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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 Acting Rector Universiti Teknologi Mara







#### **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.

Azlan Abdul Rahman Head of the Academy of Language Studies, Universiti Teknologi Mara Kedah Branch







#### **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.

Puan Hajjah Sharina Saad Chief Editor Voice of The Soul





I am honoured to introduce this anthology of patriotic poetry, a remarkable collection penned by academics from the UTM system. Their scholarly insights and deep understanding of language have resulted in a work of exceptional literary merit.

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:

The participating academics for their dedication, creativity, and willingness to share their work.

The University of Technology Malaysia for providing the necessary support and resources.

The editorial team for their hard work and commitment in reviewing and selecting the poems.

The design team for their beautiful and professional design of the anthology.

This anthology is a testament to the collective efforts of all involved, and I am honoured to have been part of this project.

Puan Hajjah Sharina Saad Chief Editor







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# Chapter



# Merdeka Our Belove Homeland

MERDEKA! MERDEKA! MERDEKA!

A sacred word resonated

On the 31st of August every year

What "MERDEKA" means to all of us..

Especially to the Malaysians born after independence...

Is the word "MERDEKA" that we shout every year

similar to the feeling of a person who lived during the colonial era shouting the same word?

Or by the freedom fighters?

The person who recognized the struggles, the sweats, the tears, the hardship, the blood.

The one who witnessed the misery of our country being occupied.

For sure, the tone and feelings will be different.

Since the fall of Malacca Malay Sultanate on the 28th of August 1511

But...

Mat Kilau, Tok Janggut, Dato' Bahaman, Abdul Rahman Limbong, and other fighters do not just disregard and keep silent..

They stand together

Fight until the last blood..

Protecting this land from intruders..

Set our homeland MALAYSIA free physically and spiritually.

May Allah grant them with "Jannah"...

The names to be remembered ever and after...

For all the sacrifices to give us a sovereign state

We'll recite Al-Fatihah after your name You are the true HEROES! The real

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FIGHTERS!

Dear parents, teachers, academicians... RISE UP!

Let's bring back the GLORY of our country. Let's educate our children and students with the knowledge, good values, and manners.

Tell them the history...

The glory of Malacca Malay Sultanate in the past 15th century..

Parameswara, Śultan Muzaffar Shah, Hang Tuah, Hang Jebat..

Malacca..

As a thriving international trading port once upon a time

Malacca..

Was once an education and Islamic Centre...and

Classical Malay Language was once a Lingua Franca of maritime Southeast Asia from the 7th until 19th century

Let's empower back our nations

For MALAYSIA to be in the eyes of the world. Oh god, please save this country, we love this country and will develop it!

UNITED WE STAND!







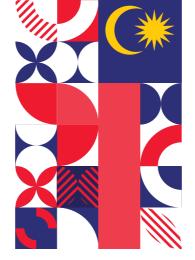


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