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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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# EDITORS' NOTES

*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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Pada sebuah tanah keramat  
tanah berdaulat gugurnya keringat  
teguhnya niat memanggang api semangat  
langkah gagah memasak pencak si perwira  
tak gentar juang meradak petualang  
demi sebuah merdekanya nusa tercinta

Di tanah keramat ini  
pernah penjajah durjana merampas segala.  
pernah bertangisan jiwa-jiwa yang diseksa  
pernah meruntun hati yang kehilangan  
pernah berkobar semangat setia pahlawan  
pernah bangkit jiwa yang keras bak besi bersani  
pernah berkobar kudrat dek amarah tak bertepi  
demi melambai megah sebuah panji merdeka

Pada tanah keramat ini  
hentak kaki menyongsong semarak merdeka

anak bangsa penuh bangga mengibar Jalur Gemilang

Merdeka!  
Merdeka!  
Merdeka!

bergema laungan lantang

Demi tanah keramat ini ke hadrat Illahi puji dan syukur dipanjatkan megah pertiwi menuju gemilang dan kemakmuran, masyhur terbilang ke serata dunia jadi sebutan demi menyambung sulur warisan ke hujung nyawa akan kupertahan

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Merdeka!



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