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#### **SYNOPSIS**

The Academy of Language Studies, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Kedah branch is proud to present the first issue of its e-magazine, The Epitome, as our focus to highlight our commitment to contribute to the areas of creative writing.

THE EPITOME aims to provide a platform for writers, educators, academicians, poet, and researchers to share their ideas, findings, knowledge, and experience, particularly on various creative writing genres - personal essays, poetry, short stories, songs, movie scripts, plays, and innovative projects in four different languages (English, Bahasa Melayu, Mandarin, and Arabic).

#### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

Dear readers,

It is with great pleasure and immense pride that we, the Academy of Language Studies at Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Kedah branch, extend our warmest welcome to all writers and readers to honor all 127 artistic masterpieces. This is indeed a tremendous achievement to commemorate our debut.

We are privileged to offer the platform for the writers to show their talents in creative writing in this magazine, which serves as a testament to our commitment to the area of personal essays, poetry, short stories, songs, movie scripts, plays, and innovative projects. Their invaluable contributions and unwavering commitment to academic excellence have played a vital role in shaping this magazine.

Thank you.

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Crunch goes the leaves,

Under trying feet,

Up the winding hill, the eye perceives,
Is where the two lovers shall meet

Here is where they promised,

To announce to each other,

Their vows, calm and honest,

Without the presence of another,

Graced by the melodies of a robin,

And surrounded by a bed of periwinkle vine,

Whispers of love turn into sobbing,

As their fingers intertwined,

The earth rumbles underneath them, In an instant, one went tumbling down, Another held onto the a pine tree stem, Dire was now the state of their town,

A town once loud with life and sound,
Is now deafeningly still,
For it is buried deep underground,
All because of a forbidden union on top of the hill.

*In the memory of Batang Kali landslide victims* 

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