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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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pinches of petals, a teaspoon of sugar
just the right herbs to stir in the bowl
a potion, a potion, a potent concoction
to heal the body and soothe the soul.

he coughs and wheezes and begs
I raise the elixir to his lips.
so proud of homemade medicine
stirring gently, hands on my hips.

his eyes look troubled, bloodshot even
for some reason he cannot sleep
i give him a dose with a knowing smile
not noticing yet what we have reaped.

the doctor examines him, shakes his head
my heart drops with realization and dread
his hands are trembling. his feet are blue
dying of poison and we never knew.



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