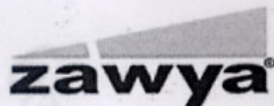


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This year's ISCS Quran memorisation competition proved to be the most competitive ever in its five-year history, by opening its doors for the first time to allow students of other English curriculum schools in Sharjah to participate. Participants from grade 4 - 10, from ISCS and other schools, competed by demonstrating their skills in Quran memorisation and recitation (Tajweed). The winners, of various nationalities, were selected by reciting to a board of experts from the Holy Quran and Sunnah Establishment.

Commenting on the school initiative to nurture Islamic ethics in its students, the ceremony's patron Sheikh Abdullah bin Salem Al Qasimi said: "It is truly a pleasure to see students at such an early age eager to learn Islamic values and memorise the Holy Book. It was even more rewarding to see the level of will and motivation among the students involved in the challenge. I believe involving other schools this year was an important driving factor for students to compete intensely and led to healthy competition and the best performance ever in the five years of the programme."

A range of cash prizes were distributed to all of the winners of the competition's four categories including those who memorised the whole Quran. The first and second place winners in this category each received a scholarship for the next 3 years, in addition to AED 8,000 and AED 6,000. Furthermore, winners in the other categories - for memorising 20, 10 parts and 5 parts - were handed prizes ranging from AED 1,000 - 6,000.

Attending the award ceremony was Salah Bukhatir, Chairman of the International School of Creative Science, who pointed out that the competition received an increasing amount of support by parents of the participants by teaching them at home and enrolling them in extra-curricular lessons to teach Quran memorisation.

"One of the school's most important goals is to preserve the identity of our students and we strive to instil ideals and nurture ethics from the earliest age possible. Quran Memorisation and Recitation is without a doubt the best way to strengthen the Muslim personality and instil Islamic values in our children," said Bukhatir.

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