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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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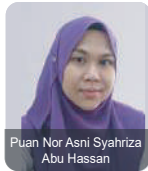


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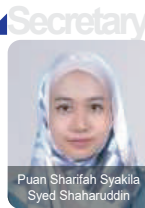
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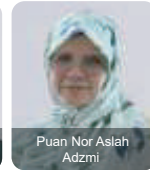
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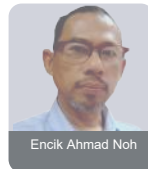


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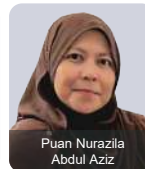
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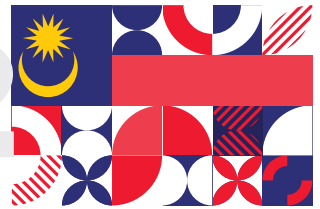
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Jihad Jatidiri

Manisnya hidup menjunjung adab dan amanah,
jangankan maju kita lupa berhemah,
dunia maju ini lambang keagungan bangsa,
kejayaan negara maknanya deras juga minda warganya.

Usah biarkan maju itu meragut malu dan maruah,
bukan itu ukuran jiwamu merdeka,
segala perihal yang maju di mata,
tidakkah kau setuju, semurni itulah gema terpahat di jiwa?

Kita terus bersorak dengan gahnya,
mengorak langkah yang tiada pernah hentinya.
Bergegar luluh hati terpesona dengan bangganya,
Tiada lagi ragunya. Ya! Kini kita mampu segala-galanya!

Dunia yang jauh bagaikan tersembam di riba,
Masakan tidak? Lantaran itu tidaklah dundu lagi minda sang warga,
namun tidaklah harus dilupa,
ayuh bangkit! Besarkan akal setarakan dengan hatinya!

Di medan IT berperang tiada henti,
berdarah hati dek diselar dan dimaki,
inikah merdeka yang mencondong diri?
mendakap masyur, tiada hairan bunuh peribadi.

Che Nooryohana Zulkifli

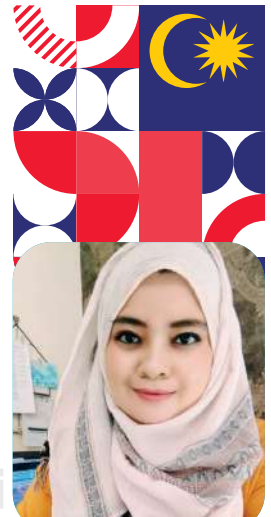
With over a decade of experience teaching English as a second language, I am passionate about exploring critical discourse studies, particularly in social media, religious commodification, and multimodality. Alongside my academic interests, I have a deep love for creative writing, which allows me to merge analytical insights with imaginative expression.

Che Nooryohana Zulkifli

Hemah dan budi wajar hidup selamanya,
sesama manusia santun harun dijaga,
Tolong! Jangan terus menerus menulikan telinga!
Bolehkah dibiarkan? Jangan! Jangan dibiarkan!
Selamatkan jiwamu, teruskan gagah berjuang!

Benarlah, merdeka itu mahal harganya,
mewahkan harta, muliakan juga pekerjanya,
ayuh kita pahatkan jatidiri yang perkasa,
jauh sekali mengacum, menunding di alam maya!

Ya, ia nampak enteng, tapi belenggu itu mahir dan berkuasa.
Benar lagi, jihad ini tidaklah semudah mana,
sering tersasar, menyenget juga arahnya.
Tapi inilah tanah buat si cicit merasa,
biarlah jatuh dan rebah, demi nyawa satu maruah.



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