TURKISH PEOPLE THINK TEACHERS DESERVE $6,500 MORE THAN THEY ARE CURRENTLY PAID, NEW GLOBAL SURVEY REVEALS

KEY FINDINGS – TURKEY:

> Turkish people think teachers deserve to be paid $6,500 more. While the starting salary for a secondary school teacher is just over $30,000 (adjusted for purchasing power parity), people in Turkey think a fair wage would be over $36,500 per annum.

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Turkish respondents rated their education system at 4.49 out of 10 – the fourth lowest of all the countries surveyed. Only Egypt (3.8), Brazil (4.2) and Peru (4.4) scored lower.

Almost half (49%) of Turkish respondents agreed that pupils respect teachers – the eighth highest of all the countries surveyed. This proportion is slightly down on 2013’s study, when the proportion was 54%.
Over a third (35%) of Turkish respondents would definitely or probably encourage their children to become teachers. This figure was close to the median of countries in the survey, and only a slight decrease from the 36% of Turkish respondents that expressed the same view in 2013. However, the decrease made Turkey one of only eight countries (including the UK, Japan, New Zealand, Egypt, Singapore, Greece, and South Korea) in which fewer people said they would encourage their children to become teachers in 2018 than in 2013.

Turkish respondents thought that librarian was the most similar occupation to teaching – making Turkey one of 10 countries that took this view. By comparison, only three countries – China, Russia and Malaysia – saw teachers as being most similar to doctors.

Turkish teachers said they would need only $17,000 to consider leaving the profession – well below the actual wage ($30,302).

Support for performance-related pay for teachers was strong at 62% - the 11th highest in the survey: however, this was still a significant reduction in support from 78% in 2013.
> The Turkish public has a fairly accurate perceptions of teachers’ working hours, estimating 33.4 hours per week against the 35.1 hours per week actually reported by teachers in the study. This was the 6th most accurate estimate out of 35 countries in the study.