Team's app wins RM49,000

NEW: 'Living in the moment' concept tops Hackethon competition

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AN application to aid the adventurous and curious won the grand prize at the Malaysia Developers' Day 2016 here yesterday.

Team CurioCity walked away with US$10,000 (RM49,400) at the two-day hackethon competition organised by the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) and AT&T.

The team, made up of Melissa Lee, Francis Pang and Cheong Jin How, also won the Best App for Lifestyle, which got them a six-month mentoring programme with Golden Gate Ventures and US$1,000.

"Our app is Tinder meets Facebook Live meets Snapchat. It's Tinder because it matches people together. So, if a person wants to see Tokyo and another user is in Tokyo, they will be matched in the app.

"It's like Facebook Live because it's live, and like Snapchat because

Winners of the Malaysia Developers' Day app competition at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. **Pic by Aizuddin Saad**

the video disappears after filming. You don't store it," said Lee, 20, a first-timer in such competitions.

"We are promoting the 'living in the moment' concept."

It was a first for Cheong, 33, an artist, and the third for Pang, also 33, who is the developer in the team.

"We are excited, especially since it's our first time working together. We got validation for this idea and hope we can do more in the mentorship," said Pang.

Winners include ReMed for Best App for Community and Price Watch for Best App for Smart City, who won a six-month mentoring programme with Golden Gate Ventures and US$1,000.

Five individuals were awarded the Nanodegree Scholarships worth US$10,000 by AT&T and Udacity.

The 22 teams were given 24 hours to create and develop an application to solve problems faced by the community. The most popular genre

were healthcare and locating people.

MCMC and AT&T collaborated for the fourth year in organising the competition to encourage innovators to create Internet of Things (IoT) apps.

Participants were provided with tools to create new apps, including the AT&T M2X IoT data, while tech experts lent support.

A coding 101 workshop was held on Thursday for those who sought to build new skills.