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JOHOR TO HOST 46TH NATIONAL QURANIC RECITERS ASSEMBLY

JOHOR BAHRU, July 21 (Bernama) -- Johor has been chosen to host the 46th national-level Quranic Reciters Assembly over five days, beginning on Sept 9, the Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Datuk Abdul Hamid Zainal Abidin, said today.

He said the assembly, to be held at the Johor Baharu City Council Indoor Stadium here, will be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and closed by the Sultan of Johor.

Speaking to reporters after chairing the first meeting of the assembly's main committee here, Abdul Hamid said the theme, as used at state-level assemblies, was "Appreciating the Beauty of Islam Together".

"This theme aims to pull Muslims towards the contemplation and interpretation of the beauty of Islam as demanded by the Quran and teachings of the Prophet," he said.

As in previous years, he said, the assembly would be telecast live by Radio Televisyen Malaysia.

Abdul Hamid said the assembly was open to a male and female reciter from every State, besides the reigning champions.

"As usual, we invite a "qari" and "qariah" from every State and it is up to the respective States to send in their applications," he said when asked if Kelantan and Terengganu would send female reciters.

In several earlier assemblies, both States under Pas rule only sent a male reciter each.

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