



Call for the International
Holy Qur'an Competitions
of Islamic Republic of Iran

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In the Name of Allah

Introduction

قال الله تعالى:

﴿إِنَّ هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ يَهْدِي لِلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ وَيُبَشِّرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ أَجْرًا كَبِيرًا﴾

(الاسراء/ ٩)

قال الرسول الاعظم ﷺ:

«اقرأوا القرآن؛ فإنه يأتي يوم القيامة شفيعاً لأصحابه»

(صحيح مسلم، ص ٨٠٤)

With the Divine help, in order to further unify the Islamic Ummah and to improve serving the Holy Qur'an, as well as to transfer the experiences of the Qur'anic elites and chosen competitors of the Islamic world and to promote the technical level of the carriers of the Word of Revelation, "the Thirty-seventh International Holy Quran Competition of the Islamic Republic of Iran" will be held as one of the most prestigious Quranic competitions in the Islamic world in various sections and disciplines.

The Titles and Disciplines of the Competitions

Competition Title	Gender	Discipline	Age Limit	Considerations
Inclusive Call of Islamic Republic of Iran	Brothers	Memorization of the Whole Book of Qur'an	18-35 Years Old	
		Tahqiq Recitation	18-40 Years Old	
		Tartil Recitation	18-40 Years Old	
	Sisters	Memorization of the Whole book of Qur'an	18-35 Years Old	
Seminary and Graduate Students of Religious Sciences	Brothers	Memorization of the Whole book of Qur'an along with Interpretation	18-45 Years Old	Interpretation of the Surah Al-Maeda from Al-Mizan Tafsir or Al-Tanwir and Al-Tahrir
		Tahqiq Recitation along with Interpretation	18-45 Years Old	Interpretation of the Surah Al-Maeda from Al-Mizan Tafsir or Al-Tanwir and Al-Tahrir
		Tartil Recitation along with Interpretation	18-45 Years Old	Interpretation of the Surah Al-Maeda from Al-Mizan Tafsir or Al-Tanwir and Al-Tahrir
		Qur'anic Oration	Up to 55 years old	Interpretation of the Surah Al-Maeda from Al-Mizan Tafsir or Al-Tanwir and Al-Tahrir
		Interpretation of the Holy Qur'an	No Limits	Interpretations of the Surahs Muhammad, Fath, Hojarat, Qaf from the book of Al-Amthal fi Tafsir Kitab Allah al-Munzal or the al-Tanwir wa al-Tahrir Interpretation

The Competition's Timetable

Competition Title	Gender	Discipline	Registration/ Editing	Entrance Exam			Announcing the Finalists	Final Competition in Iran
				Submission of works	Virtual Test (a Test on the Website)	On-line Evaluation		
Inclusive Call of Islamic Republic of Iran	Brothers	Tahqeeq Recitation	Nov. 13- Dec. 13	Nov. 13- Dec. 21	----	----	Jan. 10	April- May 2020
		Tarteel Recitation	Nov. 13- Dec. 13	Nov. 13- Dec. 21	----	----	Jan. 10	April- May 2020
		Memorization of the Whole book of Qur'an	Nov. 13- Dec. 13	----	----	Dec. 22- 31	Jan. 10	April- May 2020
	Sisters	Memorization of the Whole book of Qur'an	Nov. 13- Dec. 13	----	----	Dec. 22- 31	Jan. 10	April- May 2020
Seminary and Graduate Students of Religious Sciences	Brothers	Memorization of the Whole book of Qur'an along with Interpretation	Nov. 13- Dec. 13	----	----	Dec. 22- 31	Jan. 10	April- May 2020
		Tahqeeq Recitation along with Interpretation	Nov. 13- Dec. 13	Nov. 13- Dec. 21	----	----	Jan. 10	April- May 2020
		Tarteel Recitation along with Interpretation	Nov. 13- Dec. 13	Nov. 13- Dec. 21	----	----	Jan. 10	April- May 2020
		Qur'anic Oration	Nov. 13- Dec. 13	Nov. 13- Dec. 21	----	----	Jan. 10	April- May 2020
		Interpretation of the Holy Qur'an	Nov. 13- Dec. 13	----	Dec. 21	Jan 12-15	Jan. 15	April- May 2020

The Venue of the Competitions

These series of international competitions will be held in the holy, historical and beautiful city of “Mashhad” and in the vicinity of the holy shrine of Imam Reza (A.S).

