A TEACHER’S JOURNEY

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“A good teacher is like a candle - it consumes itself to light the way for others (Mustafa Kemal Atatürk)”. For our entire life, we’ve been told practice makes perfect. Whether it is inside the house or inside the four corners of the classroom, it simply means, the more you practice something, the better you become at it. But at some point, in time, we will come to the realization that practicing and doing is not the same thing.

You can study four years to become an effective and efficient teacher, and to gain knowledge on teaching strategies but until you go out to the real world and start teaching a class you won’t really learn. When experiencing things, we all make mistakes and making mistakes is not a bad thing instead it is a good thing as long as we learn from them.

This journey is just like a saying, “The art of teaching is the art of assisting discovery.” A teacher’s journey can be encapsulated through the words of time:

Mountains are so high
River flows are so fast
Sunrays are soon to goodbye
And wind is here to last
Time is turning like a whirlwind
Shadows are beginning to hide
Leaves are blown by the wind
But mem’ries are here to be tied
Old days became encyclopedia
Diaries became novella de historya
Memoirs are quickly fading away
And letters will soon turn into grey
Now that the song is almost done
Let me take this last note to hum
For this will be remembered
Forever, by the entire human kind.

Teachers’ ideology, attitude and influence will be live forever and as an apprentice of this race, I began lighting my own candle of my eternity which no one knows when it will end. A journey is a mysterious path, no one knows when it will end but for a teacher it last long and there is an assurance of not walking alone - it is walking through the lives of others journey.

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