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Istanbul 2017

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30. ABOUT IBQS

International Union of Braille Quran Services (IBQS) is an international voluntary organization established by people and institutions in Turkey, Iran, Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Palestine, Yemen, South Africa, England, Malaysia, Indonesia, Pakistan and India whom press the Braille Quran or give Braille Quran trainings to blind Muslims. The center is located in Istanbul. IBQS is approved by the Turkish Cabinet 24 February 2014, and was granted legal status on 16 May 2014.

31. Objectives of the Union

32. Promoting training in reading the Quran in Braille.

33. Developing Braille Quran curriculum systems.

34. Establishing standards for Braille Quran, and developing an internationally recognized Quranic Braille code system.

35. Facilitating information and experience exchange between IBQS members.

36. Establishing technical and financial cooperation between IBQS members.

37. Ensuring IBQS members use their resources in an efficient and cooperative manner.

38. Providing Braille Quran books and other Islamic texts in accessible formats for blind persons.

39. THE ACTIVITIES OF 2014

40. Conferences

41. Conference on Standardization of Quranic Braille Code

We have organized a conference on Standardization of Braille Quran Code between the dates of 26th – 28th 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia.

- **42. International Braille Quran Meeting**

We have organized International Braille Quran Meeting between the dates of 21st and 23rd June, 2014 in Istanbul, Turkey

43. Corporate Visits

44. Meeting with Officials of Senegal Blind School

We have met with officials of Senegal Blind School in Istanbul, Turkey.

- **45. Receiving of Turkish Prime Minister Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan**

The IBQS members gathered for 1st General Assembly were received by Turkish Prime Minister Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan in Istanbul, Turkey

46. Braille Mushaf Sendings

We have sent braille mushafs to for the blind in West Bengal and Kazakhstan in March and April, 2014.

47. Institutional Works

We have opened our institutional bank accounts, web site, facebook and tweeter accounts in June 2014.

48. Media Works

In order to produce public awareness of IBQS activities we were hosted in a live broadcast by Turkish State TV Channel, TRT.

49. THE ACTIVITIES OF 2015

50. Projects

51. The Project of Al-Basir and Al-Nor Blind School

The Directors of Al-Basir and Al-Nor Blind School in Mogadishu, Somalia invited Turkey to discuss the business cooperation opportunities. The parties took important decision to make projects together. And they started to make first project on the name of “**Braille Quran Training**” which implemented in Mogadishu, Somalia.

52. Institutional Visits

53. Family and Social Policies Ministry Istanbul Directorate

IBQS President Mr. Selahattin Aydın and The Directors of Al-Basir and Al-Nor Blind School visited Family and Social Policies Ministry Istanbul Directorate and met with Director Mr. Önal İnaltekin.

54. Center for Islamic Studies (İSAM)

IBQS President Mr. Selahattin Aydın and IBQS Member Mrs. Dr. Güler Doğan visited Center for Islamic Studies and met with Deputy Director Mr. Dr. Tuncay Başoğlu. The parties took decision to make mutual academic projects in the future.

55. Former President of Religious Affairs and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of 29 Mayıs University Mr. Dr. Tayyar Altıkulaç

IBQS President Mr. Selahattin Aydın and IBQS Member Mrs. Dr. Güler Doğan visited Former President of Religious Affairs and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of 29 Mayıs University Mr. Dr. Tayyar Altıkulaç. In this meeting IBQS President Mr. Selahattin Aydın gave information about the activities of IBQS. And also He invited Mr. Tayyar Altıkulaç to 2nd International Braille Quran Conference as a Speechmaker.

56. 2nd International Braille Quran Conference

IBQS hosted the 2nd International Braille Quran Conference between the dates of 25-28 August 2015 in Istanbul. Opening speech of the conference made by Family and Social Policies Minister Mrs. Ayşegül İslam.

The conference brought together the experts and institutions whose are specialized in the Braille Quran Training or Press Braille Quran. There was also some panels in the duration of the conference and the first panel was opened with the speech made by Former President of Religious Affairs and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of 29 Mayıs University Mr. Dr. Tayyar Altıkulaç. The panel's subject was **“The understanding Disability Concept in the Light of Quran”**. The Moderator of the panel was Prof. Dr. Abdurrahman Özdemir, Dean of Islamic Sciences Faculty, Yalova University.

