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From History to Wisdom (Hikmah): Essential Leadership Lessons

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Human beings are entrusted with responsibilities on earth. In Islam, our primary purpose is worshipping Allah, which consists of faith (Iman) and righteous actions (Amal e Saleha). Within families, societies, and nations, we all play the roles of either leaders or followers. Achieving success at every level requires leaders to act with wisdom and followers to appreciate and support informed decisions. Both roles benefit deeply from historical knowledge, which serves as a guiding light. By understanding the rise and fall of civilizations, nations, and organizations, leaders are better equipped to navigate challenges and avoid repeating past mistakes. Islamic teachings and contemporary leadership research both stress the importance of looking to history for guidance.

The Holy Quran uses history as a vital teaching tool, preparing Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)—the greatest leader of all times—to guide his followers from darkness to light. The Quran recounts the stories of 25 prophets whose actions illustrate how injustice, arrogance, and moral decay led to the downfall of entire civilizations, such as the peoples of 'Aad, Thamud, Pharaoh, inter alia. These narratives emphasize a universal lesson: true leadership demands humility, justice, and accountability. Power, without these qualities, inevitably leads to decline.

The prophets' lives provide enduring models of leadership. Prophet Musa exemplifies courage in challenging oppression. Prophet Yusuf demonstrates strategic thinking and integrity during times of crisis. Prophet Muhammad's leadership stands out for his reforms during both war and peace, offering timeless lessons in ethical and effective governance. Modern leadership studies reaffirm these insights, showing that leaders who study history are better prepared to anticipate and manage crises, drive change, and avoid costly errors. History acts as a laboratory, allowing current and future leaders to draw lessons from the successes and failures of the past.

For students and aspiring leaders, the takeaway is clear: historical knowledge fosters wisdom (hikmah), critical thinking, ethical awareness, and resilience—qualities vital for responsible leadership. In a world enamored with science and technology, the value of studying history can be overlooked because its benefits are not always immediate or tangible. But, leaders lacking historical perspective risk disastrous outcomes for themselves and their communities. Recent geopolitical shocks across the globe highlight the consequences of ignoring history, underscoring the timeless truth that wisdom grows from learning from the past. Which is why, history should be regarded as a subject for lifelong learning, much like religion, moral studies, computer science, as well as other essential courses in science, commerce, and business.

Five-Day Teachers' Training Program at MDIC

Syeda Asma Akter, Convener- IHTT Committee

The In-House Teachers' Training Committee of Manarat Dhaka International School & College (MDIC) successfully organized a comprehensive five-day training program for newly recruited teachers. The sessions were held on 18 October and 3, 4, 5 & 6 November 2025 at the MDIC Multipurpose Hall, creating a collaborative and inspiring environment for professional growth.

A significant highlight of the program was the motivational and thought-provoking speech delivered by Mr. Mozammel Haq, Convener of the Academic Committee, Manarat Trust. He emphasized the importance of excelling in the learning and memorization of the Quran and encouraged teachers to guide students accordingly. He reminded the trainees that, alongside international curricula, it is vital to uphold and practice the teachings of the Quran—an important requirement of the present time. A total of 18 newly recruited teachers participated in the training.

The training commenced with an encouraging opening speech by the respected Principal Brig Gen S. M. Mahbub-ul-Alam, OSP, SGP, ndc, psc (Retd), Principal, MDIC. In his address, he urged the newly appointed teachers to make the most of the training sessions fruitful and prepare themselves as resourceful,



confident, and well-equipped educators before entering their classrooms.

Throughout the five-day event, training sessions were conducted by the Principal himself, both the Vice Principals and senior faculty members of MDIC. Their combined expertise enriched the trainees' understanding of modern teaching approaches, lesson planning, classroom management, and professional responsibilities.

One of the noteworthy sessions was conducted by the Principal on "Etiquette, Manners and Attitude of a Good Teacher." He highlighted the importance of sharp observation skills in understanding students' needs and encouraged teachers to apply the knowledge and strategies learned during the training. He reminded them to embrace teaching not merely as a duty but as a passion—one that requires dedication, empathy, and genuine love for the profession.

The program concluded with a closing speech by the principal,



who expressed satisfaction with the participants' enthusiasm and urged them to uphold MDIC's values as they step into their classrooms.

The five-day training program successfully provided the new teachers with essential knowledge, practical skills, and a strong moral foundation—ensuring they are well-prepared to contribute effectively to the academic excellence and holistic development for which MDIC is known.

Horizons Unbound: A-Level Study Tour 2025-26

A-Level Study Tour 2025–26 of Manarat Dhaka International School & College was a refreshing and meaningful educational journey for AS and A2 students from both the Boys' and Girls' Sections. Planned to complement academic learning with real-world exposure, the tour successfully combined exploration, teamwork, and appreciation of nature.

The Girls' Section undertook the tour from 30 November to 3 December 2025, while the Boys' Section followed the same itinerary from 1 December to 4 December 2025. Both groups



visited Cox's Bazar (Sugandha and Inani Beach) and Foy's Lake, Chattogram, experiencing some of Bangladesh's most captivating natural landscapes.

