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IRAN, MALAYSIA WIN QURANIC RECITERS ASSEMBLY

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 6 (Bernama) -- Iran's Mohamad Gandom Najad Toosi and Malaysia's Sapiah Mohd won the men's and women's titles respectively at the 40th International Quranic Reciters Assembly which ended here tonight.

Twenty-five male and 13 female reciters from 25 nations took part in the six-day event which began last Tuesday.

Second in the men's section was Achmad Mudai Bakri of Indonesia and third Abdullah Latip M. Daud of the Philippines.

Indonesian Norhayati Thahir was second in the women's category while Sitiie Noor Iman of the Philippines was third.

Mohamad Gandom obtained 91.25 points against Achmad Mudai's 87.25 and Abdulah's 86.42, while Sapiah received 91.58 points to Norhayati's 88.92 and Sitiie Iman's 85.58.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar gave away the prizes.

The men's and women's champions each received RM10,000 and a trophy while the first runners-up and second runners-up got RM7,000 and RM5,000 respectively.

The others received a RM1,000 consolation prize.

The reciters also received a souvenir and a certificate each.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was also present.

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