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Reciters-Results

MALAYSIAN QARI AND QARIAH EMERGE AS CHAMPIONS AT RECITERS ASSEMBLY

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 19 (Bernama) -- Malaysia swept the men's and women's championship at the 41st International Quran Reciters Assembly which ended here tonight.

National qari Che' Yahaya Daud received 90.33 per cent marks to emerge as champion in the men's category, while national qariah Hajah Maznah Awang received 92.83 per cent to become champion in the women's category.

A total of 43 participants, comprising 27 qaris and 16 qariahs from 28 nations including Malaysia, read verses from the Quran at the assembly which began on Tuesday at the Putra World Trade Centre.

Second place in the men's category went to Abdul Latip Daud, from the Philippines, who obtained 87.33 per cent marks, while Bangladesh qari Mohammad Mozammel Hossain was third with 87 per cent.

In the women's category, Indonesian qariah Iis Solihat took second place with 90.75 per cent marks, while third was Dayang Hajah Rokiah Ibrahim @ Brahim from Brunei with 86.50 per cent.

Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah presented prizes to all participants.

Also present were Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Siti Aishah and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The champion qari and qariah received RM10,000 each, the runners-up RM7,000 and the third placed RM5,000. Other participants received RM1,000 each.

The reciters were judged by a panel of nine judges from Brunei, Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Thailand and Malaysia.

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