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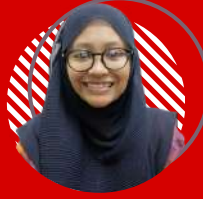


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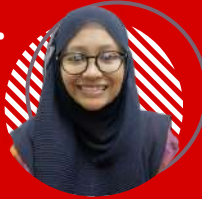
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The Academy of Language Studies, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Cawangan Kedah is thrilled to announce the release of the fourth edition of its e-magazine, *The Epitome*. This publication represents our steady dedication to cultivating creativity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

The primary objective of *THE EPITOME* is to offer a platform for 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

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Welcome to the fourth issue of *Epitome*, where creativity and imagination shine brightly. Within these pages, you will discover a rich tapestry of voices and visions—each piece a celebration of the limitless potential of words.

This issue of *Epitome* is more than a mere publication; it is a tribute to the art of storytelling in all its forms. Whether you are captivated by evocative poetry, enthralled by engaging short stories, or intrigued by insightful essays, we aim to present something that resonates with every reader.

We are passionate about the transformative power of literature, and we hope that this collection will inspire, challenge, and delight you. As you explore these pages, may you uncover new perspectives and experiences that enrich your own creative journey.

Thank you for embarking on this literary adventure with us.

Happy reading!





Editor InChief

Dear gentle readers,

Let me welcome you to our fourth edition of e-magazine, where we explore the beauty of life's journey. Our theme, "Capturing Life Lessons and Moments," encourages you to pause, reflect, and celebrate the wisdom that arises from everyday experiences.

Life is a mosaic of moments, each with the potential to teach us something profound, inspire change, or remind us of the surrounding beauty. Within these pages, we have unfolded stories, reflections, and insights that illuminate the lessons woven into the fabric of our lives. From the quiet wisdom found in fleeting moments to the power of life-changing events, this edition pays tribute to the learning that occurs beyond the classroom, in the heart of our daily lives.

Our contributors have poured their hearts into capturing these moments, sharing personal stories that resonate with authenticity and depth. You will find essays exploring the significance of small acts of kindness, articles reflecting on the lessons learned from adversity, and creative pieces celebrating the joy found in simple leisure. Each piece serves as a reminder that life's greatest lessons often emerge from the most unexpected places.

As you flip through this edition, we hope you find inspiration in the shared stories and perhaps discover a mirror to your own experiences. May these pages encourage you to appreciate the moments that shape you, learn from the challenges that test you, and embrace the wisdom that life offers at every step of your journey.

Thank you for joining us in exploring life's lessons and moments. We invite you to take your time, savour each piece, and maybe even gain a new perspective on the experiences that have shaped your own life.

Happy reading!

Warm regards,

Razanawati Nordin
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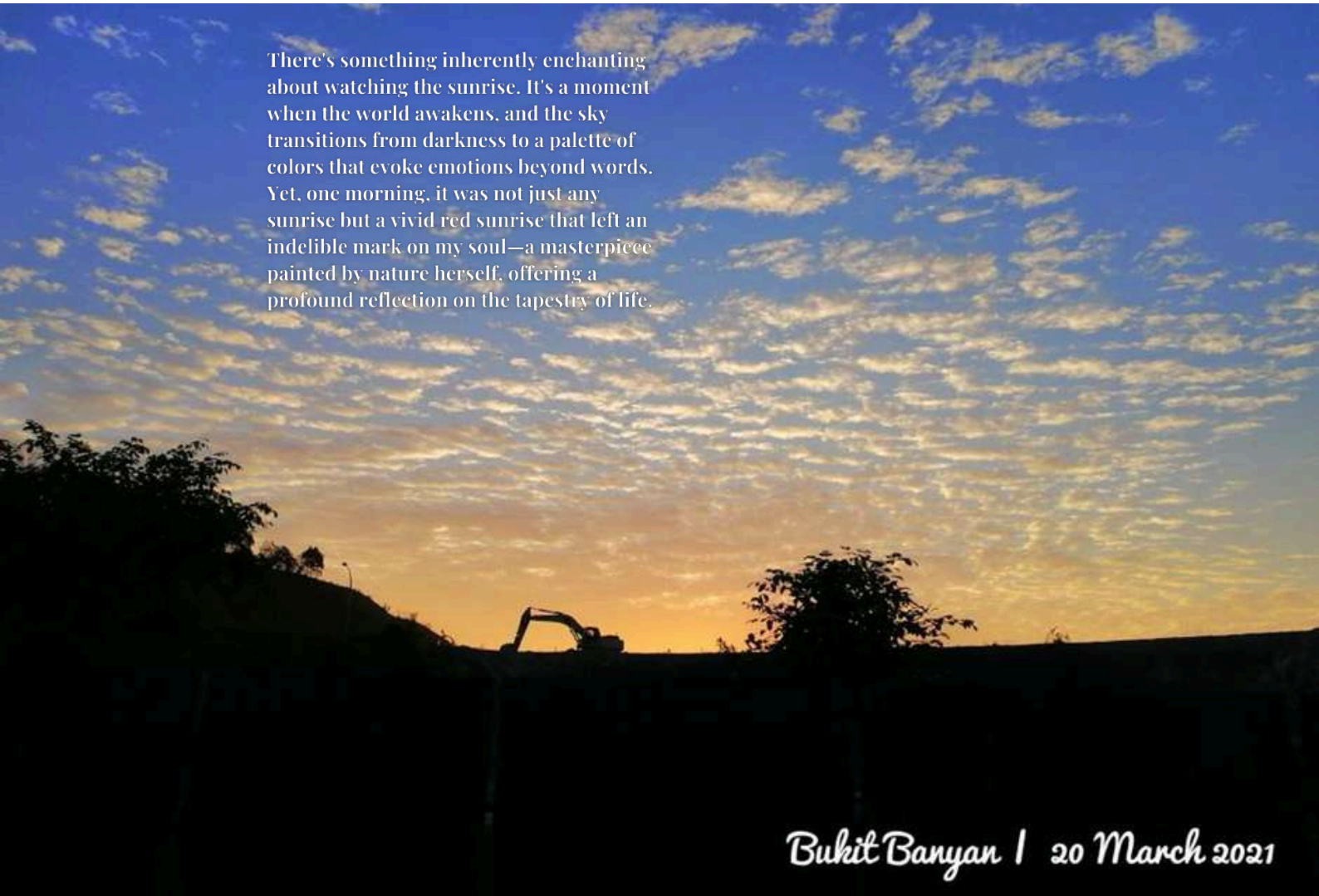




