







# GUIDELINE BOOK

The 1st International Qur'an Recitation Award
University Syiah Kuala
(IQRA - USK)

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# Welcome to The 1<sup>st</sup> International Qur'an Recitation Award

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Opening Remark from Rector of Universitas Syiah Kuala

Assalamualaikum warahmatullah wabarakatuh,

"Welcome to IQRA-USK: Celebrating Qur'anic Excellence!"

On behalf of Universitas Syiah Kuala, I extend a heartfelt welcome to all participants and

attendees of the inaugural International Qur'an Recitation Awards (IQRA-USK). We are deeply

honored to host this momentous event, which embodies our commitment to academic excellence,

spiritual enlightenment, and Islamic values.

As we begin this historic competition, we pay homage to the legacy of Tengku Syiah

Kuala, whose wisdom continues to inspire us. The IQRA-USK serves as a national platform,

attracting gifted students from across Indonesia. Beyond mere competition, it's a jubilant

celebration of Islamic heritage and cultural diversity. Participants will immerse themselves in the

mesmerizing beauty of Qur'anic verses, guided by compassion, empathy, and unity. Our vision is

to nurture graduates who embody both academic brilliance and unwavering moral character,

shaping future leaders guided by timeless principles.

Join us as we weave Tengku Syiah Kuala's wisdom with the aspirations of young

generations, symbolizing Indonesia's commitment to interfaith dialogue and global peace. This

inaugural event sets the foundation for an extraordinary journey of enlightenment and unity.

Warm regards,

Prof. Dr. Ir. Marwan, IPU

Rector University Syiah Kuala

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

### A. Background

The inaugural International Qur'an Recitation Awards at Universitas Syiah Kuala (IQRA – USK) marks a momentous occasion deeply entrenched in the traditions of Syiah Kuala University and the wider Islamic community. As this esteemed event commences, it draws inspiration from the university's steadfast commitment to academic excellence and spiritual enlightenment. Universitas Syiah Kuala has long been recognized as a leading institution in Indonesia, renowned for its promotion of Islamic values, fostering interfaith dialogue, and championing the principles of peace and tolerance.

Inaugurating this historic competition, we honor the legacy of the esteemed Ulama and Islamic Scholar, Syaikh Abd al-Ra'ūf al-Sinkilī, better known as Tengku Syiah Kuala, from whom the university derives its name. Tengku Syiah Kuala was not only revered for his profound expertise in fiqh and syariah but also distinguished as a master in various Qiraat, encompassing Qirā'āt Imam 'Ashim riwayat Hafsh, qirā'āt Imam Abu 'Amr riwayat Al-Dauriy, and qirā'āt Imam Nāfi' riwayat Qālun. His teachings and wisdom extended to influential mentors such as 'Abd al-Rahīm bin al-Shiddīq al-Khāsh and Amin bin al-Shiddīq al-Mizjajī, both esteemed tutors of renowned Qaris, Muhammad al-Qusyasyī and 'Abdullah bin Muhammad al-Adanī.

With deep reverence for this heritage, the IQRA - USK embarks on its inaugural journey as a national platform of unparalleled significance, attracting gifted students from every corner of Indonesia. The competition embodies a beacon of intellectual and spiritual enlightenment, empowering participants with a profound understanding of Al-Qur'an's teachings and inspiring them to become custodians of Islamic knowledge and virtues.

The IQRA - USK transcends being a mere competition; it is a jubilant celebration of Islamic heritage and cultural diversity. Participants will immerse themselves in the mesmerizing beauty of Qur'anic verses, embarking on a journey of spiritual exploration and embracing the values of compassion, empathy, and unity that reverberate within the profound teachings of Al-Qur'an. This year's event is even more special as it is held to commemorate the 63rd Milad (anniversary) of Universitas Syiah Kuala, further solidifying the university's legacy of combining academic excellence with spiritual enrichment.

Aligned with Universitas Syiah Kuala's vision, the IQRA - USK endeavors to nurture graduates who embody not only academic brilliance but also an unwavering moral character.



