

PERCEPTION

images from Universiti Teknologi Petronas



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*This book is dedicated to UTP,
where I have learned a great deal on surviving*



Sign Board at New Academic Complex

*Cover: Architecture of Dreams
A classic look of the futuristic New Academic Complex*



PREFACE

Two men look out through the same bars:
One sees the mud, and one the stars.

-Frederick Langbridge-
"A Cluster of Quiet Thoughts"

People say that I have changed a lot during my life in Universiti Teknologi Petronas. Perhaps it is true what they said, perhaps it is not. But what matters here is that I endured. To stay alive and to keep going are the two major pillars of survival. I can proudly say, I did that.

No doubt that not all things are perfect. There is a great deal of improvement to be done in UTP. Nevertheless, we have seen the air of change moving around us. And I hope it is for the betterment of all. These days, I have spent more of my time looking at the big picture, literally. Through photography, I am constantly looking at the bright side, capturing the splendour of the place. It gives me an entire new insight of a same thing. Beauty lies everywhere, if you are careful to look. *Perception*, is all that makes the difference. And this is the very theme of the book.

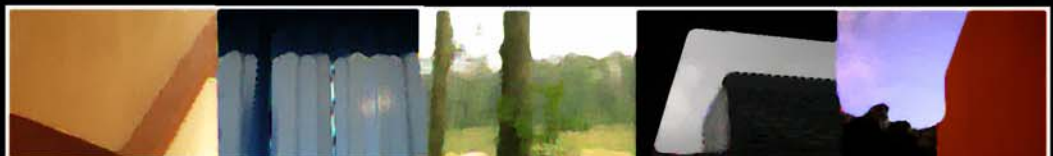
The publication of this book gives me much joy, as I am able to share to you my feelings and my thoughts. Many thanks to people who helped me directly and indirectly in the development of this book. To this extent, I have decided to make this book available in the public domain, royalty-free. The only condition is to retain the entire book *per se* with the credits intact.

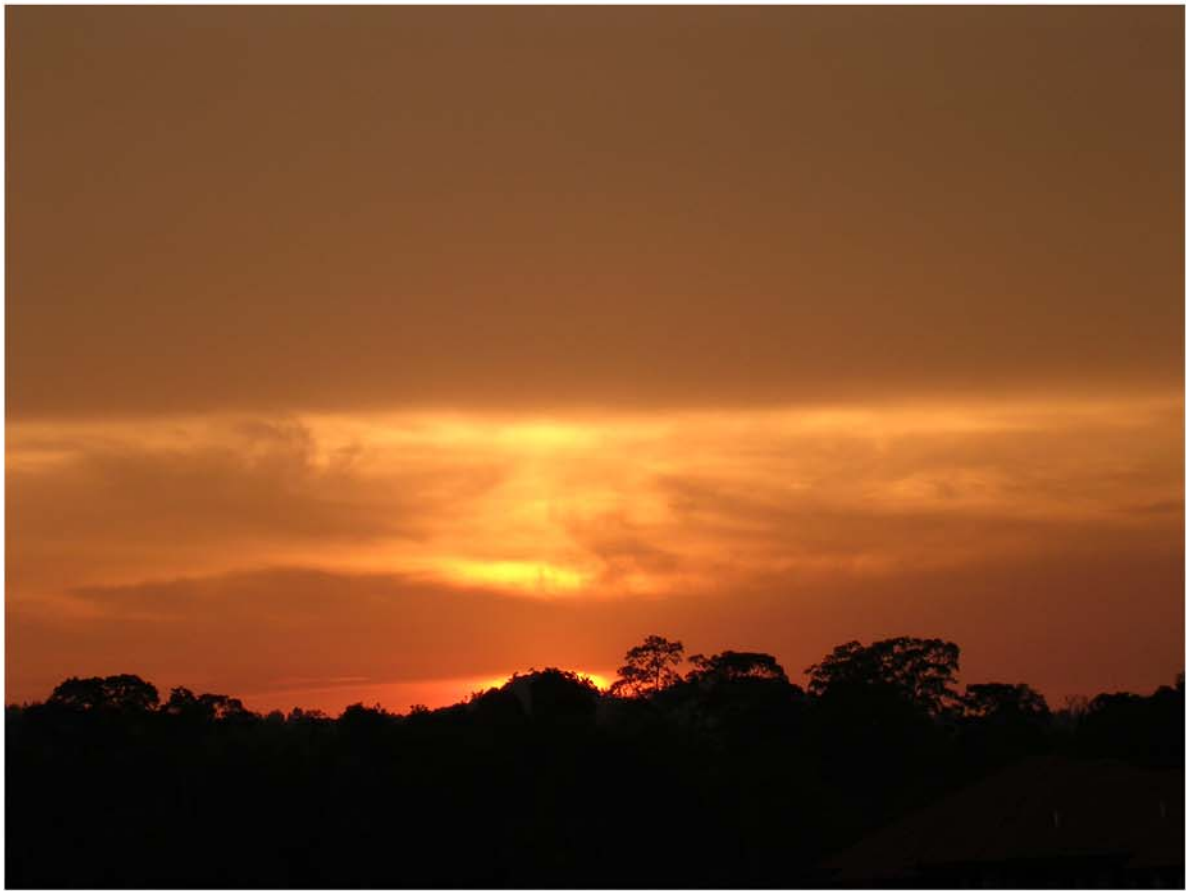
I hope that you relish every page of this book and may you have a more positive perception.

