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Singapore: Singapore witnessed an enthralling battle of wits, where Abhimanyu S and Rohan Naidu from National University of Singapore were crowned winners at the grand finale of the 7th edition of Tata Crucible Campus Quiz at the University Cultural Centre Hall. Closely following the lead pair were Karan Prasad and Shivam Bhardwaj from National University of Singapore, who clinched the first runners-up position. After contesting multiple rounds of high energy quizzing, the duo from National University of Singapore took away a whopping cash prize of \$7,000 among other exciting prizes. The first runners-up Mr Prasad and Mr Bhardwaj from National University of Singapore won a cash prize of \$3,000. The top two teams will now compete with the other finalists at the international finale to be held in India early next year.

The second runners-up position was sealed by Sainyam Gautam and Kushagra Saran from National University of Singapore, who also claimed a cash prize of \$2,000.

Gracing the occasion with his presence was chief guest Vikram Sud, regional head of operations and technology; Citi Asia Pacific. He was impressed by the high levels of energy and passion for quizzing that he witnessed at the finale. Applauding the finalist teams, he said, "It is great to see such talent here. We need this kind of workforce, like you guys who are having this kind of innovation and think innovatively with smart connections."

Mr Abhimanyu S and Mr Naidu from National University of Singapore were thrilled on their victory. Shared Mr Abhimanyu S, "Quizzing is extremely special to both of us. We are very passionate about it. It's not just an event, it's a way of life — keeping your mind open all the time and absorbing the world. Pickbrain's quizzes are very well-crafted, and Tata Crucible the most prestigious event a quizzier can win, so I feel extremely happy." Added Mr Naidu, "This was my first-ever Tata Crucible and it is surreal to have won this as a teenager. Quizzing isn't merely regurgitating facts that you've swallowed in preparation for an event, it's a Sherlock Holmes-styled way of deductive reasoning. Pickbrain quizzes ensure that you need to think rather than recall."

The Tata Crucible Campus Quiz Singapore 2013 was anchored by ace quizmaster Giri Balasubramaniam, aka 'Pickbrain'.

This year, the Tata Crucible Campus Quiz received participation of 148 students in 74 teams (of two contestants each) from prominent educational institutions like Nanyang Technological University, National University of Singapore, SP Jain Institute of Management and Research, Singapore Management University and SIM. These students were tested on subjects ranging from business to current affairs, business houses to personalities. The preliminary round saw nearly 25 questions on various topics administered to all participants, followed by a wild card round amongst teams 7 to 14 from the scores, to select 2 teams who joined the 6 top-scoring teams to make an 8-team stage final.



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The final teams on stage, all of whom were tested with five rounds of live, rapid-fire quizzing across categories ranging from business basics to bricks, economy, personalities and brands, included:

Abhimanyu S and Rohan Naidu from National University of Singapore.

Karan Prasad and Shivam Bhardwaj from National University of Singapore.

Sainyam Gautam and Kushagra Saran from National University of Singapore.

Jishnu Mohan and Ayush from National University of Singapore.

Dhruv Bindal and Jain Malik from Nanyang Technological University.

Lu Ying Jie and Daniel Tay from National University of Singapore.

Pranav Rao and Devaki Ravi Praveen from Singapore Management University.

Aditya Srivastava and Sai Visesh from National University of Singapore.

The evening was graced by senior Tata leaders from Singapore and representatives from the local universities amongst others.

Channel NewsAsia is the official broadcast partner for the quiz and will be telecasting the quiz in a one-edition capsule.

The first telecast is on December 18, 2013, at 8.30pm (GMT +8), and the repeats are on December 19, 2013, at 1:30pm; December 20, 2013, at 5.30pm; and on December 23, 2013, at 11:30am (GMT +8).