



"TEACHERS AS NATION BUILDERS"

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: ... قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُونَ وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ إِنَّمَا
يَتَذَكَّرُ أُولَؤُلَا الْأَلْبَبِ¹
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ.
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ،
فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ
اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Dear blessed Muslims,

On this glorious Friday, i would like to remind myself and fellow congregation, to continue striving to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with diligence, fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

In conjunction with the celebration of Teachers Day that takes place every year, I will deliver a *khutbah* entitled "**TEACHERS AS NATION BUILDERS**".

Dear blessed audience,

A teacher is a noble individual that is persistent and perseveres, lighting up the torch of sincerity to illuminate the world of universal education. A teacher carries a function and role that is truly vital in developing the civilization and advancement of a people and nation. This can be proven based on the works of Imaam al-Ghazzaali in his book *Ihya' 'Uloom ad-Deen*, quoting the advice of Luqmaan al-Haakim to his son regarding respecting the teacher: "O my son, associate yourself with the teachers and remain close to them with your knees, for Allah Ta'aala revives the heart with the noor (light) of wisdom, just as Allah revives the earth with rain from the sky."

Verily, the services and sacrifices of a teacher is highly lauded by all walks of society, for their tremendous devotion in educating the children of the nation unto becoming individuals possessing knowledge and virtuous character. In fact, even in the past, the teachers have strived to raise an educated generation in building a nation that is advanced, peaceful, and prosperous.

To prove how great teachers are, let us ponder upon the role undertaken by a teacher in these questions:

- i. Who has given birth to a King that is just and a leader that is wise? The answer is, a teacher.
- ii. Who has given birth to doctors, lawyers, engineers, architects, accountant, and other professions? It is none other than a teacher.
- iii. Who has given birth to prominent scholars and great preachers? It is a teacher.
- iv. Who has given birth to a professor? It is also a teacher.

¹ az-Zumar 39:9



Such great kindness and service rendered by the teachers that we must cherish.

Pandan Island far into the middle (of the sea),
Mount Daik broken into three,
The body decays and remains inside the earth,
Good deeds will always be remembered.

This coincides with what Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 11 of soorah al-Mujaadalah that elevates the dignity of those having knowledge:

...يَرْفَعُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ دَرَجَاتٍ ۚ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ ﴿١١﴾

"...Allah will raise those who have believed among you and those who were given knowledge, by degrees. And Allah is Acquainted with what you do."

Dearest Muslims,

The world of education today is filled with multitudes of challenges for those known as teachers. In this century, teachers are faced with various thoughts and abilities from the students. Nowadays, students are more advanced in the usage of various sophisticated communication tools and electronic gadgetry. For that, the teachers must have better abilities to ensure that the students would give full attention and have deep passion for learning. Therefore, the teachers are to be highly respected for they are everything.

"When the student is sick, the teacher would be his doctor and nurse. When students quarrel, the teacher upholds justice as its lawyer and judge. When students complain about damaged school property, the teacher becomes the carpenter. When a student reports of a wrongdoing, the teacher becomes the investigator and judge. When the student is sad, the teacher becomes the entertainer, actor, singer, and comedian for them."

Such is the reality of teachers who are not expecting recognition and compassion, but suffice for us to just comprehend their tasks and challenges.

However today, teachers' actions are always misinterpreted by the society and they are often stripped off their dignity for only fulfilling their responsibilities as educators. Rightfully, such issue should be evaluated from the humanity's standpoint as a whole, and not recklessly putting the entire blame on the teacher. Have we ever heard about students assaulting teachers? How about students applying "kung fu moves" on their teacher? What would be our point of view in cases where the parents attacked a teacher for caning their children, which was only a consequence of their own children's doing?

Therefore, it is truly unfair to penalize the teachers due to only a few issues that could have been easily resolved. In reality, it is our collective responsibility to ensure that the *amaanah* (trust) rendered by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* does not get



betrayed. Indeed, such children and students are trials for their guardian. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verses 27 and 28 of soorah al-Anfaal:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تَخُونُوا اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ وَتَخُونُوا أَمْنَتَكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ
وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّكُمْ وَأَوْلَادُكُمْ فِتْنَةٌ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ عِنْدَهُ أَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ

"O you who have believed, do not betray Allah and the Messenger or betray your trusts while you know [the consequence]. And know that your properties and your children are but a trial and that Allah has with Him a great reward."