The Venue of the Competitions

1. Necessary potency in the chosen field;
2. Being in the allowed age limit (according to the age conditions written in the table of disciplines);
3. Not having participated in the competitions of Islamic Republic of Iran in the past three years; As a participant
4. Not won the first place in the selected fields in previous years' competitions
5. Having a valid passport;

The Process of Competitions

■ “The Field of Memorization of the Whole Book of Qur’an” and “the Field of Memorization of the Whole Book of Qur’an along with Interpretation”

- These courses are held in three stages (Entrance test, introductory and final exam).
- The first stage (entrance exam) is held virtually and through a live video connection once the time of the test has been determined for each participant. The call will be made by the tournament headquarter.
- At this stage, each participant answers 2 questions raised by the referees with reciting 20 lines in total in Tarteel (one question is from the first half of the Qur’an, and the second one is chosen from the second half of the Qur’an).
- After completing the first stage, the results and the score sheet of each person can be accessed through the registration system.
- Top competitors of each nationality who obtain the required score limit, are invited to attend the final stage of competitions in Islamic Republic of Iran.
- The participants in the field of “memorization of the whole book of Qur’an along with interpretation should study the interpretation of the surah “Al-Ma’edah” from one of the interpretation sources (Tafsir Al-Mizan, Tafsir Al-Tanwir wa Al-Tahrir) according to their choice at the time of registration.
- At the final of the field of “memorization of the whole book of Qur’an along with interpretation”, The test is taken from the participants in person and in writing form.
- The language of the interpretation test will be Arabic.
- The interpretation sources along with sample questions are presented in the registration system for the participants to study.



■ **“The Field of Tahqeeq Recitation”, “the Field of Tahqeeq Recitation along with Interpretation” , “the Field of Tarteel Recitation” and “the Field of Tarteel Recitation along with Interpretation”:**

- These courses are held in three stages (Entrance test, introductory and final exam).
- The first phase will be held from distance and by sending the designated recitation piece.
- At this phase, the volunteers should choose from one of the following pieces and record the video of their recitation with the observance of the rules of Tajweed, Waqf, Ibteda, Sowt, and Lahn and upload it to the registration system up to December 21st.

Tahqeeq Recitation * Tahqeeq Recitation along with Interpretation	Piece No.1	From Verse 26 of Surah Yunus (... لِّلَّذِينَ...) → Up to the End of Verse 29 (... لَعْفَلِينَ...)
	Piece No.2	From Verse 15 of Surah An-Nahl (... وَالْقِي...) → Up to the End of Verse 22 (... مُسْتَكْبِرُونَ...)
	Piece No.3	From Verse 85 of Surah An-Naml (... وَوَقَعَ...) → Up to the End of Verse 90 (... تَعْمَلُونَ...)
Tarteel Recitation * Tarteel Recitation along with Interpretation	Piece No.1	From Verse 27 of Surah An-Nisaa (... وَاللَّهِ...) → Up to the End of Verse 33 (... شَهِيداً...)
	Piece No.2	From Verse 39 of Surah An-Israa (... ذَلِكَ...) → Up to the End of Verse 49 (... جَدِيداً...)
	Piece No.3	From the Beginning of Surah Al-Ahzaab (... يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ...) → Up to the End of Verse 6 (... مَسْطُوراً...)

- The guide and procedure of recording and sending the recitation are provided below.
- After the deadline has expired, the uploaded recitations are judged and the results and performance sheet of each person can be accessed through the registration system.
- Top competitors of each nationality who obtain the required score limit in the first phase, are invited to attend the final phase of competitions in Islamic Republic of Iran.
- The participants in the “field of Tahqeeq recitation along with interpretation” and the field of “Tarteel recitation along with interpretation” should choose the interpretation of the surah Al-Ma’edah from one of the determined interpretation sources (Tafsir Al-Mizan, Tafsir Al-Tanwir wa Al-Tahreer) according to their choice at the time of registration.
- At the final phase of “the field of Tahqeeq recitation along with interpretation” and “the field of Tarteel recitation along with interpretation”, some question will be asked from the participants both in person and in writing.
- The language of the interpretation test is Arabic.
- The interpretation sources along with the sample test are provided in the registration system.





■ The Field of Qur'anic Oration:

- This field is held in two phases.
- The first phase is held from distance and by sending the performed oration.
- The volunteers should choose one of the following subjects at the time of registration:
 - 1) The goals of delegation of the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him and his Household) with the educational and ethical approach;
 - 2) The indicators of the prophetic lifestyle in the Holy Qur'an;
 - 3) The biography of the Prophet (peace be upon him and his Household) in dealing with Muslims, infidels and hypocrites;
 - 4) Examples of the Prophet's (peace be upon him and his Household) methods of attracting and guiding people;
 - 5) Our duties toward the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him and his Household)
- Volunteers should record the video of their oration performance in one of the above-mentioned subjects and upload it to the registration system by December 21st.
- The length of the oration performance should be between 5 to 7 minutes.
- The performed oration should be in clear Arabic.
- The guide and the procedure of recording and submission of the performed oration will be provided below.
- After the deadline has expired, the uploaded recitations are judged and the results and performance sheet of each person can be accessed through the registration system.
- Top competitors of each nationality who obtain the required score limit in the first phase, are invited to attend the final phase of competitions in Islamic Republic of Iran. (At least from 10 countries)

