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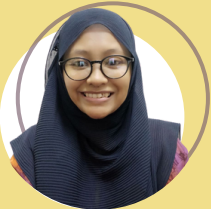


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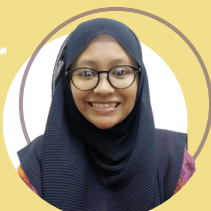
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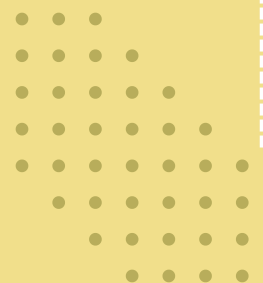
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# synopsis

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,

**Dr. Nur Syazwanie Mansor**  
**Editor-in-Chief,**  
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# Universiti Teknologi MARA joins Sakura Science Exchange Programme at the University of the Ryukyus, Okinawa, Japan

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The University of the Ryukyus, Okinawa, Japan has invited delegates from Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia to participate for a Collaborative Research entitle “International Joint Technical Exchange Programme for the Promotion and Incubation of Sustainable Tropical Marine Aquaculture” in Okinawa, Japan from 12th to 22nd November 2023.



Participants arrived at the Naha Airport, Okinawa, Japan

A total of nine participants from Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia consisting of a combination of academic staff and a postgraduate student were selected as delegates. The collaboration, which was part of the Sakura Science Exchange Programme 2023, was funded by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST). The participants came from various UiTM’s branches including Universiti Teknologi MARA Selangor Branch, Universiti Teknologi MARA Kelantan Branch, Universiti Teknologi MARA Perlis Branch and Universiti Teknologi MARA Sabah Branch. The participants of this programme are:

- Sr. Ts. Dr. Siti Hafsa Zulkarnain (UiTM Selangor Branch)
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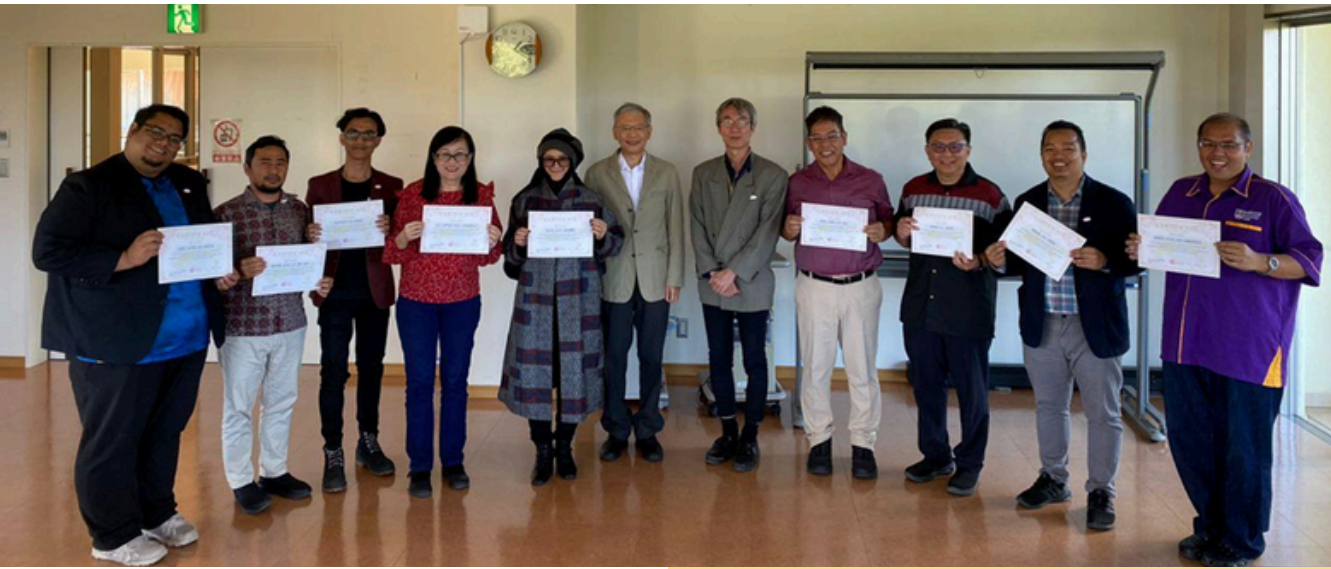


All costs including international and domestic travel, accommodation, and living allowance were funded by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST). The programme commenced on 12th November 2023 with a professional lecture at the University of the Ryukyus. Delegates were then taken on a tour of the Nakagusuku Village Aquaculture Technology Research Center (NAICe), Euglena co, Seikai National Fisheries Research Institute, Okinawa Prefectural Fisheries Research and Extension Center, Tropical Biosphere Research Center, Marine Aquaculture Center Sesoko Station, Okinawa Prefectural Sea Farming Center, Onna Village Fisheries Cooperative Association, and Okinawa Mozuku Board. The programme officially ended on 20th November 2023 at the University of the Ryukyus, Okinawa, Japan.



Participants visited the Nakagusuku Village Aquaculture Technology Research Center (NAICe), Okinawa, Japan

Each participant received a certificate of achievement and was officially recognised as part of the Sakura Science Club. During the visit, Universiti Teknologi MARA presented plaques and ethnic souvenirs to representatives of visited research centers and the University of the Ryukyus as a token of appreciation. Universiti Teknologi MARA also expresses gratitude for brochures, abstract books, University’s guidebook, and enamel pin from JST.



Participants received Certificate of Sakura Science Exchange Programme delivered by Professor Dr Shoichiro Suda at the University of the Ryukyus, Okinawa, Japan

The programme has successfully encouraged potential collaboration, cooperation, and interaction between universities, science centers and research station that aligned with the Sakura Science Programme’s objectives which include (1) To support the development of talented human resources from overseas who have the potential to contribute to innovation in science and technology; (2) To Accelerate the international brain cycle; (3) To promote continuous collaboration, cooperation and interaction between Japanese educational and research institutes and overseas ones; and (4) To strengthen good relationship between Japan and other countries and regions that will help science and technology diplomacy.





Participants at the University of the Ryukyus, Okinawa, Japan.

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For their extensive experience, time, and effort in making this programme meaningful and successful.



Participants touring the Banna Park, Ishigaki, Okinawa, Japan

Universiti Teknologi MARA hopes that this programme will act as a spur to future interactions and knowledge transfer opportunities between UiTM and international universities, industries, and communities in realising the aspiration of establishing Universiti Teknologi MARA as a Globally Renowned University by 2025 (GRU2025) of Science, Technology, Humanities and Entrepreneurship.

**Domo arigato gozaimasu!**



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