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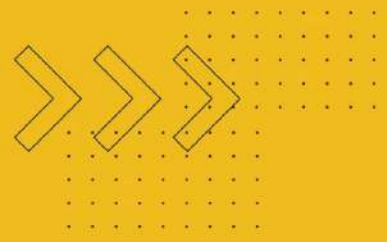
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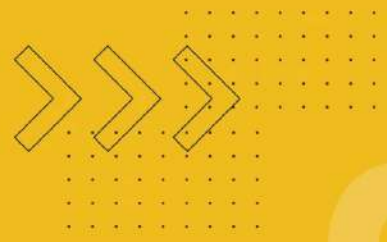
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# Synopsis

The Academy of Language Studies at Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) is thrilled to unveil the vibrant sixth edition of its e-magazine, The Epitome. This publication celebrates our passionate commitment and unwavering dedication to the art and craft of language and literature.

THE EPITOME emerges as a dynamic platform for a community of writers, educators, scholars, poets, and researchers, all eager to share their unique perspectives, breakthroughs, wisdom, and tales. This edition showcases a mix of creative writing genres, from the dramatic twists of Playwriting to the introspective depths of Personal Essays, including Short Stories, Songs, Speeches, Memoirs, Literary Journalism, Humorous Writing, Lyric Essays, and Innovative Essays. With a rich tapestry of voices, presenting and embracing works in English, Bahasa Melayu, Mandarin, and Arabic, each adding its own uniqueness to the realm of language and literature.

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# Preface

**Puan Robekhah Harun**  
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Welcome to Epitome, the 6<sup>th</sup> Issue. Epitome is the platform where writers transformed moments into meaning and emotions into language, offering readers a mirror in which they may recognize parts of themselves. The theme for this publication is Stories That Stay - A timeless collection of powerful narratives – memories, questions, friendships, losses, and life-altering choices.

Stories That Stay is a quiet yet powerful reminder that the most enduring narratives are often born from moments of reflection rather than spectacle. The stories collected within this bulletin encourages readers to pause, to listen, and to engage with experiences that linger long after the final page is turned.

The writers have approached their work with sincerity and depth, transforming personal moments into shared understanding. In doing so, they remind us that stories do not end on the page; they continue within the reader, shaping thought, emotion, and perspective.

I extend our heartfelt congratulations to the editorial team and all the contributors for bringing Stories That Stay to life. Your dedication, creativity, and thoughtful curation have resulted in a body of work that resonates with sincerity and depth. May this publication serve not as an endpoint, but as a beginning. Continue to write, to publish, and to trust in the power of your voices. The world needs stories like these – stories that stay.

May Epitome serve as both recognition and encouragement for writers to continue to write with honesty, to publish with purpose, and to trust that your words matter. In a world that often moves too quickly, your willingness to slow down and tell stories that endure is invaluable.





# Editor's note

Assalamualaikum and warmest greetings,

Dear gentle readers,

Alhamdulillah, by the grace of Allah SWT, we are delighted to present the 6th issue of our e-magazine, centered on the theme "Stories That Stay." These are not just stories – they are living reminiscences, deepest questions, treasured friendships, deep losses, and life-changing choices that remain with us long after the moment has passed.

Every narrative in this issue carries a spark – a reminder that our journeys are written with wisdom, by the One who knows us best. Some stories teach, some heal, and others strengthen us when we feel we cannot go on. May these pages offer you reflection, comfort, and renewed strength, Insha-Allah.

As the Chief Editor, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the contributors who poured their hearts into their writing, and to you – our beloved readers – for your continuous support. May Allah bless your path as you read, reflect, and grow through these timeless stories.

Happy reading, and may your heart find what it needs.

**With love and gratitude,  
Hajah Razanawati Nordin  
Chief Editor**





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# WAKE UP

**Verse 1:**

**Sing:**

I can't breathe for the first time, Something's missing, it's called 'light', What's inside me? I'm not so fine,  
In my head, "Get away with all the lies"

**Verse 2:**

**Sing:**

Repeating circles, going crazy,  
See the world around, it is crumbling, **Rap:**  
Footsteps grow heavy, feels like my life is being sucked out, Maybe I should turn over a new leaf now

**Pre-Chorus 1:**

**Sing:**

Call me from another dimension, When it's reaching the seventh hour

**Chorus 1:**

**Sing:**

Wake up from a sleep you've been having, Wake up from a dream you've been getting, Stand up before the world crushes you down, Wake up, they were just talking nonsense, Wake up, the incredible you, go dance,  
Rise up like the sunrise in the morning

**Verse 3: Sing:**

Look at me now, I'm different now,  
Only I can give myself what I want,  
No one else, nothing else can stand in my way

**Verse 4:**

**Rap:**

Bet you cannot catchup with any of these tempos, I am not you, you are not me, please take note,  
All my people, raise your hands up, Heads up with a gaze, quicken the pace, Give them whatever, we'll finally wake up

**Pre-Chorus 2:**

**Sing:**

Call me from another dimension, When it's reaching the seventh hour

**Chorus 2:**

**Sing:**

Wake up from a sleep you've been having, Wake up from a dream you've been getting, Stand up before the world crushes you down, Wake up, they were just talking nonsense, Wake up, the incredible you, go dance,  
Rise up like the sunrise in the morning

**Bridge:**

You think that you can make me feel down, I'm showing you the me that no one has seen,  
This is not Wonderland, I make my own free land,  
Keep talking, you will be quiet when I wake up

**Chorus 3:**

**Sing:**

Wake up from a sleep you've been having, Wake up from a dream you've been getting, Stand up before the world crushes you down, Wake up, they were just talking nonsense, Wake up, the incredible you, go dance,  
Rise up like the sunrise in the morning

**Chorus 4:**

**Sing:**

Wake up, from a sleep you've been having, Wake up from a dream you've been getting, Lock up all the ones who are against you, Wake up, they were just talking nonsense, Wake up, the incredible you, go dance, Rise up like the sunrise in the morning

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