Dear respected audience,

The excellent teacher must carry the *amaanah* from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in the best manner and with vigilance, for its efforts will not just end there, but it will be questioned about in the Hereafter. If the knowledge conveyed was successful in grooming the hearts towards good, then they have earned good deeds. But if the knowledge disseminated had misguided others, then retribution awaits them in the Hereafter.

Dear noble guests of Allah,

Excellent teachers are those possessing the following characteristics:

1. Knowledgeable teachers,

The knowledge possessed is not merely shining lights for oneself, but it illuminates the lives of others as well. Every skills and knowledge possessed are devoted wholeheartedly in raising a future generation that will carve the nation's future. The value of the teacher's knowledge is like a vast ocean, far-reaching wherever the eyes could see, and like the gigantic mountain soaring high into the skies.

This also refers to the National Education Philosophy, in which the educators are responsible in producing Malaysian citizens who are knowledgeable and competent, who possess high moral standards, and who are responsible and capable of achieving high level of personal well-being as well as being able to contribute to the harmony and betterment of the family, the society and the nation at large.

2. Teachers must be highly skilled and competent,

Teachers that are highly skilled will be capable to teach, educate, and transform students whom are illiterate, unable to read, and count, unto becoming literate, intelligent, and successful in life. Therefore, the teachers will be faced with a plethora of challenges as facilitators, nation builders, and those providing direction to the questioners.

3. Teachers as the best example (*Qudwah Hasanah*),

A teacher is not just deemed as one who shoulders the responsibility in



conveying knowledge to his or her students, but far more important is to build a nation possessing high moral. Such task is highly connected with the objectives of education that emphasizes on patriotism, self-esteem, and deep love for one's homeland. Every action and behavior by the teacher is always seen as exemplary. Every words uttered are always deemed as precedence and principles in wading through life challenges at all times. The excellent teacher will always be mindful of their behaviors and dignity from tarnishing the teaching profession, preserving its integrity, and always concerned with the problems faced by the students.

Ahmad Shauqi, a poet from Egypt, had said:

قُمْ لِلْمُعَلِّمِ وَفِّهِ التَّبْجِيلَا * كَادَ الْمُعَلِّمُ أَنْ يَكُونَ رَسُولًا

"Give proper respect to the teacher, because his position is almost similar to the position of an apostle."

Dear blessed Muslims,

To end the *khutbah* today, I call upon fellow audience to internalize upon the essence of the *khutbah* delivered:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must respect and appreciate the teachers for they are precious assets for the progress and development of civilization for a nation and its people.
2. The parents and society at large must work together with the teachers in upholding education for the sake of building a nation with quality.
3. The teachers must become role models or *Qudwah Hasanah* for the entire community.
4. The Muslims must aid the teachers in shouldering their responsibilities and trust.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
قَالُوا سُبْحَنَكَ لَا عِلْمَ لَنَا إِلَّا مَا عَلَّمْتَنَا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَلِيمُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٣٢﴾

"They [the angels] said, "Exalted are You; we have no knowledge except what You have taught us. Indeed, it is You who is the Knowing, the Wise.""

(al-Baqarah 2:32)



بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ
الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.
أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ،
فَأَسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ. أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear blessed audience,

Once again, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and realize that Islam teaches us to remain moderate in every actions and deeds. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble *akhlaaq*, having utmost personality and attitude for Rasulullah ﷺ was sent to perfect *akhlaaq* and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds. Therefore, let us increase our *salawaat* and *salaam* upon our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا.

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَارْضَ اَللّٰهُمَّ عَنْ أَصْحَابِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

اَللّٰهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ يَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِينَ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعَظَّمِ سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُور، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحُ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُور، تَغْكُو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفُ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ أَطِلْ عُمرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.



O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *rahmah* and *ni'mah*, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim *ummah* especially in the state of Selangor, as an advanced state, prosperous and providing welfare, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.

Hence, we sincerely beseech You, O Allah, strengthen our *imaan* and creed according to that of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, accept our righteous deeds, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, unite our hearts, bestow upon us *rizq* with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from disasters and save us from deviant teachings such as *Shee'ah*, *Qadiyaani*, and other teachings deemed as deviating from Islamic teachings or contradicting the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*. O Allah, open up our hearts in performing the five daily prayers, fulfilling *zakaat* through *Lembaga Zakat Selangor* (Selangor Zakaat Board), making *waqf* and *infaaq* of our wealth to *Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri Selangor* (Selangor Waqf Corporation), and *Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor* (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor).

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا
ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ
وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾

فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ
فَضْلِهِ ۚ يُعْطِيكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.