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Inspiring educator

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Zainab has left an mpression on the lecturers at the English Language Teaching Centre.

IN life, we tend to meet people who inspire us in many ways.

As American writer William Arthur Ward once said “The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires”.

Teachers, in a broader view, can be anyone whom we learnt something from in life.

One such person who has left an impression on young lecturers like me is Zainab Yusof.

Zainab is currently the deputy director of the English Language Teaching Centre (ELTC) in Bandar Enstek, Negri Sembilan, under the Education Ministry.

She comes from a small town in Johor and began her career as a teacher.

Armed with sheer determination and hard work, she has gone up the career ladder and is a successful woman in the education world now.

For her, teaching is a vocation that demands devotion and dedication.

Zainab is strict where work is concerned and never once have I seen her leaving the office early as she is always fully occupied with many tasks.

Being a deputy director is not an easy affair as she handles everything but she still had the time for me when I needed to speak to her on a personal matter urgently.

She showed me the appointments she had that day, adding that she had a tight schedule. I could only thank her for sparing the time. A mother of four in real life as well as a mother figure for all of us at the

workplace. She listened to me attentively and went the extra mile to help me. Being empathic is part of her nature too.

She is an intelligent and lifelong learner and teaches and learns from others too. She is fair to everyone and gives credit when it is due. We learn from her every day.

I believe that a great teacher like Zainab is one who makes us see the world so clearly and in different perspectives.

Thank you Zainab for all your guidance and advice. We will always remember and treasure you. Happy Teachers Day!

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