

## **Teaching, work of the All-Majesty - 2 /May/ 2007**

Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei Wednesday praised teaching occupation as so sublime a reality work better fitting the All-Majesty and His Messengers.

Ayatollah Khamenei noted an unparalleled role of teachers in making the destiny of nation and country, saying that the skillful, diligent and dedicated teachers play such a part in progress and perfection of society much more invaluable than converting earth to gold.

Ayatollah Khamenei delivered the eulogy to a huge gathering of teachers who had thronged to mark the twelfth day of Ordi Behesht, the second month of the Iranian calendar, named after teachers following the assassination of the illustrious Iranian philosopher, Shahid Morteza Motahhari.

Ayatollah Khamenei likened teaching job to inflaming the life-giving light of guidance and knowledge in the heart and soul of human being.

Ayatollah Khamenei then recounted the works of the prolific philosopher, saying, "every and each of his precious, advised and well-thought works which was actually born through his position as a teacher, remains to be an ever-illuminant light in the mind and heart of society, hence the highly vital and great status of teaching in its general sense."

The IR Leader applauded job of teaching with the Ministry of Education as an exemplar of the occupation overall, adding that the exceptional role of teachers with the ministry ranks higher than other types of teachers in the lifespan of every individual, even than parents or scientists.

Ayatollah Khamenei linked the special quality to the exceptional role of education in forming both the individuals and society, adding that every person of society in his or her golden time of learning, that is to say from primary school until university, boards a large workshop or a public quarantine whose main role-players are teachers and for the same reason teaching is a veritably noble and great job.

Ayatollah Khamenei went on to add that every nation dreams of an independent, talented, moralized, virtuous, valiant, prudent and hard working society which is also open to criticism, follows law and pursues spiritual aspirations.

"The great dream is credited with work and effort of the teachers and thereby job of teaching has found a marvelous position in the mind of human community," Ayatollah Khamenei praised.

The Leader of Islamic Revolution placed a larger significance on Education Ministry than on other governmental bodies, adding that in the Islamic System paying homage to teachers is none of flattering rather it is a reality whose origin lies in the noble status of teaching.

Ayatollah Khamenei noted that all the people not least parents and authorities are obliged to honor the teachers, adding however that the hard working teachers nationwide must live up to their sensitive position ahead of any other individual and notice that even though teaching job, like in any other occupation, is a way to provide for a life, the teachers must substantially dedicate to a great mission whom are assigned with namely to make a bright future for society and country.

Ayatollah Khamenei assessed the performance of the Ministry of Education as good, but added that the authorities

with the ministry are expected to apply the judicious and intellectual individuals within their own ministry to launch an evolutionary drive to sort out educational environment and content until the association dwells on a bright future under the auspices of faith, dedication and devotion.

Ayatollah Khamenei extolled the national teacher community as charming, virtuous, dedicated, diligent, and patient, urging the community to be wary of enemy efforts aimed to divert key bodies within the society.

"As stated in the New Year day statement, enemies of the Iranian nation pursue treble goals of hindering scientific progress, demoting economic status, and sowing discord in the united ranks of people," Ayatollah Khamenei cautioned, adding that the teachers due to sensitivity of their job constitute a target in the plot much the same as in the past 27 years.

"Nonetheless, they have been standing like mountains in the face of waves of pressure and conspiracies," Ayatollah Khamenei affirmed.

Ayatollah Khamenei singled out an advancing trend in the country in terms of scientific, political, economic and defensive progress, adding though the world's dictators, scared by the ever-increasing progress of Iran and a tangible positive response on the part of the Muslim nations toward the spiritual and cause-oriented approach of the Islamic Revolution have employed all efforts and facilities at hand to stop the Iranian nation.

"However, the Iranian nation, by depending on wisdom, bravery, and collective responsibility and by relying on God will continue to tread the prideful path," Ayatollah Khamenei reaffirmed.