

Historical Study of the Role of the Majelis Tafsir Al-Qur'an Foundation (MTA) Deli Serdang, North Sumatra 1996-2023

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Abstrak

Artikel ini membahas mengenai sejarah, perkembangan, dan peranan Yayasan Majelis Tafsir Al-Qur'an di Kabupaten Deli Serdang, Sumatera Utara Tahun 1996-2023. Tujuan dari penelitian ini untuk menjawab rumusan masalah terkait sejarah, perkembangan, dan peranan Yayasan Majelis Tafsir Al-Qur'an. Metode yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini yaitu metode penelitian kualitatif dengan menggunakan pendekatan diakronik. Metode ini dilakukan dengan empat tahap, yaitu heuristik, verifikasi sumber, interpretasi, dan historiografi. Teknik pengumpulan data dilakukan dengan observasi, wawancara, dan dokumentasi. Hasil penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa Yayasan Majelis Tafsir Al-Qur'an Deli Serdang, Sumatera Utara didirikan tahun 1996 yang dipelopori oleh 6 orang perantau dari pulau Jawa. Perkembangan Yayasan MTA Perwakilan Deli Serdang, Sumatera Utara tahun 1996-2023 terdapat 13 Perwakilan dan 10 Cabang yang tersebar di wilayah Sumatera Utara. Peranan Yayasan MTA Perwakilan Deli Serdang, Sumatera Utara ini terlihat dari kegiatan-kegiatan yang terlaksana dengan baik dari hasil kerja sama seluruh jamaah dengan masyarakat dan Instansi terkait.

Kata kunci: sejarah, peranan, mta, deli serdang.

Abstract

This article discusses the history, development and role of the Majelis Tafsir Al-Qur'an Foundation in Deli Serdang Regency, North Sumatra, 1996-2023. The aim of this research is to answer the problem formulation related to the history, development, and role of the Majelis Tafsir Al-Qur'an Foundation. The method used in this research is a qualitative research method using a diachronic approach. This method is carried out with four stages, heuristics, source verification, interpretation, and historiography. Collection techniques are carried out by observation, interviews, and documentation. The results of this research show that the Majelis Tafsir Al-Qur'an Deli Serdang Foundation, North Sumatra was founded in 1996 and was pioneered by 6 migrants from the island of Java. Development of the Deli Serdang Representative MTA Foundation, North Sumatra from 1996-2023, there are 13 Representatives and 10 Branches spread across the North Sumatra region. The role of the MTA Foundation, Representative of Deli Serdang, North Sumatra, can be seen from the activities which are carried out well as a result of the collaboration of all congregations with the community and related agencies.

Keywords: history, role, mta, deli serdang.

INTRODUCTION

The foundation is a legal entity that has certain characteristics and objectives. The foundation does not only focus on one field (education) but in accordance with Law No. 16 of 2001 which was later amended to Law No. 28 of 2004 the

purpose of establishing the foundation also focuses on the social, religious and humanitarian fields (Simamora, 2012). North Sumatra is one of the regions that has a foundation engaged in social, religious, humanitarian and educational fields, namely the MTA Foundation

Representative of Deli Serdang in North Sumatra. This foundation was established on July 22, 1996 which is located at Jalan Perhubungan No. 17 Laut Dendang, Percut Sei Tuan, Deli Serdang, North Sumatra.

The role of the MTA Foundation Representative of Deli Serdang, North Sumatra is organized to examine more deeply what contributions have been made by the MTA Foundation Representative of Deli Serdang. This role is carried out through activities that have been carried out as a form of implementation of the MTA congregation in studying the Qur'an and As-Sunnah in accordance with the purpose of establishing the foundation in Law No. 28 of 2004.

The activities carried out are divided into four aspects or fields, namely social, religious, humanitarian and educational (Yayasan, 2023). The implementation of the activities of the MTA Deli Serdang Foundation has an impact on the continuity of da'wah and the development of the MTA Deli Serdang Foundation to the wider community.