Thank you,

Jun Yee
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Crimson Sunset Silhouetting Rainforest
Dusk provides distinct contrast between background
of twilight sky and foreground of trees



Clouds Dancing on Rooftop
A pale blue sky punctuated
with clouds is the typical
characteristic of a Tronoh day



Blooming Flower, Red & Proud
An all year long flowering tree
displays its bright red blossom



Steel & Sky

UTP logo against the backdrop of blue skies and white clouds

Spirit of Freedom

Bob Marley's music always associated with the struggle for freedom; perhaps best summarized by a quote by Friedrich von Schiller, a German poet, playwright and historian: "Freedom lives only in the realm of dreams, and in song only blooms the beautiful."





Clouds Basking in Morning Rays

Early sunrise illuminates cumulus while students still sleeping in the cool dawn air



Looming Rainclouds, Herald of Immense Afternoon Outpour

Formation of dark cumulonimbus will bring heavy rain in the afternoon, and students will prefer to sleep during that time



Life itself is but the shadow of death, and souls but the shadows of the living. All things fall under this name. The sun itself is but the dark *simulacrum*, and light but the shadow of God.

Thomas Browne (1605 - 1682)
English physician and writer.
The Garden of Cyrus



Green Fields

The panoramic grass plain lays wide and open occasionally shadowed by clouds



Le Nouveau Village

A new settlement for students - Village 3 (right) & Village 4 (left) - is shown in this panoramic shot



Steel Network Across the Firmament
A transparent part of the New Academic Complex's roof reveals the grid used for support



Light, Shadows & Hues
Evening sun creates a stirring interplay between light, the shadows it creates and hues just on a plain simple wall





