

Let us strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all become among His

slaves that truly attain the mercy, love, and protection of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala.

The title of today's khutbah is "Teachers: Developing Knowledge, Perfecting Character," which is the theme of Teacher's Day for this year.

Islam is a religion that is based on knowledge and truly emphasize on the importance to honor those who have knowledge. Hence, Islam grants a noble stature for the teachers

whom convey knowledge to the Muslim ummah. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "... 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." (al-Mujaadalah 58:

Appropriately, teachers and educators have a high status within the society. Is it not that knowledge is the key to a blissful life in this world, for without knowledge, we would probably be living in

poverty and backwardness today? Therefore, it is evident that the level of knowledge is an important measure in differentiating between good and bad, rich and poor, advanced and

backward for any people and nation. Teachers and educators are the agents in the development and transformation of humanity. They are akin to the stars in the skies, which guides the

sailors in the dark nights. On the 16th of May every year, all teachers in our nation are celebrated, cherished, and honored for their services. They had educated the children of the

nation to become noble individuals and leadership successors in spearheading the nation's development. Our national laureate, the late Usman Awang, had once written in his poetry:

f today a Prime Minister comes to power, If today a King ascends to the throne, If today a President of a nation,

If today an 'Ulamaa that is noble, If today a lawyer wins a trial, If today a famous writer, If today anyone grows into adulthood,

Their history was initiated by an ordinary teacher, With gentleness and patience, teaching them how to read and write. Such were the phrases that can be expressed,

how monumental are the service of a teacher, and certainly our success of today all began from the education and guidance from the individual known as the teacher.

In the Malaysia Education Blueprint 2013-2015, the third shift aims to develop valuesdriven Malaysians. Without the role of teachers and educators, this noble desire will not become a

reality.

It is in line with the role of the صلى الله mission of Rasulullah عليه وسلم, as it was mentioned in a narration by Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh where صلى الله Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

"I have only been sent to perfect good moral character." (Ahmad and al-Bukhaari's al-Adab al-Mufrad: saheeh)

The guidance and counseling in عليه وسلم conveyed by Rasulullah عليه وسلم his tarbiyyah has produced individuals having utmost akhlaaq and highly disciplined. This is the desire and ambition of everyone

who truly loves Allah and His Messenger. However, the reality of today's society, portraying issues and crises of moral decadence amongstour children, such as bullying, hazing,

baby dumping, cybercrimes, endangering others, and many more. Aside from teachers and educators, the parents and community members must play their role altogether,

hand in hand. Utilize the mutual cooperation achieved through the Parents and Teachers Association (PIBG) to generate ideas and resolve problems. We cannot simply dump the role of developing

character and personality of children wholly upon the teachers in school alone.

Unfortunately nowadays, only a small portion that actually thank their teachers. On the contrary, we see some parents whom are quick to point and blame the teachers for all the problems

faced by the students. Such attitude can retard the actual role of teachers in educating and nurturing excellent personality into the students. Parents must assume their role in guiding their children,

so that they will respect those individuals known as teachers. Moreover, for the children to respect everyone around them. This is because, with such honor, the knowledge attained will

carry more blessings with it. The scholars of as-salaaf assaalih (the righteous predecessors) placed great emphasis on the etiquette and mannerisms in learning. Al-Imaam an-Nawawi

rahimahullaah mentioned in the introduction of his book al-Majmoo': 'The student of knowledge must lower himself towards knowledge and his teachers, because it is due to such

humility that he will attain knowledge. Verily, we have been commanded o remain humble at all times, so when seeking knowledge, humility is even greatly demanded.

The scholars have said: *"Knowledge is the nemesis of the arrogant, just as water will never flow to the mountain top."*

The sacrifice of the teacher is truly tremendous in educating the masses. Each one of us will surely commemorate the service of our teachers, from the day that we first step into school.

Whether we realize it or not, their sacrifices are always embedded in our memories. Moreover, it is their sacrifices that actually encouraged us to strive to become like them that **1**S

individuals that are ever willing to sacrifice for the good of others. We can surely reminisce how our teachers then were willing to spend extra time, energy, and even money just

to help us succeed in our studies. Then, once we have succeeded and became adults, should we just allow their sacrifices to become overlooked without recognition?

The teachers will never ask for material wealth in return from us. What is greatly hoped is that their students will pray for them and appreciate them in various ways. Verily, thanking fellow

human being is also a sign of our gratefulness and thankfulness to Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala. Narrated Abu Huravrah radiyAllaahu 'anh: Rasulullah صلى الله Said: عليه وسلم

He who does not thank people does not thank Allah." (Abu Dawood, at-Tirmidhi, Ahmad: saheeh)

Due to the significance of our role in honoring the teachers, I implore upon my respected audience to fulfill several matters: 1- The Muslims must emulate صلى الله Rasulullah عليه وسلم as

qudwah hasanah, which is the best example as an educator that must be emulated in perfecting the akhlaaq. 2- Fellow teachers must increase their credibility,

knowledge, and akhlaaq so that they will always remain as the best example in the society. 3- The parents should not just point fingers to the teachers for every arising

problems, but instead strive together with the teachers to develop a generation that is knowledgeable and possessing virtuous akhlaaq, and also thankful to their teachers.

4- Each student of knowledge must have tawaddu' and humility towards their teachers, for the barakah will be born out of such attitude.

5- The teachers, students, and society must build a healthy relationship on the basis of love and respect to attain barakah and the pleasure of Allah.

They 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 اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأَحْبَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْمُسْلِمَا والأموات فاستغفر وه إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِبْمُ

Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teach its adherents to remain moderate in all actions and deeds. At the same time, the Muslims are to avoid any form of extremism in which its

consequences will only disrupt the harmony, unity, and security of the Muslim ummah and our nation. Extremism will only give negative impression upon the nobility and holiness of al-Islam. On the contrary, the Muslim

ummah must inculcate noble akhlaaq, having utmost personality and attitude as true Muslims so that the world will ملى الله (صلى الله) was sent down as a messenger, and Islam that was revealed is mercy for the entire nation and universe.

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 Selangor, as an

advanced state, prosperous, and providing welfare. Hence, we sincerely beseech you, O Allah, strengthen our imaan, accept our deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our rizg, enrich us with

beneficial knowledge, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, return us to the path that you are pleased with, protect us from disasters and your severe trials, so that our nation will become more peaceful and filled with blessings.

O Allah, we sincerely beseech you, strengthen our beliefs according to the creed of Ahlus Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, and protect us from deeds and *'ageedah* that are astray such as the extreme Shee'is, Qadiyani, and other ideologies.

O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing zakaat, and other obligations. Bless those that have fulfilled their zakaat and loving the *fugaraa*' and masaakin, and those that have

made waqf and gave up their wealth for Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor **(Islamic Development Trust** Fund of Selangor) with continuous reward until the Hereafter.

O Allah, increase and widen the *rizq* of those that made *waqf* from their wealth with perpetual rewards until the Last Day.



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