) 2009 held on the Amritapuri campus of Amrita University.

The second place was won by the team 'Counter Gambit' of NIT, Trichy. The event was sponsored by IBM and this is the fifth year in a row that the Amrita University is hosting the ICPC Asia Regional Contest. A total of 57 teams from 50 Asian universities participated in the regional contest of which 53 teams were from 15 Indian states and four teams each from South Korea, China, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

In the preliminary rounds, 300 teams from across Asia had participated in an online contest for entry into the Asia Regional Contest. The top two winners in the regional contest will now attend the World Finals to be held in the Ice City of Harbin, China, in 2010.

In the World Finals, 100 teams selected from over 7,000 teams representing 1,000 universities from 80 countries will compete for top awards and prizes. These teams will represent the top computing minds among the student community from the finest universities on six continents.

The ACM ICPC is a multi-tier competition started in Baylor University, Texas, in 1977 to identify top talent among students in the then emerging field of computer science.

Today, ICPC is one of the largest and most prestigious programming contests in the world with nearly 300,000 university students in computing disciplines worldwide participating in the contest annually.

The contest fosters creativity, teamwork, and innovation in building new software programmes, and enables students to test their ability to perform under pressure. ICPC is organised by the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) with headquarters in New York.



Woohyun Kim, Jaewon An and Baekjoon Choi, the members of the winning team 'Oasis' from South Korea.

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