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### Trio kick off National Quran Recital Assembly

KUANTAN, Tues. - Three participants took part in the first night of the 44th National Quran Recital Assembly at the Sultan Ahmad Shah Silver Jubilee Hall tonight.

They were Othman Azumi Ahmad of Kedah, Aziz Mustakim of Johor and Che Aminah Che Awang who presented the Federal Territory.

Twenty-seven qari and qariah, including defending champion qariah Amnah Ayup of Sarawak, are taking part in the five-day assembly.

Defending champion qari Radzi Kamalul Hailan of Perak is not taking part as he is pursuing further studies overseas.

Kelantan and Terengganu are only taking part in the qari section of the assembly.

Earlier, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Abdul Hamid Zainal Abidin opened the assembly on behalf of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Also present was Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob, who is also the joint organising chairman.

The theme for this year's assembly is "Unity, the Catalyst for Development of the Ummah".

The highlight of the opening ceremony was a performance by six nasyid groups comprising 100 members.

The groups were from the Pahang Foundation, Kolej Islam Pahang Sultan Ahmad Shah, Sekolah Menengah Sains Sultan Ahmad Shah Pekan, Tengku Ampuan Pahang Teachers Training College and Sekolah Menengah Tengku Panglima Perang Kuantan.

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