The panel headed by Prof. Dr. Abdurrahman Özdemir, Dean of the Islamic Sciences Faculty of Yalova University, Assistant Prof. Dr. Muhammed Beyler, Assistant Prof. Dr. İlyas Akyüzoğlu and Assistant Prof. Dr. Ebu Bekir Sifil have presented a notification.

There were also some sessions in the conference regarding the religious needs of blind Muslims whose are living in the areas where the Muslim population less. The conference hosted 50 participants from 18 different countries.

57. Radio Program

58. Erkam Radio

Erkam radio presenter Mr. İdris Topçuoğlu received IBQS President Sn. Selahattin Aydın in his program named “Best practices in Education”. Mr. President gave some informations about IBQS and its activities to the program listeners.

59. Interviews

60. Diriliş Postası Newspaper

IBQS President Sn. Selahattin Aydın gave an interview about IQS activities to Diriliş Postası Newspaper in order to inform Turkish society.

61. TRT Arabic

IBQS President Sn. Selahattin Aydın and IBQS Board Member Anwar Al-Nassar gave an interview to TRT Arabic TV channel (owned by state) regarding IBQS activities on the date of December 24, 2015.

62. Fair Participations

63. ASTEC Culture and Book Fair

IBQS President Sn. Selahattin Aydın and IBQS Chairman of Supervisory Council Mr. Ahmet Ünüvar participated ASTEC Culture and Book Fair –the biggest Turkish book and culture fair- between the dates of 27 December 2015 and 3 January 2016 in Duisburg, Germany. They opened IBQS booth in the fair and informed the visitors about IBQS.

64. Eyaf Fair

IBQS participated to Engelsiz Yaşam Fuarı (EYAP) between the dates of 3 - 6 December 2015 in Istanbul. And the visitors informed about IBQS and its activities.

65. Braille Mushaf Sendings

Through its corporate website IBQS meets with the demands of Braille Mushaf requests coming from many countries of world. In this context, the activities of Braille Mushaf (Braille Quran, Elif Ba and Other Islamic Books) sendings in the year of 2015 are located below table.

	Name of the Shipment		
Shipment Country	Braille Quran	Elif Ba	Other Islamic Books
Australia	19		1
Bangladesh	5		
Canada	1	2	
India	12		
Malaysia	29		101
Qatar	1	1	

Singapore		5	
Somalia	17		
Syria	115		
Tunus	1		
Turkey	5		
England	9	9	7
USA	1	4	5

66. THE ACTIVITIES OF 2016

67. Projects

68. IHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation (IHH)

An official letter of IBQS President with the signature submitted to IHH regarding the usage of fund provided by IHH. This fund was used in the project of sending 34 pieces Braille Quran.

69. Turkish Prime Ministry Promotion Fund Project

As being IBQS, we would like to make a project on the name of “Summer Camp for Visually Impaired”. Therefore the project written by us and now we are waiting the convenient time to apply. And also we prepared an “Application form” in English. Through this application form the participants can easily apply to the camp project.

70. Corporate Membership Project to the Prime Ministry of Republic of Turkey Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities

Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities is a governmental institution belongs to Prime Ministry of Republic of Turkey supports civil society organizations by providing fund based on the projects. As being IBQS, we opened a corporate account and follow the projects via internet. As soon as we found a projects related to IBQS activities we will apply.

71. Corporate Visits

In order to increase the corporate awareness of IBQS, we would like visit private companies, public institutions, foundations and associations which are active in Turkey. Therefore please find here below some institutions that are recently visited:

72. Hamidiye Foundation

73. Semerkand Foundation

74. Hakyol Foundation

75. Suffa Foundation

76. Elmalılı Hamdi Yazır Quran Academy

77. The Union of NGOs of The Islamic World (UNIW)

78. Türkiye Gönüllü Teşekküller Vakfı (TGTV)

79. Anatolian Businessmen Association (ASKON)

80. Türkiye Gençliğe Hizmet ve Eğitim Vakfı (TÜRGEV)

81. Turkey Youth Foundation (TÜGVA)

82. Internet & Soscial Media Activities

83. www.braillequran.org

In order to receive donations and membership fees via IBQS corporate website, we made some meetings with KuvetTurk Bank. According to the resolution of these meetings, it is accepted that IBQS IT Team should create a “payment interface” first, and then the Bank will integrate its payment screens to our payment interface. And also we create a “Corporate Membership Application Criteria and Corporate Membership Application Form” to get the applications via our corporate website.