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Kantor Direktorat Prestasi dan Kewirausahaan, Lt 2 Go Biro Rektorat Universitas Syaiah Kuala Jl. Putroe Phang No.1, Kopelma Darussalam, Kec. Syiah Kuala, Kota Banda Aceh, Aceh 23111 This endeavor plays a pivotal role in shaping future leaders who shall positively contribute to society, guided by the timeless principles of Al-Qur'an.

As the curtains rise on the first IQRA - USK, we embark on a groundbreaking venture that weaves the wisdom of Tengku Syiah Kuala with the aspirations of young generations. This prestigious competition welcomes participants from diverse backgrounds, symbolizing Indonesia's commitment to promoting interfaith dialogue and global peace. This inaugural event lays the foundation for a legacy of enlightenment and unity, as we look towards the horizon with hope and determination. With the blessings of Tengku Syiah Kuala's wisdom and the spirit of academic excellence, the IQRA - USK stands as a symbol of Indonesia's dedication to fostering a harmonious world, where the teachings of Al-Qur'an illuminate the path towards compassion, tolerance, and unity for generations to come.

### B. Theme

The first IQRA - USK competition promote the theme "Harmony Through Holy Qur'an: Uniting Hearts, Inspiring Minds".

The theme "Harmony Through Divine Verses: Uniting Hearts, Inspiring Minds" encapsulates the essence of The IQRA - USK as a platform that embraces the profound teachings of Al-Qur'an to foster unity, mutual understanding, and inspiration among participants and the wider Islamic community.

The theme emphasizes the transformative power of the Qur'anic verses, which have the ability to bridge cultural divides, promote interfaith dialogue, and create a harmonious environment where diverse backgrounds converge in celebration of Islamic heritage and spiritual enlightenment.

### C. Purposes

- a. Promote Excellence in Qur'an Recitation: The primary purpose of The IQRA USK is to encourage and recognize the excellence of young Qur'an reciters. It seeks to provide a competitive yet supportive environment where participants can demonstrate their proficiency in reciting the sacred verses with precision and melodiousness.
- b. Strengthen Spiritual Connection: By engaging in the recitation of Al-Qur'an, the event aims to deepen the spiritual connection of participants with their faith and the divine teachings of Islam. It fosters a sense of devotion and reverence towards the Holy Book, nurturing a lasting bond with its profound messages.
- c. Encourage Unity and Friendship: The IQRA USK serves as a bridge to unite students from different universities and cultural backgrounds. It creates an atmosphere of camaraderie and mutual respect, emphasizing the common values shared among participants and promoting intercultural understanding and friendship.









d. Nurture Future Leaders: Through participation in The IQRA - USK, students have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills, confidence, and public speaking abilities. The event aims to nurture future leaders who will contribute positively to their communities and promote the teachings of Al-Qur'an in their lives.

### **D.** Objectives

- a. To provide a prestigious platform for students to showcase their Qur'an recitation skills and talents.
- b. To create an environment of healthy competition, motivating participants to continuously improve their recitation abilities.
- c. To deepen participants' understanding and appreciation of the teachings and messages found in Al-Qur'an.
- d. To foster an inclusive and harmonious atmosphere, promoting respect and unity among participants from diverse backgrounds.







### 2. DETAIL INFORMATION

#### A. Time and Place

- The 1st International Qur'an Recitation Awards University Syiah Kuala (The IQRA USK) will be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 2024
- 2. The IQRA USK will take place at University of Syiah Kuala.
- 3. Detailed schedule for The IQRA USK:
  - a. Opening of The IQRA USK: October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024
  - b. Competition of the The IQRA USK will be started: October 23<sup>rd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - c. Closing and announcement of the competition winners: October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- 4. Official website for The IQRA USK students in 2024: https://iqra.usk.ac.id
- 5. Official email for The IQRA USK: iqra@usk.ac.id

### **B.** Participant Registration

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- a. International Participants
  - i. International participants are active students currently enrolled in universities outside of Indonesia.
- b. Indonesian Participants
  - Indonesian participant must come from university that are registered on the PD-DIKTI website (<a href="http://forlap.dikti.go.id">http://forlap.dikti.go.id</a>) or on the education ministry's data website.
  - ii. Indonesian participants are active students enrolled in universities and registered on the PD-DIKTI website (<a href="http://forlap.dikti.go.id">http://forlap.dikti.go.id</a>) or on the education ministry's data website.