At Cox's Bazar, students explored the coastal environment, observed marine and plant life, and gained awareness of biodiversity through direct interaction with nature. The visit to Inani Beach further enriched this experience, offering a unique perspective on the country's coastal ecosystem. The tour was made even more meaningful by the presence of the Honourable Principal, along with the Vice-Principals (Sir and Madam), who joined the students at Cox's Bazar, inspiring them through their encouragement and support.

The journey continued at Foy's Lake, Chattogram, where students enjoyed the tranquil hills, lake views, and recreational activities such as boat rides. The natural setting provided an ideal space for relaxation while also fostering observation, curiosity, and peer bonding.

Throughout both tours, students were accompanied and supervised by dedicated MDIC faculty members and support staff, whose careful guidance ensured discipline, safety, and



smooth coordination at every stage. The cooperative attitude of the students and the pleasant weather further contributed to the success of the tour.

Overall, the A-Level Study Tour 2025–26 stood as a fine example of MDIC's commitment to holistic education. By stepping beyond classroom walls, students returned with renewed energy, shared memories, and a deeper appreciation for teamwork, leadership, and the natural beauty of Bangladesh.

A Joyful Four-Day Annual Picnic at MDIC

Reported by - Md. Ramjan Hossain, Convener, Picnic Committee

Manarat Dhaka International School & College (MDIC) successfully organized its four-day Annual Picnic from 08 to 11 December, 2025 filled with joy, excitement, and memorable

moments for the students of all levels.

The picnic activities were divided into two phases. The first two days (08–09 December, 2025) were held on the school campus, while the last two days (10–11 December, 2025) took place at Apon Bhubon Picnic & Shooting Spot.



On 08 December, students from Play Group to Class-2 (Morning Shift) participated in the picnic on the school premises. The following day, 09 December, students from Play Group to



Class-2 (Day Shift) enjoyed their picnic at the same venue. On this occasion, the school campus was beautifully decorated with colorful ornaments, creating a festive environment.

Special arrangements were made for the young children, including various exciting rides such as Ferris wheel, horse carriage, merry-go-round, and more. Complimentary cotton candy and popcorn were also distributed among the children. The students enjoyed the day wholeheartedly, and their cheerful faces reflected pure happiness.



On 10 December, the picnic for the girls (Class-3 to A Level, both shifts) was held at Apon Bhubon Picnic & Shooting Spot. The following day, 11 December, the boys (Class 3 to A Level,

both shifts) enjoyed their picnic at the same venue. The last day was glorified with the presence of the honourable chairman, Janab Muhammad Fazlur Rahman; Convener of the Academic Committee Professor Dr. Md. Mozammel Hoq; and other respected Board members of Manarat Trust. Both days were filled with entertainment, recreation, and bonding among the students.



Alhamdulillah, the four-day-long picnic program was completed successfully with the cooperation of the school authority, teachers, staff, and students.

Inter Class and Inter School Badminton Tournament (Girls) 2025-26

Reported by- Tahmina Akhter, Convener of Sports Committee, MDIC

Every year MDIC arranges different sports events to develop social skills. Along with academic excellence, MDIC organizes



different sports events to create a sense of accomplishment which improves self-esteem, discipline, confidence and mental health. It was really an incredible excitement that Manarat



Dhaka International School and College arranged inter class and inter school badminton tournament for girls from 22 October, Wednesday to 25 October, Saturday 2024 in girls' ground. Students of class 6 to A levels participated in inter class badminton tournament. It was arranged in two groups, junior and senior and in two categories, singles and doubles. Same was followed for inter school tournament. Eight schools participated in inter school badminton tournament. Bangladesh International School and College is the runner up and MDIC is the champion in junior and senior groups in both singles and doubles. Respected vice principal Ms Tahmina Yeasmeen inaugurated this event and Ms Syeda Taslima Akter, Deputy Director, National Sports Council, enlighten this tournament as chief guest.

Winter Clothes and Relief Goods Distribution by MSWA

Staff Reporter

As part of its humanitarian programmes, the Manarat Students' Welfare Association (MSWA) has launched a winter clothes and food distribution drive among the poor people of Dhaka City, aiming to provide relief during the harsh winter season.

Throughout December, MSWA set up donation boxes across the campus to collect both monetary contributions and winter clothing



from students and well-wishers. The response was encouraging, allowing the organization to prepare for a well-coordinated relief effort. On Wednesday (21 January 2026), MSWA members carefully categorized the collected clothes according to age and



gender to ensure proper distribution.

In the early hours of Friday (23 January 2026) at 3:30 a.m., MSWA members went to the local bazaar to purchase essential food items.

These included rice, lentils, oil, salt, and potatoes. After returning, the members portioned the supplies into individual food packages. Each package contained 3 kg of rice, 0.5 kg of lentils, 1 kg of potatoes, 0.5 litre of oil, and 0.5 kg of salt. In total, 50 food provisions were prepared for distribution.

