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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.

Puan Hajjah Sharina Saad  
Chief Editor  
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## Acknowledgement

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:

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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.

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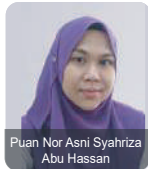


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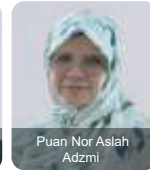
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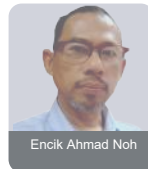


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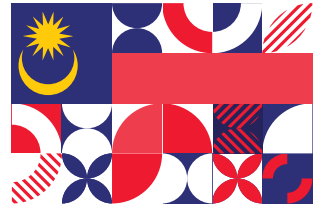
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# Chapter 1



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## Under The Flag Of Unity

The day has come after a long aim  
Fighting for freedom is no longer a game  
This is our land is for us to reclaim  
Merdeka is a must it is the highest fame

Modern Malaya took centre stage  
Reshaping a plural society no one can dictate  
This is our country let us celebrate  
Malayan Independence is a day to commemorate

Victory is not always about winning  
Political agendas have become intriguing  
The interracial conflict was devastating  
Tension and conflict started arising

Inequality, poverty, and national ideology  
The journey is long fills with responsibility  
Increasing understanding with honesty within the unity  
To establish a nation with significant quality

August 1957 marks the history  
Strengthening national integration with novelty  
Reshaping society with exceptional integrity  
Empowering the economy, minorities as well as ethnicity

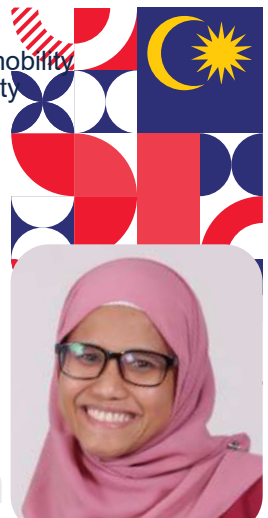
Under the flag of unity  
We continuously preserve political stability  
Fostering technological advancement and increasing human mobility  
Highlighting positive impact bringing about peace and prosperity

Be happy and unite under the Khatulistiwa sun  
Have a happy Merdeka Day everyone...

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