### 2. General Requirements for Registration

- a. Participants must be active students at their respective universities, proven by their Student ID Card (KTM), an enrolment letter (Surat Keterangan Aktif) and the latest tuition payment receipt for the year of the event (Indonesian participants only).
- b. Participants must obtain a Letter of Recommendation or Assignment Letter issued by the relevant university authority. For international students, a Letter of Recommendation from the University Islamic Society or any official Islamic group within the country may be considered sufficient.
- c. Participant from any Indonesia's university must be registered and affiliated with their respective university's delegation.











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- i. It means that no one is allowed to register personally.
- ii. The university official should officially request an account through the official email: iqra@usk.ac.id. The Iqra Committee will then create an account which can only be used by the university administrator to register their Kafila (delegation).
- d. Each university is only allowed to send one participant to compete in 1 (one) competition category.
- e. Team competitions must consist of students from the same university.
  - i. Team members must be all male or all female.
- f. Participants who have been confirmed by the committee cannot be replaced.
- g. The committee will provide an ID Card to participants who meet the requirements.
- h. Participants will be disqualified if they fail to meet the requirements.
- Participants who have won 1st place in any previous National or International University Student Qur'an Recitation Competition are not allowed to participate in the same competition category again unless they choose to compete in a different category.

### 3. Registration Schedule

- a. Participant registration will be done online through the official website of The IQRA USK Committee: http://IQRA-USK.usk.ac.id, on 1-30 September, 2024.
- b. There is no registration fee.

### C. Competition Categories

There are 3 competition categories that will be contested, namely:

- a. **Musabaqah Tilawatil Qur'an (TQ) Male**: This competition involves reciting Al-Qur'an with the recitation style of Imam Ashim according to the Hafs narration with the level of mujawwad (from Juz 1 to Juz 30).
  - i. This category will separate the competiton between male and female participants.
  - ii. The university can send two participants for this category, one male and one female.
- b. **Musabaqah Hifzhil Qur'an 10 Juz/Chapters (MHQ):** This category evaluates participants' memorization of Al-Qur'an.
  - i. This category will separate the competiton between male and female participants.
  - ii. The university can send two participants for this category, one male and one female.









c. **Islamic English Debate:** This competition assesses participants' eloquence and knowledge in delivering persuasive arguments related to Islamic teachings and contemporary issues.

### **D.** Selection System

The competition system is conducted in two rounds: the preliminary round and the final round. The *maqra*' (specific passage to be recited) and the set of competition questions are prepared by an Expert Team appointed and determined by Universitas Syiah Kuala and the Lembaga Pengembangan Tilawatil Qur'an (LPTQ) Aceh.

### E. Regulations for Each Competition Category

### a. Musabaqah Tilawatil Qur'an (TQ)

- Musabaqah Tilawatil Qur'an is a competition category for reciting the Qur'an in the mujawwad style, which follows the rules of tajwid, recited with proper adab (etiquette) and incorporating artistic melody and voice modulation.
- ii. Participants compete individually and are categorized as male (Qari) and female (Qari'ah).
- iii. The recitation should follow the Qira'at Imam 'Ashim 9slamic Hafsh with the mujawwad style.
- iv. The recitation (Magra') covers juz 1 to juz 30.
- v. Stages of the Competition:

### 1. Preliminary Round

- a. The *maqra*' (specific passage to be recited) is determined one day before the performance.
- b. The participants' performances are arranged in order based on their participant numbers.
- c. The performance must include a minimum of three different *qira'at* styles, starting with the *Bayati* style.
- d. The allotted time for each performance is 8 minutes.

### 2. Final Round

a. Finalists must submit three chosen Maqra' from different juz. The three Maqra' choices should be submitted to the panel of judges 30 minutes before the presentation. The finalist will then randomly select one Maqra' from the three choices to recite on the stage.









- b. The Maqra' recited in the final round must be different from the one recited in the preliminary round.
- c. The Maqra' selected by the finalist must be communicated to the panel of judges 12 hours before the presentation.
- d. During the presentation, the finalist recites from the Mushaf Al-Qur'an (not from memorization).
- e. The minimum number of melodies is five, with a free arrangement.
- f. Competition time: 10–12 minutes.

