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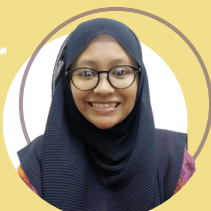
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synopsis

The Academy of Language Studies, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Cawangan Kedah is thrilled to announce the release of the third 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.

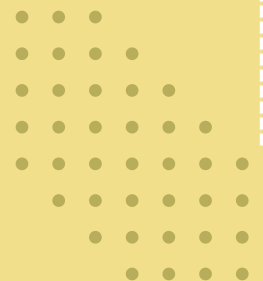




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Preface



Mr. Azlan Abdul Rahman

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Welcome to Epitome, the 3rd Issue – a collection of thoughts, reflections, and stories that encapsulate the essence of an academic's journey. As the pages unfold, you will embark on a thoughtful exploration of the human experience, woven through the threads of joy, sorrow, and everything in between.

In designing this compilation, our intention is to offer readers a mirror to their own experiences, inviting moments of reflection and connection. Epitome is not just a creative publication; it is an invitation to pause, reflect, and find quality in the shared tapestry of our existence.

Through these pages, the reader may encounter familiar landscapes of the heart and perhaps discover a transformed perspective on the beauty and complexity of academic life. Each piece within Epitome is a humble contribution to the ongoing dialogue of what it means to be human.

I extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who have been a part of this journey – especially to all the contributors and the esteemed Epitome Editorial Team. Your involvement and presence surely added depth and meaning to this publication.

May Epitome serve as a companion, provoking thought and sparking moments of connection and collaboration.

Thank you for embarking on this literary voyage with us.

Editor-In-Chief



Creativity is intelligence having fun

Dear Epitome Community,

We are back for the third issue and enthusiastic to share with all of you the collection of creative writings crafted by dedicated and imaginative writers. In this third issue, we present a variety of articles ranging from playwriting to lyric essays, each offering a unique tone and style of writing. Thanks to all the creative and talented writers, we hope these pieces can inspire you in various ways.

We would like to extend our congratulations to all the inspiring writers for their valuable contributions and unwavering support. Many of these names are familiar to us, as some have been submitting their work since our first volume. Additionally, we would like to express our gratitude to the dedicated committee and reviewers for their time and expertise.

Thank you for being a part of our Epitome community.

Till the next volume,

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Brian Lai,

our Eldest Child

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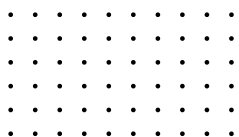


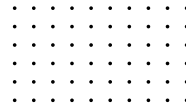
Five years ago, on a bright and sunny day on February eight, Brian Lai was born. His weight was 2.80 kilograms, and he was a healthy baby. Upon the arrival of our first child into the world, we were filled with unbridled delight. In the hopes that he would be a brilliant and intelligent child both mentally and physically, we gave him the name Brian.

Brian developed into a boy who was far more mature than his age. He began to walk, talk, and read at a young age. He was able to recognise all capital and small letters of the alphabet at the age of 1 year and 9 months. He also learned to read. He was inquisitive about everything and never stopped asking questions about it. He had a passion for reading, particularly English narrative books, which he was able to read on his own without any assistance. He was also interested in learning how to use an abacus, which helped him improve his mathematical abilities and his ability to think logically.

In addition to his intelligence, Brian possessed a great deal of talent in the field of language. English, Malay, and Mandarin were all languages that he was able to speak and write fluently. Memory was one of his strong points, and he had a remarkable sense of observation. He likes to learn new words and employ them in his statements. Apart from that, he can draw and colour beautifully too. In addition to that, he possessed a strong sense of humour and was able to make people laugh with his clever jokes.

In school, Brian was consistently recognised for his outstanding academic performance and his exemplary behaviour. He was a student who performed exceptionally well in his class, consistently receiving high grades and positive comments from his teachers. Additionally, he was a supportive buddy to his classmates, since he was always willing to assist them with their homework and share his toys with them. In addition to being kind to everyone, he showed reverence for his elders. It was never the case that he got into difficulty or caused any issues.

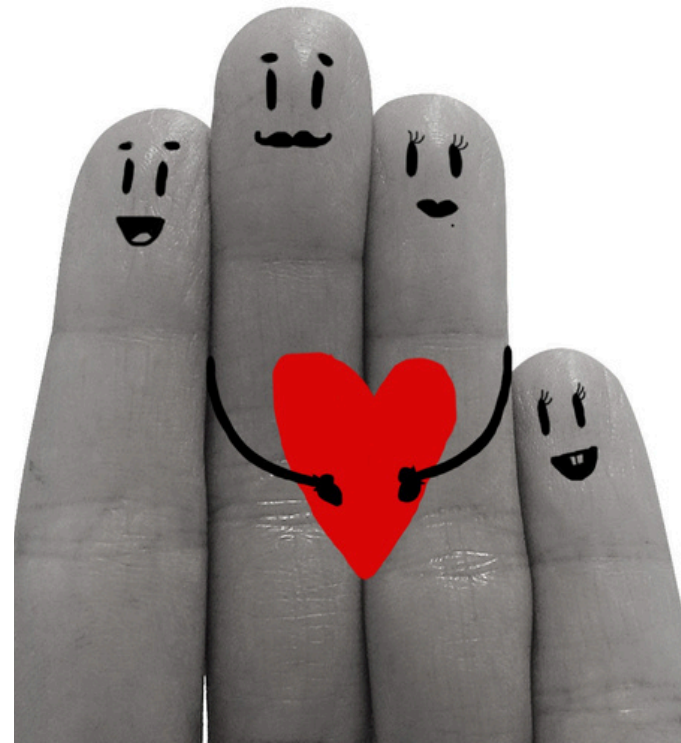




As his parents, we have always had the hope that he will be able to enjoy a happy and healthy childhood throughout the years. In addition to being a successful guy, we wished for him to be a nice person. The pursuit of his aspirations was something that we encouraged him to do, and we supported him in his interests and activities. As part of our efforts to demonstrate to him how to love and be loved, we also taught him to be modest, appreciative, and compassionate.

On a consistent basis, Brian was a helpful member of the family. He was able to look after his younger siblings, a brother and a sister, with whom he shared parental responsibilities. In addition to reading to them and playing with them, he also taught them new things. Additionally, he assisted his mother and father with the chores that needed to be done included washing the dishes, folding the clothing, and cleaning up the messy floor that was covered with toys. Whenever his parents required assistance, he was one of those people who was always willing to provide it.

Brian was a well-behaved and obedient child throughout his entire life, but he also enjoyed being hugged and cuddled by his parents often. The words "I love you" and "thank you" were always spoken by him to his parents, demonstrating his lovely and affectionate nature. In addition, he enjoys hugging his mother and holding hands with her. By his deeds and words, he not only made us joyful but also made us proud.



A fantastic son and a devoted brother, Brian was a wonderful person. His family found great happiness in him. We had a great deal of affection for him, and we were always proud of him. All of us wished him the very best in life and we are hoping that he would be content for the rest of his days. Brian also adored us and expressed his gratitude to us for everything that we had done for him. He was a joyful young man who expected to have a prosperous future ahead of him. We give thanks to God that he is a part of our family. We love you very much, Brian.

The End.



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