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ONE JOURNEY
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As my retirement date approaches, I find myself overcome with mixed emotions – happy, sad, excited, and scared. Is it true that it's been 30 years since I started my first job? I was young and naïve at the time, but I was armed with a bag full of dreams and aspirations, and I was prepared to face any challenges.

For the first 16 years of my career, I've moved from one organisation to another in various positions. I've reasoned that the only way for me to learn the tricks and trades of the corporate world was to work diligently and learn every skill required for me to advance to the next level, similar to playing an online interactive puzzle game that requires me to solve problems in order to advance to the next stage. I've thought that I was well on my way to accomplishing my goals, but Allah had had other plans for me. I've had a sudden change of heart. It was no longer important to me to advance to the pinnacle of my profession. I've been tired of the rat race because,

no matter how hard I worked or what I accomplished, it's never been enough or appreciated. I've desired a change, a profession in which I could advance intellectually without having to compete with anyone but myself. A job that gives me the key to finding fulfilment without having to worry about the 'next level'. A job that allows me to be myself. As a result, when the opportunity to become a lecturer knocked my door, I was eagerly accepting it, thus, ending my career in the corporate world and beginning a new one in academia.

The next phase of my career has just been as exciting as the first one because it felt like a fresh start. However, I've no longer been the young, bright-eyed, new employee I once was; I'm now more matured and well-equipped with skills, experiences, and confidence to perform my job in a new environment. But it wasn't as simple as I'd hoped. Academic life can be physically, mentally, and emotionally demanding at times. The hours spent on preparing for classes, marking papers, conducting



research and writing, advising students, learning new educational tools, and other non-academic duties could be mentally exhaustive, while dealing with students' attitudes and behaviours could be emotionally draining. When you combine these with the demands of the administrators, you'd wish you'd have never considered a career in education. I'm joking! Despite this, I've enjoyed my time being a lecturer, and I've grown to respect and admire educators, particularly for their perseverance in passing down knowledge. My retirement may mark the end of a chapter in my professional life, but it actually marks the beginning of a new adventure. There's still so much to learn, see, and do. I'm not so sure what challenges or surprises that may await me in the future, but I'll face them as I always have; definitely with a positive attitude.

I'm very sure that I'd miss my job, the environment, and even the chaotic moments that come with the territory. One of the things that I'd always treasure is the group of friends I've made along

the way. There're those who're only there for a short time, and then, there're those who stick around and become the people I cherish to this day. I've learned that everyone who enters my life, even if only for a short time, serves a purpose – to help me grow and evolve into a person I'm today. They teach me patience, understanding, tolerance, and love for humanity.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who's supported me along the way, including my family, previous and current superiors, colleagues, and closest friends. Thank you for always being there to guide me when I'm lost and cheer me up when I'm down. Thank you for sharing all of my happy and sad moments with me. May Allah bestow upon you good health, wealth, and happiness. Wish me luck for my next adventure!

"Kamsahamnida, Anyeong, Saranghae"

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