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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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If only we could UNDERSTAND

Those body rocking

Those finger flicking

Those head banging

Those repetitive circling

Those triggered clapping

We should not be agitated,

Being patient is not bitter.

If only we could HELP

Those restless days

Those sleepless nights

Those sunken eyeballs

Those suppressed emotions

Those self-harming

We should not be exasperated,

The struggle develops the strengths.

If only we could SEE

The future you hold

The inner feeling you hide

The pain you suffer

The wisdom you carry

We should not be enraged,

Virtue is its own reward.

It is the ticket to Jannah!, they said.

You are blessed to have one, they uttered.

We wish we were the chosen ones, they
murmured.

Little did they know,

What they were wishing for.

The rectitude is portrayed in her name

The reflection of her intangible grace

The vows she silently makes

May you cite our every name

On that very day

In front of the Almighty

Claiming our souls

To be next to you

To be cherished

To be gathered

To be granted with

The ultimate seventh heaven

An autistic sister of ours

Whom we dearly love

No matter what,

Siti Nurul Janah Nordin.

*Dedicated to all exceptional parents and
siblings who are bestowed with angelic autistic
children, may Allah reward your indescribable
struggles abundantly.



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