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53 reciters in Quran competition

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - A total of 53 reciters, including 19 women, from 34 countries are participating in the 41st International Al-Quran Reciters' Assembly themed "Success Through Unity of the Ummah" at the Putra World Trade Centre beginning tonight.

Representing Malaysia at the six-day event officiated by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah is Che Yahaya Daud from Kelantan and Maznah Awang of Terengganu.

The reciters at the opening day of the assembly were two qari (male participants) Ma Wen-Ming of China and Abduraghmaan Hussein of South Africa while the qariah were Putri A. Salacayan of the Philippines and Sadao LaoSen of Thailand.

Last year, Mohamad Gandom Najad Toosi from Iran emerged as the champion in the men's category while Sapiah Mohd from Malaysia grabbed the top prize in the women's section.

Sultan Salahuddin, who was accompanied by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Abdul Hamid Othman, was earlier introduced to the international participants.

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