

Patience to Learn **PASSION**



a young man presented himself to the local expert on gems and said he too wanted to become a gemologist. The expert brushed him off because he feared that the youth would not have the patience to learn. The young man pleaded that he be given a chance. Finally, the expert consented and told the youth, "Be here tomorrow."

The next morning the expert put a jade stone in the boy's hand and asked him to hold it. The expert then went about his work - cutting, weighing and setting gems. The boy sat quietly and waited.

The following morning, the expert again placed the jade stone in the youth's hand and told him to hold it. On the

third, fourth and fifth day, the expert repeated the exercise and the instructions.

On the sixth day, the youth could no longer stand the ordeal. "Master," he asked, "when am I going to learn something?"

"You'll learn," the expert replied and went about his business.

Several more days went by and the youth's frustration mounted. One morning, as the expert beckoned him to hold out his hand, he was about to blurt out that he could go on no longer. But as the expert placed the stone in his hand, the young man exclaimed without looking at his hand, "This is not the same jade stone!"

There are no gains without pains.
- Adlai Stevenson