### b. Musabaqah Hifzhil Qur'an 10 Juz

- Musabaqah Hifzhil Qur'an is a competition category for memorizing the Qur'an with the murattal recitation style using the Qira'at Imam Ashim 10slamic Hafs and the Bahriah Mushaf (Quran Corner).
- ii. Participants compete individually and are categorized as male (Hafizh) and female (Hafizhah).
- iii. The material for the competition is as follows from juz 1 to juz 10.
- iv. The length of the recitation is determined by the Panel of Judges based on the time taken for the recitation.
- v. Stages of the Competition:
  - 1. Preliminary Round
    - a. The question set is determined just before the participant's turn to perform.
    - b. The order of performance is determined based on the participants' assigned numbers.
    - c. Participants covering 10 juz will receive 4 questions.

### 2. Final Round

- a. The question package is determined at the time of the presentation.
- b. The order of appearance is determined before the final round takes place.
- c. The number of questions for participants memorizing 10 juz is 4.

### c. English Islamic Debate Competition

i. The Islamic debate competition is a competitive argumentation activity between an affirmative team (supporting the topic) and a negative team









- (opposing the topic) on issues discussed based on the Qur'an, the Hadith of the Prophet, and the ijtihad of scholars. The debate is conducted in teams.
- ii. Each university is only allowed to send one team consisting of two members (either both male or both female).
- iii. The debate topics/motions will be announced by the committee 1 month before the competition start.
- iv. The debate method uses a modified British Parliamentary (BP) system, where each debate session involves four teams. Two teams represent the Government side, consisting of the Opening Government (OG) and Closing Government (CG); two teams represent the Opposition side, consisting of the Opening Opposition (OO) and Closing Opposition (CO). Further details can be found in the technical guidelines for the debate competition.







# 3. AWARD, ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORTATION, VENUE, SCHEDULE, AND CITY TOUR

#### A. Award

Prize Distribution for All Categories:

Winners in each category will receive the following prizes:

- a. 1st Place General: Personal development money ranging from IDR 12.000.000 15.000.0000
- b. 2nd Place General: Personal development money ranging from IDR 10.000.000 –
   13.000.0000
- c. 3rd Place General: Personal development money ranging from IDR 8.000.000 12.000.0000

Additionally, all participants will be awarded a Certificate of Participation as a testament to their involvement in the competition. These certificates recognize the efforts and contributions of participants, making it a memorable experience for everyone involved in Musabaqah Tilawatil Qur'an (TQ), Musabaqah Hifzhil Qur'an 10 Juz, and the English Islamic Speech Competition.

### **B.** Accommodation and Meals

- 1. Each participating university is responsible for the accommodation and meals of its own delegation during the IQRA USK. Only international students who enroll in the competition will have their local transportation and dormitory covered by the host university. This benefit does not extend to their officials (if any) or any technical supporters (if any).
- 2. The organizing committee will provide the participants with Liasson Officer who will assist them with hotels/accommodations, catering, transportation, and venue information.

### C. Transportation and Health

- 1. The transportation costs from the delegation's point of origin to the host campus and back are the responsibility of each delegation.
- The organizing committee will provide pick-up services for delegations arriving at the airport/terminal/station. Participating universities must send their arrival schedules in writing to the organizing committee of the IQRA - USK.
- 3. The organizing committee will provide health services for the participants/delegations/officials, judges/clerks, and SC/OC in the Prince Nayef University Syiah Kuala Hospital throughout the duration of the IQRA USK.









### D. Venue

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### SYIAH KUALA UNIVERSITY MOSQUE





### ADNAN GANTO, LIBABRY MULTIMEDIA ROOM











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### E. Available Transportation













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### F. Accomodation Available

