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## **National German Olympics: Students compete in the final round**

Two of the best students will represent Indonesia in the International German Olympics

**In the finals of the National German Olympics at Goethe-Institut Indonesien, Jakarta, 29-30 January 2020, high school students have to prove their German language proficiency. The 74 finalists from 27 Indonesian provinces will compete to receive a scholarship and travel to Germany.**

Every year since 2008, Goethe-Institut Indonesien has organized and hosted the National German Olympics, in collaboration with the Indonesian Association of German Language Teachers (IGBJI) and supported by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Indonesia. This competition is held annually to promote the German language in Indonesia and to encourage high schoolers to showcase their German language ability.

This year, in a 2-day competition, the finalists, aged 15 to 17, are tested in their writing, listening, reading and speaking skills. The finalists successfully accomplished the preliminary round in October and November last year. More than 1,000 students across the archipelago took part in the selection process.

In this competition, participants have to demonstrate their ability to understand radio broadcasts, to gather core information from newspaper articles or letters, and to discuss various topics.

The champion and runner-up will have the opportunity to compete in the biennial International German Olympics and participate in a three-week language course in Germany. The next International German Olympics—the world’s biggest German language contest—will be held in Dresden, Germany, from 26 July to 8 August 2020. Every two years 150 high schoolers from 75 countries gather in Germany for this competition.

Third and fourth place winners will fly to Germany to live with local families and visit schools in order to enrich their knowledge of the German culture. The fifth and sixth place winners will receive a scholarship to attend a youth course in Germany.

The Teachers’ Service Department of Goethe-Institut Indonesien with its strong focus on educational collaboration encourages Indonesian students to learn German. “Learning German opens up a lot of possibilities. Goethe-Institut wants to support the educational landscape of Indonesia to help create possibilities for every student. We hope it will inspire students to strive for achievement in their lives,” says Dr. Raimond Selke, advisor for German at the Goethe-Institut Indonesien’s Teachers’ Service Department.

Dr. Selke also emphasizes the opportunities German proficiency creates in terms of studying, working, and embarking on vocational training while gaining professional skills in over 100 fields.

The finals of the National German Olympics provide a forum for German teachers and learners where they can gather and exchange their experiences

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studying German. “By participating in this fair and open competition, teachers can measure the progress of their students. It enables teachers to be creative in finding new methods for teaching German so that students can keep improving,” says Zulkarnain, German language teacher at SMA Ignatius Global School (IGS) Palembang, South Sumatra.

The Teachers’ Service Department’s goal is to strengthen German language teaching in Indonesia by training German teachers as multipliers and by organizing cultural programs. This is accomplished in collaboration with teachers’ associations and Indonesian educational authorities.

**Media representatives are cordially invited to the award ceremony on the second day of the event, Thursday, 30 January 2020. Media registration will open at 9:30 a.m.**

For more details, kindly contact our representative as listed below.

**When:**

29–30 January 2020

Wednesday, 29 January, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Thursday, 30 January, 8 a.m.–1:30 p.m. (award ceremony: 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.)

**Where:**

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