

FOREWORD

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and greetings to everyone.

I would like to first congratulate **Akademi Pengajian Bahasa (APB)** on its **50th Anniversary** as UiTM's principal language learning centre and language studies academy.

APB has always been an integral part of the university landscape since the 1970s. It is the only academic centre that caters to the language learning needs of all UiTM students to fulfil university requirements. At present, the academy provides its services to more than 180,000 students nationwide in foundation, diploma, undergraduate, and postgraduate studies.

Therefore, it gives me great pleasure to introduce the **50 Years of APB: Snapshots of the Golden Journey** photo book. The publication showcases the remarkable 50-year journey of APB. Founded in 1972, the centre that was formerly known as **Pusat Bahasa** has blossomed to become an academy that has grown in leaps and bounds, evoking many wonderful memories for UiTM staff and alumni.

In the pages of this book, readers are afforded the opportunity to glimpse through the evolution of APB across a span of five decades. In its initial years of operation, **Pusat Bahasa** experienced significant accomplishments, such as the consolidation of language instruction within a single department and the provision of language laboratories accessible to all ITM students. The establishment of **Pusat Bahasa Bangunan Korea**, a dedicated building for the centre, represented a significant milestone, culminating in the centre's elevation to **Akademi Pengajian Bahasa** in 2003.

In subsequent years, APB underwent considerable growth through the creation of nine homegrown educational programmes, the hosting of international conferences, the forging of global academic partnerships, and the establishment of industry engagement.

The changes in the past five decades documented in this book substantiate APB's initiatives and efforts to provide opportunities for students to demonstrate mastery in language skills and studies, aligned with the aspirations of the **Malaysian Education Blueprint (2013-2025)** for holistic education and meaningful knowledge.

I hope that this publication will foster inspiration among forthcoming APB leaders, compelling them to continue advancing the academy in unison with UiTM's goal of becoming a **Globally Renowned University (GRU) by 2025**.

In closing, may this book stand as a testament to the tireless endeavours of individuals who have laboured towards the improvement and continuing significance of APB to UiTM, and may it engender a sense of pride among future generations.

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