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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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in the heart of Türkiye, the grounds shake
a tempest of destruction one could barely escape
buildings fall like dominoes, lives shatter in a quake
the world watches in horror as its earth continues to break

a trail of fear, lost, and devastation
seeing remains and destructions all around
as houses and shops and mosques crumble to the ground
and families are found....

.... or the other way around

the quake is leaving behind a trace of pain
they fall to their knees mourning the lost and wounded
but they rise again to find sunshine after the rain
as the world watches and offering its hand extended

hands joined in unity across oceans and borders
as strangers become brothers, vouch to aid in the disorder
no longer divided, by language, race, or creed
humanity comes together, in a time of need

through the dust and rubble, a new dawn shall rise
by way of unconditional love that shines through considerate eyes
the strength of the human spirit, prevails over the quake
a bond unbreakable, no disaster could ever shake.

This writing is penned in remembrance of my brothers and sisters
in the event of Türkiye-Syria earthquake on the night of February 6,
2023.

Al-Fatihah

To Bülent Korkmaz, my condolences are stretched in the form of
prayers.



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