84. Facebook

In order to follow and manage the IBQS activities on IBQS Official Facebook page managed by Normah Binti Hashim, an admin authority has also given to our Coordinator Mr. Recep Şehitoğlu. There is also an IBQS Official Turkish Facebook page created by us.

85. Gmail

There is an official Gmail account created by us on the name of ibqsinfo@gmail.com. And two different Gmail groups created on the names of “ibqs-members and ibqs-news” under this Gmail account. With these e-mail groups we are easily inform IBQS members and IBQS followers.

86. Techsoup Turkey

TechSoup is an institution that supports non-profit organizations to access to technology and improve the effect the works of the organizations that located in San Francisco, California. Covering with over 40 countries Techsoup, has its local partner in Turkey named STGM which provides technology donations to civil society organizations in Turkey. Microsoft, Bitfender

and Google are working with STGM Turkey. Therefore as IBQS, we applied to be a member of SGTM. So now we have right to get 10.000 USD advertisement with being a member of Techsoup.

87. YouTube

An official IBQS YouTube account has created. From now on we are able to share our videos via our official YouTube channel.

88. New Domains

Upon the decision taken our board meeting done December 25, 2015 the domains named quranicbraille.org, quranicbraille.com, quranicbraille.net and kabartmakuran.org, kabartmakuran.com, kabartmakuran.net have been purchased.

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India	1	3	
Kazakhstan			15
Malaysia	26	103	
Morocco	2		
Nigeria	1	9	5
South Africa	1		
Spain	1		
England	14	2	1
USA	1	2	7
Togo Republic	40		

90. The Activities of Done in Governmental Institutions

91. Governorship Istanbul Department of Association

92. An official document showing the changes in Board of Directors has been submitted to Governorship Istanbul Department of Association with official signature of IBQS President.

93. An official document showing the fund provided by Islamische Gemeinschaft Milli Görüş Foundation to IBQS has been submitted to Governorship Istanbul Department of Association with official signature of IBQS President. (Because of the law regarding Turkish Associations)

94. An activity certificate requested with official signature of IBQS President from Governorship Istanbul Department of Association to make Techsoup Turkey membership.

95. Ministry of Labour and Social Security

Due to officially start to operation of Recep Şehitoğlu in IBQS, the formal application has been made to Ministry of Labour and Social Security.

96. Financial Activities

97. Due to our accounts to be transparent and properly, we agreed with a Certified Public Accountant who registered to Chamber of Certified Public Accountants of Istanbul.

98. Under the supervisory of our Certified Public Accountant, an official financial statement belongs to year of 2015 and 2016 have been submitted to Governorship Istanbul Department of Association with official signature of both IBQS President and Certified Public Accountant.

99. Fair Participations

100. ASTEC Culture and Book Fair

IBQS President Selahattin Aydın and IBQS President of Auditing Committee Ahmet Ünüvar have represented our union at ASTEC Culture and Book Fair on December 31, 2016 in Duisburg, Germany.

101. Corporate Cooperations

102. Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakıf University (FSMVU) Cooperation Protocol

We have signed a cooperation protocol in December 2016 with FSMVU which is owned by Directorate of Foundations under the Prime Minister Office.

103. THE ACTIVITIES OF 2017

104. Fair Participations

IBQS President Selahattin Aydın, IBQS President of Auditing Committee Ahmet Ünüvar ve our member Recep Şehitoğlu have represented our union at Festiculture on between the dates of 5-8 May, 2017 Lyon, France

105. Braille Mushaf Sendings

We have send braille mushafs to for the blind in Nigeria in July, 2017.

106. 3rd International Braille Quran Conference

We are going to organize 3rd International Braille Quran Conference with the support of Ministry of Famili and Social Policies and Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakıf University on July 24, 2017.