■ The Field of Holy Qur'an Interpretation:

- The sources of this field (including the interpretation of the surahs al-Ahqaf, Muhammad, Fat'h, al-Hojarat, Qaf) are chosen from the book of "Al-Amthal fi Tafsir Kitab Allah" written by Naser Makarem Shirazi and the book of "Al-Tahri wa al-Tanwir" written by Muhammad al-Taher bin A'ashour.
- Volunteers can choose one of the above-mentioned interpretations according to their desire at the time of registration.
- Changing the source of exam is impossible after completing registration.
- These two fields will be held in two phases (entrance exam and final exam)
- The entrance exam includes the two sections of "online test in the system" and "live video interview".

- The “online test” will be conducted from distance and is in multiple choice form (at most 40 questions).

The contents of the questions are chosen from the interpretation of the surahs Al-Ahqaf and Muhammad.

The volunteers, who obtain 50% of the “online test” score, will go to the next test which will be the live video interview.

- “Live video interview” will be conducted from distance after the time of test is determined for each volunteer. The Competition Foundation contacts the volunteers for the test.

The contents of the questions of “the live video test” are chosen from the interpretations of the surahs Fat’h, and Al-Hojarat.

At this phase, each volunteer answers the two questions of the referees by explaining and interpreting two verses of the test material based on their selected interpretation.

The time of answering each question is at most 5 minutes.

The top volunteers from each nationality, who obtain the necessary score limit in “the live video test”, are invited to take part in the final phase in Islamic Republic of Iran. (at least from 10 countries)

- The results and performance sheet for each volunteer can be accessed through the registration system.
- The contents of the test at the final phase include the interpretation of the surahs Al-Ahqaf, Muhammad, Fat’h, Al-Hojarat, Qaf.
- At the final stage, some questions from the interpretation sources are asked from the participants both in person and in writing.
- The language of the interpretation test is Arabic.
- The interpretation sources are provided in the registration system for studying.

Registration Guide

1. Registration can be accessed through the website <http://qurancf.ir> in three languages of Persian, Arabic and English according to the timetable.

Checking the veracity of the information and volunteers’ documents is carried out after the registration. In case there is a problem with the registered information, the volunteer will be notified to edit their information.

Note: the volunteer shall be responsible for the consequences of incorrect information.

2. Each participant is allowed to select only **one discipline**.

3. The required documents for registration in the website:

- The image of the first page of passport
- Official photo (newly taken)
- Image of “graduation certificate” or “enrollment certificate” from the educational center for the volunteers in the fields of competitions for “students of religious sciences”

4. It is possible to edit the registration form (chosen field) within the registration time limit.

5. The rules of competition are presented in the registration system for the volunteers to learn about the technical and judging standards.

6. The Competition Foundation communicates with the volunteer through the communication software which is selected by the volunteer in the registration system, and announces probable changes.

7. After determining the names of the entrants to the final, the supplementary information including the flight route, etc. will be received and the entrants will be notified about the details of their trip.

8. The sisters who enter the final can be accompanied by one of their first-degree relative.

9. The Competition Foundation will only cover the costs of visa, two-way tickets, and accommodation of the participants (and one companion for female participants) during the competitions in Iran, and the participants are accountable for their other personal expenses, domestic trips, ticket change requests, special flight route, etc. The Competition Foundation is excused from accepting these costs.

The Guide for Recording and Submitting the Records

1. A video of the volunteer’s performance (Tahqeeq recitation/ Tarteel recitation/ oration) should be recorded.

2. It is necessary to choose a location with proper background, privacy, and without ambient sounds.

3. In the case of filming with a mobile phone, the image frame should be set horizontally.








4. The volunteer should introduce themselves at the beginning of the video. (Name, nationality, hosen field, the number of recitation piece or the selected subject of the oration)

5. The format of the taken video should be one of the formats of WMV, MPEG, or MP4 and with a proper resolution.



6. The dimensions of the submitted video should be at least 489*640.
7. The size of the submitted files should exceed 50MB.
8. If the size of the recorded video is more than 50MB , It is necessary to reduce the size.
9. The ultimate number of uploaded files is one.
10. Videos that do not meet the required standards for audio or video quality will not be judged and will be omitted from the competition.
11. Submission of an archived video is not acceptable.
12. Volunteers should submit their performance in the registration system by uploading it until December 21, 20219.

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