The activities carried out by the MTA Foundation Representative of Deli Serdang aim to support the ongoing process of Islamic propagation in North Sumatra, especially the Deli Serdang area. This foundation has an important role in the journey of Islam in Deli Serdang and North Sumatra. In addition, the existence of the MTA Deli Serdang Foundation is a new

event for the history of the development of Islam in North Sumatra.

Theoretical studies in the discussion of historical studies and the role of the MTA Deli Serdang Foundation, North Sumatra in 1996-2023 are structural functionalism theory. Structural functionalism theory is a social stratum formed through interrelated elements to achieve a goal or balance (Juwita et al., 2020).

The link with this research is the existence of the MTA Deli Serdang Foundation which influences each other through the needs of the founders for the importance of reciting the Koran which is then structurally formed which is operated in accordance with their respective roles.

The discussion above can be concluded the formulation of problems that can facilitate in conducting research, namely: (1) History of the establishment of the MTA Foundation Deli Serdang, North Sumatra, (2) The development of the MTA Foundation Deli Serdang, North Sumatra, (3) The role of MTA Deli Sedang Foundation, North Sumatra in the development of congregation and community of Deli Serdang, (4) The role of the MTA Deli Sedang Foundation, North Sumatra in the form of cooperation with the Government.

METHOD

This research uses qualitative research methods with data sources obtained

through field research (Muzakkir, Muhammad Hidayat, 2022). Researchers also use a diachronic approach. The diachronic approach is a method used to explain the research conditions based on the chronology of time. This method is carried out with four stages, heuristics, source verification, interpretation, and historiography.

The collection technique was carried out using observation, interview, and document study techniques (Patton, 1999). The interview was conducted by interviewing two sources, namely Mr. Supono, as the chairman of the North Sumatra MTA Foundation as well as the Deli Serdang Representative and the chairman of the MTA Foundation Representative of Medan Kota as well as the congregation of the MTA Foundation Representative of Deli Serdang Mr. Samin. This research is supported by the theory of structural functionalism. Data validity techniques in this study were carried out with four stages, namely: credibility, transferability, dependability and confirmability (Salim & Syahrudin, 2012). This research was conducted at Jalan Perhubungan No.17, Laut Dendang, Percut Sei Tuan, Deli Serdang, North Sumatra.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

History of the Majelis Tafsir Al-Qur'an Foundation.

The MTA Foundation is an Islamic education and preaching institution based

in Surakarta. MTA was established on September 19, 1972 in Surakarta by Al-Ustadz Abdullah Thufail. The name Majelis Tafsir Al-Qur'an was chosen by Al-Ustadz Abdullah Thufail Saputra. Majelis comes from the Arabic *Jalasa* which means sitting. The word Tafsir Al-Qur'an is used as a sign that Majelis Tafsir Al-Qur'an studies the existing interpretation of the Qur'an and does not make its own interpretation of the Qur'an (Wahid, 2021).

The institutional structure of the MTA Foundation is divided into three structures, namely: center, representatives, and branches. Representatives are located in regencies/cities and branches are located in sub-districts (*Profil Majelis Tafsir Al-Qur'an (MTA)*, 2015). One of them is the MTA Foundation Representative of Deli Serdang. MTA Deli Serdang Foundation was established on July 22, 1996 which is located at Jalan Perhubungan N0.17 Laut Dendang, Percut Sei Tuan, Deli Serdang, North Sumatra.

Previously the MTA Foundation Representative of Deli Serdang was located in the Veteran Complex then moved to market IV in hamlet VI and finally chose Jalan Perhubungan in Deli Serdang Regency as the current location of the MTA Foundation Representative of Deli Serdang, North Sumatra. MTA Foundation Deli Serdang, North Sumatra is also the center of the MTA in the North Sumatra

region. This is because MTA Representative Deli Serdang is the first MTA established in North Sumatra.

Development of the MTA Foundation Representative of Deli Serdang.

