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Sepiah adjudged the best female Quran reciter

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Sepiah Mohamad did Malaysia proud tonight when she won first place for the qariah (female reciters) division at the 40th International al-Quran Reciters Assembly which ended tonight.

She obtained 91.58 points and walked away with a cash prize of RM10,000, a challenge trophy, souvenirs and a certificate of participation.

Second place went to Nurhayati Thahir from Indonesia (88.92 points) while Sitiie Imam Noor from the Philippines (85.58 points) became third.

They walked away with RM7,000 and RM5,000 respectively, souvenirs and certificates of appreciation.

For the qari (male reciters) division, Mohammad Gandom Nejad Toosi obtained 91.25 points, grabbing the first prize from contestants Achmad Muda'i Bakri and Abdul Latip M. Daud who won second and third place respectively.

Achmad Muda'i obtained 87.25 points while Abdul Latip got 86.42 points.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar presented the prizes. Also present were Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Abdul Hamid Othman.

The al-Quran recital began on Dec 1.

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