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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.

Best regards,

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从小，我在闲暇无事时，并不是上电影院看戏，亦或邀三五朋友出外喝茶谈个天南地北，而是宅在家看看书、制作一些小布偶或小卡片。或许，是因为上天赐我一个平静的性格。

说起看书，我爱的书籍种类有好多款。一般上，我总会找些励志书，侦探小说，文化旅游简介，亦或是诗歌散文之类的书籍阅读。当然，如果找到有作者把我有兴趣的学术性课题简化成适合大众阅读的书籍，真是一场欢喜的缘分。每一次从书局、书展或图书馆找到我心爱的书本，就会迫不及待地赶回家，坐在沙发上开始阅读。当我翻开书本的一页又一页，鼻子嗅着那纸张清新的味道，眼睛就会随着一行行的字体滑动。

偶尔，有趣的事也会伴着阅读而来。好几次，当我的思维渐渐进入了书本里精彩的故事，不知为何我的眼皮竟然情不自禁悄悄地盖下来。就在这时，“啪”的一声就会突然响起。怎么会有这一响声呢？原来，当我的眼皮盖下时，我的手也不自觉地松开，书本就掉在地上了。我这个人就是这么地容易被书本俘虏。每当我拿起一本书，就有一种感觉。我感觉到我的心跳开始平静下来，有规律性地跳动；我的呼吸率也开始变缓，慢慢地吸入及呼出空气；我的脑袋开始在书本里畅游，但渐渐地就游进了梦乡。书本就像是我的抱枕，抱着它，我就进入了一个很安静的世界。世界里只有文字和图片，带着我，去到他们的国度。也同时，把我短暂带离这复杂的世界。

就这样，我好喜爱阅读。每一本书籍，充满了作者无限的创作力和智慧，阅读是一种智慧知识的传承，也是无穷的乐趣。



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