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TOP JUNIOR QURAN RECITER TO DISPLAY FORTE AT SCHOLARS CONFERENCE

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PUTRAJAYA, July 8 (Bernama) -- Barely two weeks after emerging as the national-level Junior Qari Champion, Mohamed Anas Haji Razali is now prepared to face a major task at the World Conference of Islamic Conference, beginning here on Thursday.

He will recite the Quran's "Surah Ar-Ra'd" from Verse 8 to 18 at the opening ceremony of the three-day conference at the Marriott Hotel, here.

Mohamed Anas, 10, a standard four pupil of Sekolah Kebangsaan Satu Tapah, said he came to know of his assignment from the Perak Education Department earlier this month.

"I made preparations immediately by training for an hour every day under my father's guidance," he told Bernama, here today.

He will recite the Quranic verses in front of about 900 participants from 33 nations at the conference to be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Mohamed Anas, who started learning to read the Al-Quran when he was seven years old, said this was the first time that he had been invited to show his Quran reading skill at an international function.

"I'm grateful that my father had always guided me (in reciting the Quran). However, I'm sad that my father can't attend the function because of his work," he said.

His father, Razali Hassan, works as a security guard with Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) in Tapah and had once become champion of the TNB Quran Reciters' Assembly.

Meanwhile, the Al-Falah nasyid group, formerly known as the Harakat Madani group, will also render the "Selawat Nabi" at the function.

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