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Foreword

A Scholarly Symphony, A Patriotic Ode

It is with great pleasure that I present this anthology of patriotic poetry, a remarkable collection crafted by academics from the UTM system across Malaysia. Their scholarly expertise and deep understanding of our nation's history have resulted in exceptional quality work.

This anthology offers a unique perspective on Merdeka, delving into the profound themes of freedom, unity, and national pride. The poems showcase the rich diversity of our nation, from the bustling cities to the serene countryside, and celebrate the contributions of our people.

I commend the academics for their dedication, creativity, and passion in sharing their love for Malaysia through the medium of poetry. Their work serves as a valuable contribution to our nation's literary heritage and a source of inspiration for future generations.

Let us continue to uphold the spirit of Merdeka, strive for excellence, and build a Malaysia that we can all be proud of.

Prof. Dr. Roshima Said
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Foreword

The poems featured in this anthology offer a diverse range of perspectives on Merdeka, exploring the historical, cultural, and social dimensions of our nation's independence. Through their words, they pay tribute to the sacrifices made by our forefathers and celebrate the resilience of our people. I am particularly impressed by the quality of the poems, which demonstrate a high level of craftsmanship and a deep appreciation for the power of language. The academics' ability to convey complex emotions and ideas through their writing is truly commendable.

This anthology is a testament to the intellectual and creative capabilities of our academics, and a celebration of the enduring spirit of Merdeka. I encourage everyone to read these poems and to be inspired by the passion and dedication of our scholars.

Azlan Abdul Rahman
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Preface

A Tribute to Merdeka

This anthology of patriotic poetry stands as a testament to the enduring spirit of Merdeka and the creative talents of our esteemed academics from the UTM system. As we celebrate the anniversary of Malaysia's independence, this collection offers a unique glimpse into the hearts and minds of our scholars.

Through their evocative words, these academics have woven a rich tapestry of emotions, experiences, and reflections on our nation's journey. Their poems explore the profound themes of freedom, unity, and national pride, offering a fresh perspective on what it means to be Malaysian.

We are grateful for the contributions of all the participating academics, whose dedication and passion have made this anthology possible. Their willingness to share their thoughts and creativity has enriched our understanding of Merdeka and inspired us to cherish our nation's heritage.

This anthology is more than just a collection of poems; it is a celebration of our nation's past, present, and future. Let us continue to uphold the spirit of Merdeka, strive for excellence, and build a Malaysia that we can all be proud of.

Puan Hajjah Sharina Saad
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Acknowledgement

I am honoured to introduce this anthology of patriotic poetry, a remarkable collection penned by academics from the UTM system. Their scholarly insights and deep understanding of language have resulted in a work of exceptional literary merit.

The successful completion of this anthology of patriotic poetry would not have been possible without the invaluable contributions of many individuals. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to:

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This anthology is a testament to the collective efforts of all involved, and I am honoured to have been part of this project.

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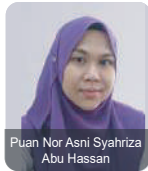


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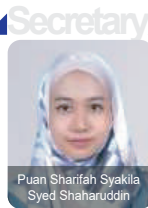
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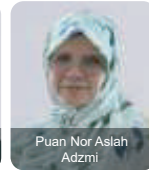
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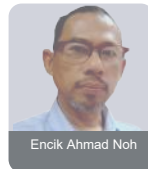


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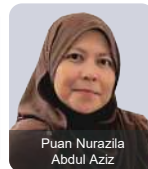
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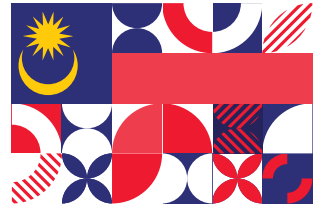
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Chapter 1



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Saya anak Malaysia

“Saya anak Malaysia”,
A declaration so bold, full of dreams and ambitions,
A statement so prideful yet full of emotion,
A chant so magical to unite the nation,
A voice so patriotic, fuelling a dedication.

With this bold declaration, my spirit soars,
Embracing liberation from Kinabalu's heights
to the land of the legends where Mahsuri's curse roars,
Enchanted with the glimmering city lights in Kuala Lumpur,
And yet seeking for the solace in the village's allure,
Dancing to the different beats of celebration,
Appreciating the diversity made in the foundation,
Our hearts find a common thread,
Binding the diverse culture where our unity is spread.

Yet, beneath the vibrant canvas we've painted,
There used to be a stain before the hope is gained,
Even with the struggles our dreams were unchanged,
Despite the generations, our unity stands, steadfast and unfeigned.

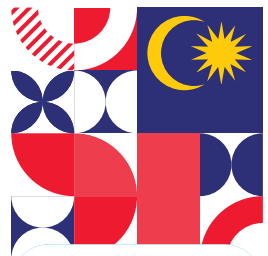
In this diverse culture, heart is the anchor,
Embracing the spiciness of rendang, a flavour to savour,
Celebrating the delight in Yee Sang's flavour,
Offering murukku as a favour, a taste we all treasure,
A freedom rooted in finding joy and pleasure.

“Saya anak Malaysia”,
A shared chant across the nation,
Along the road, the voices blend,
Whispering the prayers in different tongues,
Hoping for unity and wellbeing as one.

From a bleak past to a brighter future,
We dream of path that is clear and sure,
In smiles and laughter that we share together,
With every heartbeat, our strengths are gathered,
In every chance, I will proudly say,
“Saya Anak Malaysia”!

Nur Areena Aqilah binti Mohd Sapri

Areena is a writer and lecturer whose journey began with a passion for storytelling that was initially set aside for a career in academia. Born with the heart of a Shakespearean dramatist, Areena's true calling was overshadowed by a career as a lecturer. After studying at UiTM Puncak Perdana and working as a librarian, Areena now teaches at UiTM Kedah. Though professional writing wasn't initially on the horizon, Areena always found solace in writing as a leisure activity and stress reliever.



Nur Areena Aqilah
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