INDONESIA COMES FIFTH IN 35 COUNTRY TEACHER STATUS RANKING, NEW GLOBAL SURVEY REVEALS

KEY FINDINGS – INDONESIA:

> Indonesia ranks 5th out of 35 countries in the Global Teacher Status Index 2018 – higher than any European or American country surveyed. Only Russia, Taiwan, Malaysia and China were higher.

> When asked to rank 14 professions in order of status (including headteachers, primary and secondary teachers, doctors, nurses, social workers, and librarians), Indonesians ranked headteachers higher than any other country surveyed apart from Malaysia.

> Indonesians rate their education 6.98 out of 10 – the sixth highest self-rating of all 35 countries surveyed. However, this is at odds with pupil attainment in the country with Indonesia ranking 27th of the surveyed countries by average PISA scores.
Two thirds (66%) of Indonesians said they thought pupils respect teachers – the fifth highest of all 35 countries surveyed, with only Ghana (70%), India (77%), Uganda (79%) and China (81%) higher.

Nearly three quarters (74%) of Indonesians support performance related pay for teachers - the fifth highest rate of support amongst all countries surveyed and not far behind Egypt, where 79% support performance related pay – higher than any other country surveyed.

Around a third (32%) of parents said they would definitely or probably encourage their children to become teachers, while 29% said they would probably or definitely not encourage their children to do so.

Indonesians say that teaching is most similar to social work as a profession, with 24% of respondents expressing this opinion in keeping with 18 of the 35 countries surveyed. However, librarian was almost as popular an answer, at 21%. By contrast, only three countries – China, Russia and Malaysia – said teachers were most similar to doctors.
The starting salary for a secondary school teacher in Indonesia is around $14,500 (adjusted for purchasing power parity). However, teachers polled say the minimum salary they would need to be paid to leave teaching is just over $25,000.

Indonesians had fairly accurate perceptions of the hours that teachers work, estimating 33.6 hours per week against the 31.9 hours actually reported by teachers. Indonesia was one of only six countries to slightly overestimate the number of hours worked (the others were Canada, China, Japan, Uganda and Finland). Most countries underestimated teachers’ working hours to various degrees.
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