The Majelis Tafsir Al-Qur'an Foundation in North Sumatra has an institutional structure consisting of Representatives and Branches. In the North Sumatra region alone there are thirteen Representatives: Deli Serdang, Medan Kota, Binjai, Langkat, Bener Meriah whose working area covers North Sumatra and Aceh, Simalungun, Batu Bara, Asahan, Labuhan Batu Utara, Labuhan Batu Selatan, Padang Lawas Utara, Tapanuli Utara, and Tanah Karo and ten branches: Percut Sei Tuan, Lubuk Pakam, Patumbak, Medan Polonia, Medan Helvetia, Stabat, Sicanggang, Sei Binge, Kotalimbaru and Sidamanik (Yayasan Majelis Tafsir Al-Qur'an, 2020).

The MTA Foundation Representative of Deli Serdang has developed in accordance with the changing times. The development can be seen from the change in the shape of the building. Before the renovation in 2018, the MTA Foundation Representative of Deli Serdang was a one-story building that could not accommodate the entire congregation in each representative and branch in North Sumatra who came to Sunday morning recitation at MTA Representative of Deli Serdang. The following is the condition of the Majelis Tafsir Al-Qur'an Foundation Deli

Serdang, North Sumatra when it has not been renovated.



Figure 1. Condition of the MTA Foundation Representative of Deli Medium Before Renovation

Source: Yayasan Majelis Tafsir Al-Qur'an Deli Serdang

After the renovation was carried out, the MTA Foundation Representative of Deli Serdang became a building with three floors. The first floor and second floor of this building have been used for recitation activities (Muzakkir, Muhammad Hidayat, 2022).

After experiencing developments from the beginning of its establishment in 1996, MTA is increasingly improving and developing existing facilities (Agustin, 2020) and can accommodate worshipers who can in every recitation activity that comes. The following are the results of the renovation carried out by the Majelis Tafsir Al-Qur'an Foundation of Deli Serdang, North Sumatra.



Figure 2. The condition of the MTA Foundation Building Representative of Deli Serdang Undergoing Overall Renovation.
Source: Google Maps

The role of the MTA Foundation Representative of Deli Serdang, North Sumatra towards the Community and Government

1. The Role of MTA towards the Development of MTA Pilgrims and Society

The existence of MTA Deli Serdang Representative not only benefits the congregation but also the community. The cohesiveness and cooperation that is built makes various activities carried out run well. These activities are engaged in various fields, including:

The social sector includes house renovation, this house renovation is carried out by MTA house renovation volunteers. Monday, February 26, 2024 the MTA house renovation volunteers worked together to build two houses in Talimbaru Village, Barusjahe District, Karo Regency, North Sumatra (News MTATV, 2024) and the distribution of independent packages given to people in need in the form of

assistance in the form of basic necessities on the Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia routinely every year.

The religious field includes qurban. Qurban activities of the MTA Deli Serdang Foundation are always carried out every year with the number of animals that are not always the same. In 2023 MTA Deli Serdang Representative slaughtered 92 cows and 24 goats with a total of 556 participants. The results of the slaughter will be distributed to areas in Batu Bara, Simalungun, Karo, Langkat, Tanjung Balai, Asahan, Medan, Binjai and Deli Serdang (Satrio, 2023).

The humanitarian field includes the SAR team. MTA Deli Serdang formed a SAR team, namely the MTA Task Force or MTA Task Force which plays a role in maintaining security, traffic arrangements when there are major MTA activities such as IED prayers on Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha. The MTA Task Force also plays a role in handling disasters that have previously received training from BASARNAS. On May 25, 2022 a joint SAR team consisting of Medan SAR, Medan City BPBD, Medan Area Police, Medan City Orari, Mapala, MTA SAR, and the community worked together to search the Denai river flow to Percut Sei Tuan to find a victim named Juned who drowned and was found dead due to slipping. (Zulfahmi, 2022).