Scarlet Revelation: Life's Dramatic Canvas

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There's something inherently enchanting about watching the sunrise. It's a moment when the world awakens, and the sky transitions from darkness to a palette of colors that evoke emotions beyond words. Yet, one morning, it was not just any sunrise but a vivid red sunrise that left an indelible mark on my soul—a masterpiece painted by nature herself, offering a profound reflection on the tapestry of life.

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The morning in question arrived with a unique stillness in the air, a quietude that hinted at the extraordinary spectacle that was about to unfold. As I ventured outside, the sky was just beginning to lighten, with the first hints of dawn breaking through the horizon. It was a moment of anticipation, a canvas waiting for the artist's brushstroke.

And then it happened—a burst of crimson, a fiery red that seemed to set the heavens ablaze. The sun, a magnificent ball of fire, emerged slowly from its slumber, casting a radiant glow across the landscape. It was a sight that held me captive, a reminder of nature's unbridled artistry.





As I watched the red sunrise, I couldn't help but reflect on the parallels it held with the journey of life itself. The red hues painted across the sky mirrored the vibrant spectrum of human experiences—the passion, the love, the challenges, and the triumphs. Just as the sun rose from the depths of darkness, life, too, has its moments of emergence from adversity and uncertainty.

The red sunrise spoke of the impermanence of moments, urging us to cherish each fleeting instant. It reminded me that life is a series of sunrises and sunsets, each one unique and fleeting, yet collectively forming the tapestry of our existence. It's a reminder to embrace the beauty in every moment, even when the skies appear stormy and unpredictable.



As the red sunrise reached its zenith, I found myself filled with a profound sense of gratitude. It was a reminder that each day is a gift, an opportunity to start anew, to paint our own stories on the canvas of life. The challenges we face, like the dark night before the sunrise, are but a prelude to the beauty that awaits us.

The red sunrise also symbolized resilience, a testament to the sun's unwavering commitment to rise each day, regardless of the challenges it may face. It encouraged me to approach life with the same determination, to rise above obstacles, and to radiate positivity and hope even in the face of adversity.

As the sun ascended higher, the red hues gradually transformed into a warm golden glow, bathing the world in its brilliance. It was a reminder that life is a continuum, a cycle of change and growth. Each moment, each sunrise, is an opportunity to evolve, to learn, and to become a better version of ourselves.

In the end, the red sunrise offered me a profound reflection on life's tapestry—a reminder that our journey is a mosaic of colors, experiences, and emotions. It encouraged me to embrace the beauty in impermanence, to approach life with resilience, and to cherish each day as a gift. As I watched the sun rise, I felt a renewed sense of wonder for the world around me and a deep appreciation for the canvas of life on which we all leave our mark.





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