The team departed for their destination, the Korail slums, at 8:00 p.m. On the way, they met with local coordinators of the slum area, who assisted them in organizing the distribution process. The coordinators guided the team to a classroom in a madrasa, where MSWA members interacted with the residents and learned about their day-to-day lives and challenges.

Shortly afterward, the MSWA team distributed one food package and a pack of winter clothes to each individual. The initiative successfully reached those in need and highlighted the association's commitment to social welfare and community service.

Victory Day Interclass Football Tournament 2025

The Victory Day Interclass Football Tournament at Manarat Dhaka International School and College remains one of the most exciting sporting events in the school calendar. Students from Grade 7 to A Level participated with great enthusiasm, with six teams from each batch competing for the championship trophy.



The tournament featured intense matches, impressive skills, and strong support from classmates and teachers, reflecting the school's spirit of teamwork and sportsmanship.

After a series of competitive games, Batch 26 (Class 10), led by Captain Ayman Hasan, emerged as the champions, displaying excellent coordination, discipline, and determination. The runners-up position was secured by Batch 25 (AS Level) under the leadership of Captain Yousuf Ahmed, who showed



remarkable teamwork throughout the tournament. In the Junior Section, Standard 6 became the champions, while

Standard 5 secured the runners-up position.

The tournament was not only about competition but also about sportsmanship, unity, and school spirit, bringing students from different batches together and strengthening the vibrant sporting culture of Manarat Dhaka International School and College.

Achievement of Football Team of MDIC

Manarat Dhaka International School & College achieved great success in football, becoming Champions in the MDIC Cup (U-17) and Runners-up in the MDIC Cup (U-14).

Academic Year 2025–26:

The football teams continued their strong performance, finishing Runners-up in several interschool tournaments including SEMC Interschool Football Fest (U-19), Glenrich Interschool Football Tournament – Satarkul (U-15), Pledge Harbour Interschool Football Tournament (U-19), and CGSD Inter School Football Tournament (U-13).

In addition, the school successfully completed Inter-Class Sports Competitions, including Football (Grades 3–6 and 7–A Level), Table Tennis (Grades 7–A Level), and Badminton (Grades 7–A Level), encouraging student participation and promoting sportsmanship across all sections.

Manarat – Football Tournament at Pledge Harbor International School

Team Manarat proudly participated in a football tournament held at Pledge Harbor International School, where several competitive school teams came together in an exciting display of skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Our players stepped onto the field with determination, fighting for every ball and giving their best in every match. The semi-final against Seabreeze was particularly challenging, but our team



stayed focused and secured a well-deserved victory to reach the final.

The final match was intense and closely contested. Every player showed great commitment and effort until the last whistle.

In the end, Team Manarat finished as runners-up. Although we narrowly missed the championship, the tournament highlighted our teamwork, discipline, and strong fighting spirit.

We are proud of our players and look forward to even greater success in future competitions

CGSD Interschool Football Tournament

The CGSD Interschool Football Tournament brought together many schools to compete in different categories, including Under-13, Under-16, and Under-19. The tournament created an exciting atmosphere where teams demonstrated their skills, determination, and sportsmanship on the field.



Our school's Under-13 team performed exceptionally well throughout the tournament. Through strong teamwork, discipline, and dedication, the players successfully advanced through several challenging matches and secured a place in the final.



In the final match, our team faced CGSD in a thrilling contest. Both teams showed great determination and competitive spirit. Despite our best efforts, we were narrowly defeated and finished as runners-up. Although we missed the championship title, the team's remarkable journey, commitment, and fighting spirit made the entire school proud and made the tournament a truly memorable experience.

Observation of Victory Day 2025 at MDIC

Victory Day 2025 was observed at Manarat Dhaka International School and College with due respect, solemnity, and great enthusiasm. To mark this historic occasion, the college organized a



week-long program comprising various events, including the Victory Day Inter-class Table Tennis and Handball Competitions, the Victory Day Inter-class Football Tournament, a Cultural Program, and a Discussion Session.

The discussion session was chaired by Professor Tahmina Yeasmeen, Vice Principal (M.S.) of the college, while Md. Anwarul Karim, Vice Principal (D.S.), delivered a speech on the significance of the day. In her address, the chairperson highlighted



that the victory achieved through the War of Independence remains one of the greatest accomplishments in the history of the nation. She emphasized the importance of preserving the spirit and values of the Liberation War and encouraged everyone to draw inspiration from the sacrifices made during the War of Independence in all spheres of life.

As part of the program, Hossain Al Mahmud, a student of Class 8,



recited a poem on behalf of the students. Among the faculty members, Ms. Sharmin Akter of the Commerce Department and Md. Bodiuzzaman of the Department of History-Geography & Bangladesh Studies delivered speeches highlighting the historical significance of Victory Day and its lasting impact on the lives and identity of the people of Bangladesh.

The speakers collectively emphasized the importance of remembering the sacrifices of the martyrs and upholding the spirit of the Liberation War in building a prosperous and dignified nation.