The economic sector, among others, sharia savings and loan and financing

cooperatives (KSPPS) are non-bank financial institutions that provide community services in the form of loans and money storage, namely BMT UB Amanah Syariah in empowering MSMEs in accordance with the principles of lending and borrowing contracts (Nasution, 2020). The field of communication includes radio (Siroh Huda) with a frequency of 97.9 FM which can be heard for all radio lovers.

2. The Role of MTA Representative of Deli Serdang in the Form of Cooperation with the Government

MTA has a routine of holding social activities carried out in collaboration with related agencies and governments, among others:

Working together with PMI is a blood donor. Blood donor activities MTA Representative Deli Serdang conducted within a period of 6 months routinely. On September 09, 2023 there were 12,573 participants who registered but those who qualified as donors were 8,434 participants. These donor participants are pilgrims from Deli Serdang and Medan City representatives as well as the community.

In collaboration with the Mer-C organization to carry out humanitarian activities in Palestine. On Sunday, November 19, 2023 MTA distributed donations through MER-C for the victims in Palestine totaling Rp. 3 billion (Kurnia, 2023). The funds are the result of donations from MTA pilgrims throughout

Indonesia. MTA Representative of Deli Serdang with all branches and representatives in the North Sumatra region donated funds amounting to Rp. 150,000,000 which was then submitted to the central MTA Foundation to be given to MER-C. Working together with the government to conduct a National gathering or often referred to as silatnas. On Sunday, September 23, 2023 in Surakarta, Central Java, the 4th Silatnas was held as well as the inauguration of new MTA representatives and branches in Indonesia. This 4th silatnas activity was attended by the Minister of Trade, Zulkifli Hasan, Minister of Religion, Saiful Rahmad Dasuki and MTA worshipers from all over Indonesia including representatives of Deli Serdang (Kementrian Perdagangan RI, 2023) and in accordance with what was conveyed by the head of the MTA center Al- Ustadz Nur Kholid Syaifullah that silatnas is a routine activity held every few years as a gathering place for MTA residents from all regions in Indonesia (Bram, 2023).

CONCLUSION

The beginning of the MTA Representative Deli Serdang Foundation in North Sumatra began with a student of Majelis Tafsir Al-Qur'an who migrated to Medan in 1986 and then felt that reciting the Koran was very important. Then held a study group with Al-Qur'an reading activities, reading brochures brought from the Mondokan I

Branch in Sragen. The students who came to Medan continued to be istiqomah in group study activities and grew rapidly. After that, it was reported to the MTA center in Surakarta, which at that time was still led by the late Al-Ustadz Drs. Ahmad Sukino. After passing through a long series of processes, finally on July 22, 1996 the MTA Foundation Representative of Deli Serdang was inaugurated in North Sumatra. As time goes by, MTA is increasingly widely known in the North Sumatra region and makes people interested in joining the MTA congregation.

The development of the MTA Foundation Representative of Deli Serdang can be seen in the form of the building used. Before renovating in 2018 the MTA Foundation Representative of Deli Serdang was a one-story building with a large room that was used as a place of recitation but could not accommodate the entire congregation who attended the Sunday morning recitation. But after the renovation, the MTA Foundation Representative of Deli Serdang is now a three-story building that can accommodate the worshipers who attend the recitation activities.

The success and development that has been achieved is not as easy as mentioning the name of the MTA Foundation. Step by step is taken by the MTA Foundation to broadcast Islamic propagation. The success and

development of the MTA Foundation Representative of Deli Serdang in North Sumatra is inseparable from all the individuals in it to continue to work together to preach Islam through activities carried out by MTA Representative of Deli Serdang which also collaborates with related agencies.

These activities include the MTA Representative of Deli Serdang playing a direct role in the social, religious, educational and humanitarian fields. These activities include house renovation, distribution of independent packages, slaughtering and distribution of qur'ban animals, SAR teams, savings and loan cooperatives, Sirah Huda radio broadcasts with a frequency of 97.9 FM, recitation, donations in Palestinian humanitarian activities through MER-C, silatnas and blood donors.

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