Hello everyone, very good morning. This is Udoy Saha. I will talk about individual and social ethics taught by Confucius for the community.

Firstly, let’s take the reference of Yi, which is the knowledge of right and wrong. If a person uses his/her conscience to differ between right and wrong, he/she will develop good habits and actions. Eventually, it will become a ritual of their life, which is Li. Practicing Li constantly, one can develop a good character. Confucius puts it as Ren. So, Ren is the character of a good human being. However, it is not limited to only that. It is said that, “With great powers, comes great responsibilities”. So, a person having Ren has the responsibility to help and serve others and that is called humaneness. A person with good character serves the community and makes it a way of life. Confucius calls such life a worthwhile life, Dao. In this way, we can reach the highest stage, which is denoted by Junzi. Such kind of a person is an exemplary person and can be exemplified religiously, politically and many other ways. Additionally, he/she should be experienced, knowledgeable and virtuous, which is denoted by De. There is a reason for the exemplary person to have these. Confucius said that, a Junzi should be a ruler or leader. Those positions are not any position to learn from mistakes. As a man, we make mistakes. Whereas, a Junzi makes less mistakes and at those important positions, there is no scope for making mistakes. In terms of Confucius, if our ruler or leader is a Junzi, our system of administration would be flawless. We should evaluate the life of such person, learn from that and follow their way.

Secondly, if one thing is only theoretical and there is no real use of it, then that would be worthless. However, the teachings of Confucius are very worthy, because it is not only theoretical knowledge, we can apply those in our real life as well. My fellow group member Ulfat will talk about that.

Thank you for listening.