

A PROFESSION WORTH TO BE PROUD OF!

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At some point along our lives, we tend to remember those people who have educated us. Whether it is the vegetable seller who taught us how to get the correct balance after our exchange or one of our teachers whose constant reminder taught us how to stand in line waiting for our turn, it is true that a teacher touches our lives forever. For some, teaching is just a career, for others it is their life. Few become teachers for the salary and other benefits such as the respect of the society while others do it with passion for the future of their nation. No matter what the motive behind becoming a teacher is, it is still a noble profession worth to be proud of.

However, in many societies around the world, teaching is an undervalued job. The quality of the teachers are scrutinized and widely criticized. If this trend continues, who will be there to guide the young minds of the future? Who will take upon the multiple roles of a second parent, a mentor,

a facilitator, a counselor and a community leader? If we do not value and do not empower them now, it may be listed as a dying profession soon and those who remain back will only do so because of their undying love of being a teacher. The saddest part of this scenario is that such a change will affect the future of our children and our nation.

Thus, it is high time that we, the society begin to embrace teachers with the true respect and value they deserve and empower them through proper training and motivation. We need to support teachers at individual, community and national levels to empower them and promote the building of sustainable societies. Let us work towards improving their working conditions, contribute to motivate them through trusting them and pave way for proper professional development and training.

It is never too late.....

***"Empowering teachers,
building sustainable societies"***