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CONTESTS

University of Malaya wins global datathon

STUDENTS from the Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology (FCSIT), University of Malaya (UM) were announced the winners of the first global Datathon hosted by The Center of Applied Data Science (CADS) in collaboration with the Bulgaria Data Science Society recently.

The team of six students and three mentors participated in a 48-hour championship, the Academia Datathon International University Data Science Society Challenge, along with 130 students from renowned universities across five other countries, namely Bulgaria, Serbia, Greece, Croatia and India.

The team was declared the winner for its innovative solution in the trading of cryptocur-

rency. The members comprised undergraduate students — Sabrina Kamal Izat, Nur Hidayah Mohd Rosli, Prasanta Sathasivam and Yee Xun Wei — and postgraduate students, Nur Baiti Afini Normadhi and Muhammad Nazrin Napih. They were mentored by senior lecturers, Dr Hoo Wai Lam, Dr Nor Liyana Mohd Shuib and Dr Muhammad Reza Zaba.

They were challenged to work on structured data that was universally understandable — cryptocurrency. They were given a case of financial time-series prediction with cryptocurrencies and its integration of knowledge from various sources — Crypto Currencies, Quantitative Finance and Machine learning.

The Bulgaria Data Science Society gave the

teams data sets on cryptocurrency and they were required to work on predictions and develop a successful investing model on cryptocurrency.

CADS founder Sharala Axryd said: "The team from Malaysia has proven that the country has expertise on par with global players in the field."

Dr Sri Devi Ravana, who is FCSIT Department of Information Systems head, said: "The Datathon was an exciting and informative experience for the students and mentors."

"The students had the opportunity to sharpen their skills, gain global knowledge and exposure; think out of the box when put into real-world situations and apply their knowledge in an effective and timely manner to develop solutions to problems that matter to society."



The winning team from UM's Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology.