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The Academy of Language Studies, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Cawangan Kedah is thrilled to announce the release of the second edition of its e-magazine, The Epitome. This publication exemplifies our steady dedication to fostering creativity in language and literature.

The primary objective of THE EPITOME is to offer a platform where writers, educators, scholars, poets, and researchers can come together to exchange their ideas, discoveries, expertise, and narratives. Our special focus revolves around an array of creative writing genres, encompassing Playwriting, Short stories, Songs, Speeches, Memoirs, Literary Journalism, Humour writing, Lyric essays, Innovative essays, and Personal essays, with a goal to embrace diverse linguistic expressions, with content available in four languages: English, Bahasa Melayu, Mandarin, and Arabic.

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Every day is learning curves...

Dear Readers,

We are back! We are thrilled to present a collection of articles that we believe capture the essence of the writers. Our team has worked diligently to curate content that we hope will both engage and resonate with you.

In these pages, you will find a diverse range of perspectives on life, from joy to sorrow. We hope these pieces inspire reflection and spark meaningful conversations.

We want to express our deepest gratitude to our talented contributors for their time and expertise. Their dedication is what makes the second issue of Epitome possible.

As always, we value your feedback. Please do not hesitate to reach out with your thoughts and suggestions.

Thank you for being a part of our Epitome community.

Warm regards,

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Haris's Journey: *From Red Hawks to Glory*

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*THIS IS A TRUE STORY ABOUT A YOUNG BOY NAME HARIS

****Disclaimer:****

This story is based on true events but has been enhanced for dramatic effect and excitement. While elements of the narrative are rooted in reality, certain details and embellishments have been added to create a more engaging and captivating story. We hope you enjoy this fictionalized account inspired by real-life experiences.

Haris was an energetic 11-year-old boy with a talkative nature that made him friends wherever he went. He lived in the quiet town of Kuala Selangor, attending Sekolah Kebangsaan Desa Aman, where his cheerful spirit and enthusiasm were well-known among his classmates. But what truly set Haris apart from the rest was his passion for football.

Every day, as the school bell chimed the end of the day, Haris would rush out, his schoolbag swinging wildly, and head straight for the nearby park. It was there, on the dusty green field, that he found his true calling. Football was more than just a game to him; it was a language of joy, an escape from the ordinary.

Despite his love for the sport, Haris had never been given the chance to represent his school in any football team. His heart ached with the desire to wear his school jersey and play on the field while the crowd cheered his name. He knew he had the talent, but opportunities had eluded him.

One evening, as Haris kicked the ball back and forth with his friends at the park, his mother, Farah, watched from a distance. She saw her son's potential, the way he effortlessly maneuvered the ball, and the spark in his eyes as he played. It was then that she made a decision that would change Haris's life forever.

The following week, Farah approached Haris with an idea. "Haris," she said, "I believe in your talent, and I want to help you pursue your dream of playing football for your school. There's a football selection coming up, for a team, the selection is under National Federation Development Program (NFDP) of Malaysia, and I think you should give it a try." Haris's eyes widened with excitement. He had heard about the football selections in the town, where scouts and coaches would be on the lookout for talented young players. It was a chance he had always dreamed of but never thought he'd get.

The day of the selection arrived, and the park was buzzing with activity. Parents and children from all over Kuala Selangor had gathered, hoping for a shot at making it to the school football teams. Haris was nervous, but his determination burned brighter than ever.

The selection process was rigorous, with multiple phases to test the candidates' skills. Haris gave his best effort, showcasing his dribbling, passing, and shooting skills. However, luck didn't seem to be on his side, as he was not selected in any of the early phases. As the day wore on, hope seemed to slip away for Haris. But then came the final phase, known as the "determination phase." In this phase, candidates were required to run tirelessly, chasing the football back and forth until the coach gave the signal to stop. Haris sprinted with all his might, his determination pushing him to give his absolute best.

He didn't falter, even as exhaustion set in. Finally, after what felt like an eternity, the coach called a halt to the running. Haris had made it through this grueling phase. With the selection process complete, the selected candidates were asked to play a friendly match to demonstrate their skills. Haris and the other chosen players eagerly took to the field. It was during this match that Haris made some new friends who shared his passion for football. They played as a team, encouraging each other and showcasing their talents.

After the match, Haris and his newfound friends had the pleasure of meeting their team's coach, Coach Fairuz. His enthusiasm for the game was contagious, and it was clear that he believed in the potential of each player. They couldn't wait to begin training under his guidance.

Coach Fairuz wasted no time in outlining the upcoming schedule. He informed the team that their training sessions would commence the following week, coinciding with the school holiday. With anticipation building, he revealed that their first game together as a team was scheduled for the weekend immediately following their initial training session.



In an inspired moment, Coach Fairuz proposed that the team adopt a name to solidify their identity and sense of unity. After a brief discussion, the young players unanimously agreed on "Red Hawks" as their team's name, a symbol of strength and determination.

With the name "Red Hawks" emblazoned on their hearts and Coach Fairuz as their guide, Haris and his teammates were more eager than ever to embark on their football journey. The dreams of representing Kuala Selangor district and making their families proud burned brightly within them, ready to soar to new heights as a united team.

As Haris left the field that day, he knew that his journey in football was just beginning. He had faced challenges, displayed unwavering determination, and found friends who shared his love for the beautiful game. With his mother's unwavering support and the guidance of his dedicated coach, Haris was ready to chase his dreams, one kick at a time. Bring it on Red Hawk!

To Be Continue: Kicking Friendship



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