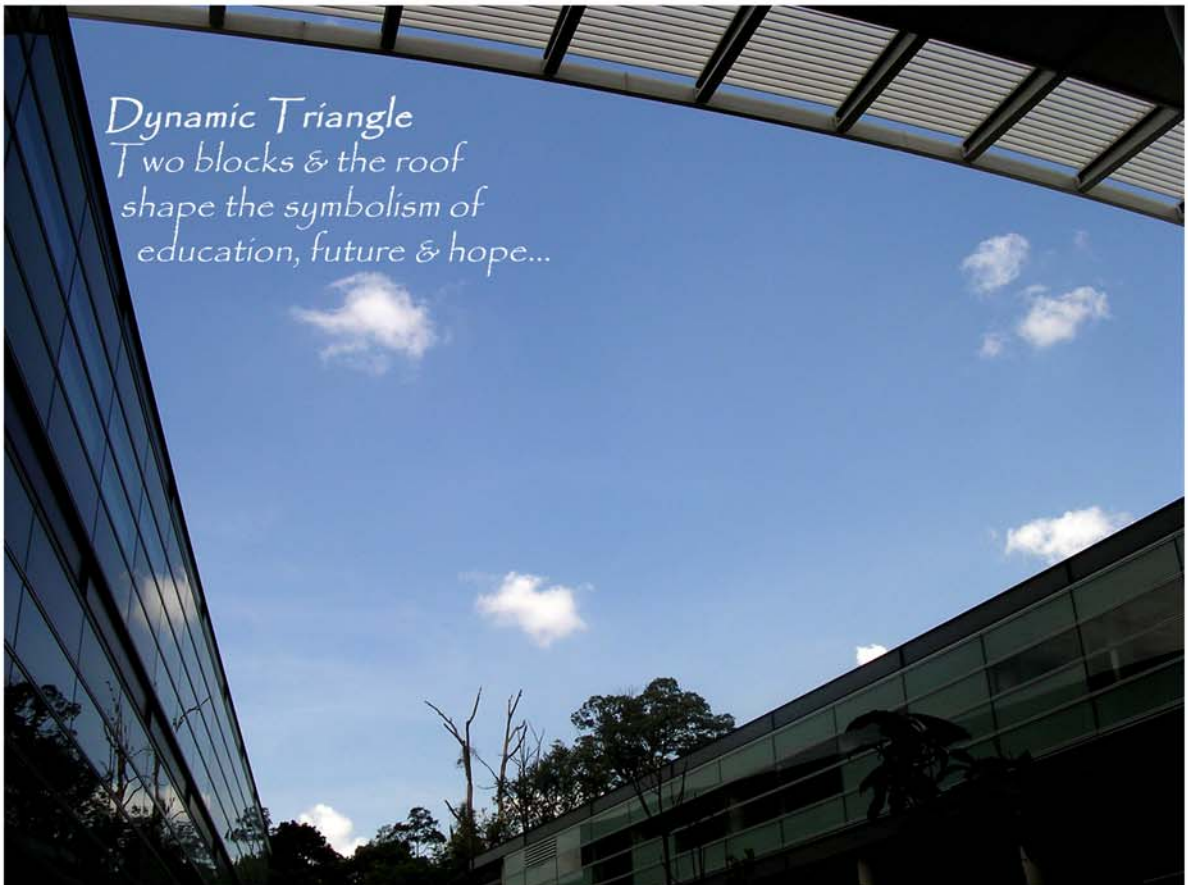
Four Studies of Sunset

At previous two pages, you have seen the dramatic lightscape of four distinct sunsets as observed at New Village. Sunsets have been one of my favourite photographic subjects as they offer stunning impacts - visually & emotionally. The theme of light & shadow is omnipresent and very pronounced in sunset photography. The creation of myriad tint of colours and silhouette of familiar objects gives a deep sense of longing and nostalgia to me. All I can say is that sunset paves a smooth transition from a hectic day to a tranquil night..... in essence, the best of both worlds.



Dynamic Triangle

*Two blocks & the roof
shape the symbolism of
education, future & hope...*





Daytime Panorama
This view is taken from the park in the centre of New Academic Building



Nighttime Panorama
The New Academic Complex is very well lit at night, even the pocket forest is not spared



Patterns & Colours

New Academic Complex offers exhilarating scope of colours & pattern





Contrasting Concordance
The lifeless tree and the lively grasses deliver a philosophical view of life



Perplexing Shadow
Reminiscence of a student's life - the shadows of laundry hanging in from grill



“

I saw the world in minimal colours...

...and it is hauntingly magnificent

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Me, Myself & I

The Author

Chew Jun Yee is an amateur digital photographer - picking up the hobby as recent as March 2003. Photography - according to him - is a very powerful communication tool to convey emotions that cannot be expressed in words alone. Armed with his Nikon Coolpix 3100 digital camera, he took nearly three thousand pictures (at the moment of this publication), mostly focusing on natural photography.

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Academic work aside, he will be working on a similar project for his other photographs taken so far.