**My Dream as a Teacher of English Learner**

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When I was a student at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, I used to teach English to elementary, middle and high school students as a part time job for my whole university school life. At that time, even I wasn’t qualified professional teacher, I became to know how teacher is that wonderful and rewarding job. On the other hand, I also realized how difficult job it is.

After graduation from university, it has been about 11 years working for automobile company and I’m now manager in sales operation team at international car company. As a manager position by leading team members, nearly every day I have the opportunity to let my staffs know about work and also what they need to know for their social life. Then I became to think teacher is not existing only at school/or institute but also might be any position if he/she can teach or guide someone else to do something in a right way. We call this person “Mentor” as another name of teacher.

After this thoughts came up to me, I wondered how to teach effectively and give them right direction. This is the reason why I chose Times Media TESOL and this is basically what I want to gain from here. Besides, I believed Times Media TESOL will bring me more opportunity since this certification will be qualified all over the world.

Reminding of the time as an English teacher when I was university student, I seemed to be a knowledge deliverer just by explaining, making the students remember the information and having tests to check whether they had memorized well or not. I really didn’t care what problems they had and how I could help them. Honestly, I just focused on how to give the right answers on exam.

While I have been working abroad over last 10 years, fortunately I could have various opportunity to work with European, American and Asian people. Based on their nationality and culture, I experienced that they showed very different reaction and thoughts even looking at the same agenda or situation. However, I have been working and setting the common standard when I taught my staffs even though each person has different life background, working level, skill and their characteristics etc. The worse things is that the standard is based on my own experience and I made a judgment on them how well they work.

Whenever I was ashamed of myself and lost the way at work, I often remind of my first boss, Mr. Y. H. Kim. He’s still my role model and best teacher to me. We worked together for about 5 years and he was my direct boss. He is very kind, polite and nice to everybody. While we were working together, I made a lot of mistakes and error in front of him. However he was never angry on that mistake. Only what he was angry was that I wasn’t do my best or didn’t put all my efforts to make the best output that I could make. He asked me to overcome myself at work and also in personal life rather than competing with others. He was willing to explain and share his all knowledge with other colleagues, including me, so I could learn a lot of things such as mechanical information, reporting and presentation skills. After explanations on some work, he usually took me to the site to show me the real situation. I do believe this is the best way to teach something by explaining principal first then making them do by themselves, or showing them if self-doing is not available. While doing this, I finally got to know what I need to study more and became to understand the principal better with real case study. He was my English teacher, too. He never asked me to study English. He Just tried to show me how to communicate in English by taking me to all English speaking meetings, sharing all e-mail/meeting minutes/contracts written in English and showing business conversation on the phone or conference calls. After 2 years with this teaching method, I could copy what he talked and wrote in English. Now, I understand this method is definitely right and natural as this is a same way that we learnt mother tongue as Frank said during the class.

With the above my experiences at school and work, I thought about the great impact that my students will have upon me. And this is my goal as a teacher.

I will try to see each student’s potential power. As mentioned previously, every single person has different ability, thoughts, and characteristics. I will respect each student as he/she is and will not make any student give up by him/herself due to his/her current situation or studying score.

I will be students’ good friend, not just their teacher. I hope I would be the person who can listen their worries carefully about their studying and personal things as well. I will teach students focusing on Communication, not grammar or vocabulary themselves. Communication is the most important way to understand the things and have a good relationships when they entered into society. Also, I’d like to let them know that listening to others carefully is more important than speaking fluently in communication.

Lastly, I will try to explain them a background and reason when I ask them to do something. This is very important to understand the reason to do and it will bring totally different result whether they do after realize it or not. If the reason or background is not clear, student might be frustrated.

In opposite, I also thought about the great impact that I will have as a teacher of English learners on my students. I do not have much teaching experience so far, however I think the great impact that I will have on students will be much more than what they have on me.

1. I will learn more various points of view from my students. Through this I will become more creative teacher.
2. I will be very lucky person who can meet the people which get to know new things every day. From the learners, I will learn as well their passion and strong will to try new things.