No	Accomodations Name	Price Range IDR)	Locations	Distance to Venue (meter)	Average Time (minute by car)	Gmap Link
1	Mita Mulia Hotel	250.000 - 500.000	Jl. Teuku Nyak Arief No.6, Darussalam, Kec. Syiah Kuala, Kota Banda Aceh, Aceh	750	2	https://maps.app.g oo.gl/2p6mpjgnH MPwe93a7
2	Hotel Budget Seunia	150.000-300.000	Jl. Teuku Nyak Arief, Lamgugob, Lamnyong, Kota Banda Aceh, Aceh 23112	2000	4	https://maps.app.g oo.gl/6VaEWx3F WwNRkTs19
3	Hotel Meurah Mulia Syariah	200.000 - 300.000	Jl. Prada No.23A, Lamnyong, Lamgugob, Kec. Syiah Kuala, Kota Banda Aceh, Aceh 23115	2400	5	https://maps.app.g oo.gl/H7F6F6CV W5TnzzdT6
4	RedDoorz Syariah	250.000 - 400.000	Jl. Bintara No.35, Pineung, Kec. Syiah Kuala, Kota Banda Aceh, Aceh 23116	3100	8	https://maps.app.g oo.gl/9qgcQDw1 4jqdBosy8
5	UB Caisar Hotel	150.000 - 300.000	Jl. Teuku Nyak Arief No.17-20, Jeulingke, Kec. Syiah Kuala, Kota Banda Aceh, Aceh 24415	4700	10	https://maps.app.g oo.gl/YrmnPKJ2p gkCmFaE9









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### **G.** City Tour

### Lampuuk Beach





### **Aceh Tsunami Museum**











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### Baiturrahman Mosque











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### **Closing Remark**

As we conclude the guidelines for **IQRA - USK 2024**, we would like to take this opportunity to extend our deepest gratitude to all participants, universities, partners, and supporters who have shown interest and dedication in being part of this prestigious event. Your involvement in IQRA - USK is not merely about competition, but about upholding the values that we all hold dear—spirituality, unity, and excellence in the recitation and understanding of the Holy Qur'an. This event is a celebration of the Qur'an's timeless message and the incredible talent that exists among the youth today.

IQRA - USK 2024 represents more than just a competitive gathering. It is an occasion where people from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and nations come together, united by their love and reverence for the Qur'an. Through the competitions—whether it be **Musabaqah Tilawatil Qur'an**, **Musabaqah Hifzhil Qur'an**, or the **Islamic English Debate**—participants are provided with a platform to not only showcase their skills but also to learn, grow, and forge meaningful connections with others who share the same passion for the Holy Book.

This event is designed not only to assess the participants' proficiency in Qur'anic recitation and memorization but also to deepen their spiritual connection to the Qur'an and its teachings. We hope that every participant will walk away from IQRA - USK 2024 with a renewed sense of purpose, a stronger bond with the Qur'an, and cherished memories of the friendships and experiences forged during the event.

In addition to the competitions, we have worked hard to bring together a series of enriching activities that reflect the values and heritage of the Qur'an, such as the **Exhibition of Ancient Qur'an Manuscripts**, the **International Food Festival**, and the **International Seminar**. These events are designed to create a holistic experience that not only inspires but also educates and brings communities together. We encourage participants to engage fully with all aspects of the event, take part in these activities, and embrace the diverse cultural experiences they offer.

The organizing committee is fully committed to ensuring that IQRA - USK 2024 runs smoothly and provides a memorable experience for all attendees. We have designed these guidelines to serve as a comprehensive and reliable reference, helping to navigate the structure, rules, and expectations for every participant and organizer. Should there be any ambiguities or issues not addressed in this document, rest assured that the **IQRA Committee** will be available to provide assistance and address any concerns that may arise. We are here to make this event as seamless and successful as possible.



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Contact Person: Iban: +62 813-2781-6699 This event would not have been possible without the dedication and tireless efforts of countless individuals, institutions, and sponsors. We are deeply thankful for their commitment and contributions, which have been essential in bringing this vision to life. Together, we are not only hosting a competition but creating a platform for future generations to connect with the Qur'an, strengthen their faith, and foster mutual understanding across borders.

We look forward to welcoming all participants and guests in **October 2024** at **Syiah Kuala University**. We hope that **IQRA - USK 2024** leaves a lasting legacy—one that inspires continued excellence in Qur'anic recitation, memorization, and understanding, and one that fosters unity among diverse Muslim communities worldwide.

May Allah (SWT) bless this endeavor, guide our efforts, and make this event a success in every possible way. We ask for His mercy and guidance as we strive to uphold His words and share His light with the world.

Thank you once again for your support and participation.

**IQRA - USK 2024 Organizing Committee** 



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