

Book Review ' Appreciation of Ethics and Civilization' (Malay Version)

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Introduction

This book of Appreciation of Ethics and Civilization is a new university general studies edition to replace the Ethnic Relations course. It is a pioneering effort combining expertise and experience from the lecturers of the Department of Human Sciences, Faculty of Language and Human Development Studies, University Malaysia Kelantan. It also takes into account the views of comrades from other universities as a double effort provide reference texts which is complete, compact and easy to master for the needs of the course and life-long learning. The writing that includes these 10 chapters is arranged according to priority areas of discussion and coordinated based on lines guidance given by the Department of Higher Education. Reader revealed about the concept of ethics from the perspective of different civilization. It aims to identify the system, level of development, progress and culture across nations in strengthening social unity. In addition, related discussions and debates contemporary issues in economic, political, social, cultural and the environment from the perspective of ethics and civilization can give birth to a moral and professional students. This book also encourages students to appreciate social life ethically and practice what is learned taking into account various current issues in the country. Effort in preserving ethical appreciation with social innovation holistically and integrated into our priorities coincide with the needs to build a high Malaysian civilization.

The objective of this book is to appreciate the concept of ethics and civilization based on a certain timeline. The learning outcomes to be described are introduce the definition, meaning and identification of ethics and civilization, describing the timeline of ethics according to the precolonial era, colonial and post-colonial, explaining the meaning of manners and customs according to the pattern of Malaysia civilization, analyze Malaysian ethics and

civilization according to historical development, social structure and biography and finally explaining the appreciation of ethics and civilization according to individual, family, community and society levels. The content of this book chapter covers the introduction of ethics and civilization, definitions related to ethical terms, timeline of ethics and civilization based on precolonial, colonial and postcolonial and analysis of ethics and civilization based on history, structure social and biographical.

As a human being live on this earth, all behavior or actions must based on ethics. The ethics of a person's behavior can show traits or actions whether good, bad, polite or rude in the eyes other human beings. This shows understanding and appreciation of each human to the meaning of ethics itself is very important in continuing life in this modern age of globalization. The word ethics itself is taken from the English language that is 'ethics'. Ethics comes from the Greek word 'ethos' which mean attitude or personality [1]. The meaning of ethics according to understanding the Malay language is a person's character or morality in their behavior or association taken from the Hall Dictionary Fourth Edition [2]. Ethics is also one of the branches in moral philosophy. It is related to the treatment or a person's actions whether bad or beautiful in handling situation or situation that needs to be faced. Ethics is the nature or behavior that includes each age, race, ethnicity, religion and country. Someone who ethical in living everyday life indirectly will make his life peaceful and calmer to face challenges in everyday life. In addition, the maturity of the attitude that he has also has a positive effect on people who was around him. In every job, there will be an ethical scope in taking action for each matter that has been set according to the type of job.

Living an ethical life will pay off to yourself and the people around you. By its very nature, ethics good already exists in humans. Nevertheless, life experience and the challenges of the technological revolution will now test one either he is able to maintain good ethics or otherwise. Therefore, in this modern age

people must understand and learn more deeply in order to be able to apply ethics in their lives [3]. For example, when someone speaks honest, polite, respect for elders will be considered ethical. Whereas if someone steals, tells a lie and dishonesty will be considered unethical in his life. The meaning of manners is fine manners, good behavior and noble manners [4]. Talk rudely and impoliteness is one of the actions that show a person is not civilized in his life. The best easy example is when a person raises his voice to his parents or those who are older will be considered as someone who is not civilized. The understanding of manners should start from home patterns taught by parents. Thus, manners evolved from individual to family, community and then to groups the bigger one is society. If someone is liked and respected in the community, it shows them successfully and intelligently handle any situation in a way that civilized [5].

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