

Dinner with PECB Teachers

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Principal, Pakistan Embassy College
Beijing,

Members of Board of Governors,

Respected Teachers,

I am very pleased to participate today in the 1st Annual Teachers' Dinner arranged by Pakistan Embassy College Beijing. I am grateful to the Principal and all teachers of PECB for inviting me to address this august gathering. I could see that lot of coordination and hard work has been done to organize this first Annual Dinner.

Talking about hard work, PECB is a product of hard work; a labour of love, commitment and constant nurturing from a humble beginning in late 60s to a reputable international school, it is due to the contributions of the successive generations of principals and teachers and supporting staff.

Today's event is aimed to acknowledge the laudable services of teachers and administration and support staff of PECB, celebrate their achievements and encourage them to continue their good work.

Dear Friends,

Teaching is indeed a noble profession. Teachers hold a special respect in our societies. In fact they have a special place in our lives. As the architects of nation's destiny, inspire and train young minds in sublime ideals, ignite in them a thirst for knowledge and wisdom and prepare them for onerous responsibilities of the future.

The ideal teacher guides his students but does not pull them along; he urges them to go forward and does not suppress them; he open the way but does not take them to the place.

Dear Colleagues,

A true teacher is one who inspires his students to embark on a voyage of self-discovery and exploration thereby helping them to unleash their true potential. Teacher is like a ladder than remains on its place but helps others to rise higher.

Many great men who changed the course of world's history were either teachers or their proud disciples. Alexander once observed,

“My father brought me from heavens to earth but my teacher (Aristotle) elevated me to the skies”.

After attaining worldwide fame for his soul-stirring poetry, our national poet Allama Iqbal always remembered his teachers like Professor Arnold and Maulvi Mir Hasan who trained him in philosophy and Arabic and Persian literature.

Iqbal also praised his spiritual teacher Rumi in these words:

***Pir-e-Rumi Khaak Ra Aksir
Karadh,***

***Az Ghubaram Jalveh Ha
Tameer Kardh***

*Master Rumi transformed my
dust into gold*

*And changed my body into
splendour*

Dear Friends,

I would like to admire here the services of our teachers for their remarkable contributions to PECB. I am glad that our school now besides focusing on academics also lays stress on value-based education with a special focus on cultivating traits like compassion, humility, team work and fairness in our students.

In this regard, your selfless devotion, sense of duty and the missionary spirit is well acknowledged and appreciated. I am hopeful that they would continue their efforts with the same zeal and passion and remain a source of inspiration and emulation for their students and peers alike.

I would also like to appreciate the administration and supporting staff for their hard-work. I understand that without an active, responsive and well-oiled administrative machinery, it is difficult to effectively run an academic institution.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

To encourage our teachers, I would like to announce few incentives tonight which have been decided by BoG after thorough discussions.