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Quran-Winners

IRANIAN QARI AND M'SIAN QARIAH ARE WINNERS

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 31 (Bernama) -- Mas'ud Sayah Gorji of Iran and Pasiyah Hashim of Malaysia emerged as champion qari and qariah respectively at the 43rd International Quranic Reciters' Assembly which ended here tonight.

Mas'ud Sayah scored 90.25 per cent, while Pasiyah obtained 95.08 per cent.

They each received RM15,200, a trophy, souvenir and certificate of participation.

Second in the qari section is Malaysia's Abdul Ghani Hashim with 88 per cent while third is Y.M. Mudim Metasim Metussin of Brunei with 86.17 per cent.

In the qariah section, second is Indonesia's Erry Syahriyah who scored 90.08 per cent and third is Jintana Wongsahag of Thailand who obtained 85.25 per cent.

The prizes were presented by Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin of Terengganu at Dewan Merdeka of the Putra World Trade Centre.

The runners-up received RM11,400, a trophy and certificate each while the third-placed finishers received RM7,600, a souvenir and certificate.

The Permaisuri of Terengganu, Permaisuri Nur Zahirah, was present. Also present was Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

After the results were announced, the champion qari and qariah made their recitals.

The Quranic Reciters' Assembly, themed "Unity, the Catalyst of Development for the Ummah" began on Oct 25 and involved 34 qari and 21 qariah from 34 countries.

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