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Assalamhualaikum Dearest Readers,

Since the establishment of the Writing Club, certain people have constantly encouraged me to "put my thoughts on paper", as the saying goes. I have decided to begin to attempt to share my understanding of the term and concept of "Success" in this article. I know that I still have a long road to go before my writing skills can adequately reflect my thoughts, but hopefully this will be my beginning of expressing my spoken ideas in print. Because of time constraints, this first attempt is very short. Hopefully, this initial attempt will be followed by a more comprehensive discussion of this introduction of my comprehension of "Success".

To me, "Success" is a way of life. It is not about material possessions. It is not about our appearance or image in the eyes of others. It is an internal phenomenon which can only be measured by the individual him or herself. Just like our physical bodies need food, water and air to sustain itself, the soul also needs to feed itself to become a "successful soul".

As I have mentioned above, the comprehension and measurement of success is a very personal, individualistic, and subjective act. Personally, I feel that we all need to constantly strive to reach spiritual heights which we have never reached before. This takes intense focus and dedication to a predetermined goal which we set for ourselves.

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As you obviously know, this topic is not a simple one. "Success" probably has millions of different meanings to different individuals. So, for now, I leave it there. I look forward to continuing my discussion about "Success" in the next issue. I was disappointed that Mountain Top's team of interviewers was unable to visit and interview me in my village.

I hope that the future bodes well for all of us, and I will be able to continue to share my junior philosophical thoughts with you in various media formats.

Salaam for now. Take care of yourselves.