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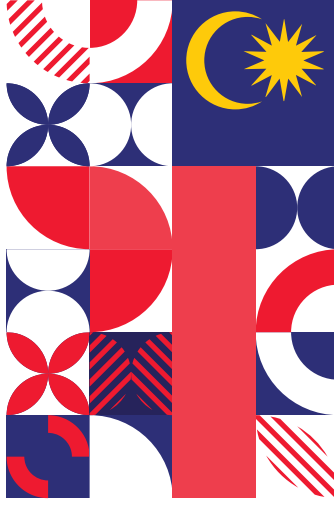
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Foreword

A Scholarly Symphony, A Patriotic Ode

It is with great pleasure that I present this anthology of patriotic poetry, a remarkable collection crafted by academics from the UTM system across Malaysia. Their scholarly expertise and deep understanding of our nation's history have resulted in exceptional quality work.

This anthology offers a unique perspective on Merdeka, delving into the profound themes of freedom, unity, and national pride. The poems showcase the rich diversity of our nation, from the bustling cities to the serene countryside, and celebrate the contributions of our people.

I commend the academics for their dedication, creativity, and passion in sharing their love for Malaysia through the medium of poetry. Their work serves as a valuable contribution to our nation's literary heritage and a source of inspiration for future generations.

Let us continue to uphold the spirit of Merdeka, strive for excellence, and build a Malaysia that we can all be proud of.

Prof. Dr. Roshima Said
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Foreword

The poems featured in this anthology offer a diverse range of perspectives on Merdeka, exploring the historical, cultural, and social dimensions of our nation's independence. Through their words, they pay tribute to the sacrifices made by our forefathers and celebrate the resilience of our people. I am particularly impressed by the quality of the poems, which demonstrate a high level of craftsmanship and a deep appreciation for the power of language. The academics' ability to convey complex emotions and ideas through their writing is truly commendable.

This anthology is a testament to the intellectual and creative capabilities of our academics, and a celebration of the enduring spirit of Merdeka. I encourage everyone to read these poems and to be inspired by the passion and dedication of our scholars.

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Preface

A Tribute to Merdeka

This anthology of patriotic poetry stands as a testament to the enduring spirit of Merdeka and the creative talents of our esteemed academics from the UTM system. As we celebrate the anniversary of Malaysia's independence, this collection offers a unique glimpse into the hearts and minds of our scholars.

Through their evocative words, these academics have woven a rich tapestry of emotions, experiences, and reflections on our nation's journey. Their poems explore the profound themes of freedom, unity, and national pride, offering a fresh perspective on what it means to be Malaysian.

We are grateful for the contributions of all the participating academics, whose dedication and passion have made this anthology possible. Their willingness to share their thoughts and creativity has enriched our understanding of Merdeka and inspired us to cherish our nation's heritage.

This anthology is more than just a collection of poems; it is a celebration of our nation's past, present, and future. Let us continue to uphold the spirit of Merdeka, strive for excellence, and build a Malaysia that we can all be proud of.

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The successful completion of this anthology of patriotic poetry would not have been possible without the invaluable contributions of many individuals. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to:

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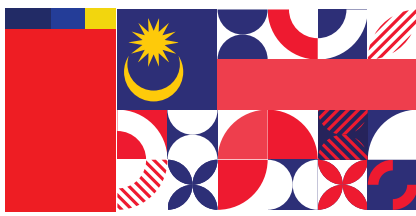
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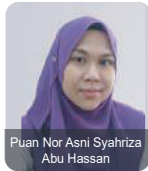


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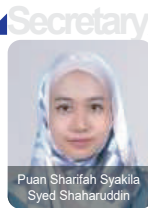
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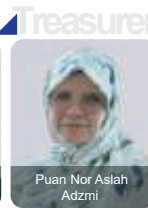
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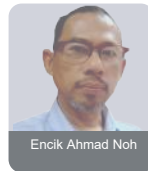


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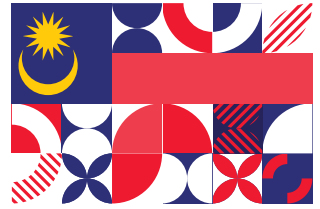
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Chapter 1



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A Language That Binds

Some people say,
It is embracing the vibrant tapestry of culture.
Others speak of,
Cherishing the different races.
Many utter,
It is the respect for every faith and belief.
And I, for one, stand tall, chanting Negaraku with pride,
Waving the flag high, shining bright.
Yet, indeed, what does it genuinely take?

Beyond all these,
One truth shines brighter...
One thread that binds us stronger.
Let us pause and ponder—
Would you still read, when the words made no sense?
Would you still sing, not knowing the tune?
It is the heartbeat of unity.
Yet, indeed, what does it truly take?

In every corner of this land,
The words may differ, but their meaning stands...
To the North, we go,
"Hang pa habaq?"
Heading West and South,
"Ape kabo kome?"
"Awak ape khaba?"
"Apo koba eh Jang?"

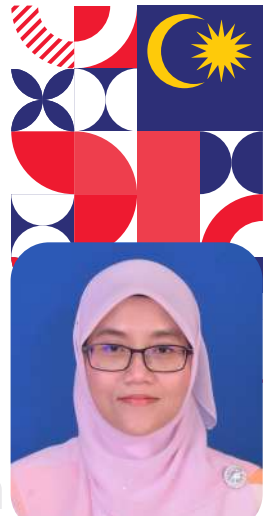
Journeying further on the East Coast,
"Pekabo aokmer?",
"Guane gamok?",
Across the South China Sea,
"Kau apa khabar?"
"Pa kabar kitak?"

Regardless of the dialects or tongues,
Be it Malay, Chinese, Indian, Iban, Kadazan,
"Khabar Baik!"— One knows the answer to this greeting well.

Hence, indeed, what does it take to be a genuinely Malaysian?
The heartbeat that ties the unity
The melody that holds us as one
It is indeed the Language!
The Language that treasures our MOTHER TONGUE,
And it is THIS Language that makes us ONE.

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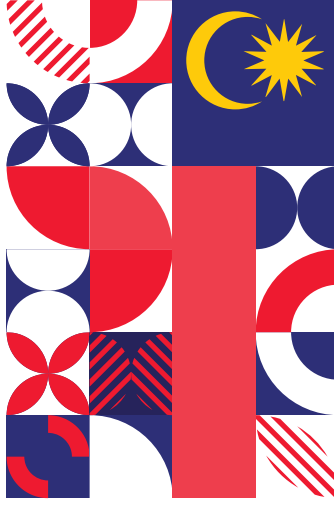


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