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A BRAND NEW ALBUM BORN OUT OF CREATIVE STARVATION
“Doing Anything for a Bowl of Rice”, Mont Berg Releases “Demi Sesuap Nasi” EP

Malaysia (January 2018) After a two-year-long hiatus from the music scene, neo soul artist and hip-hop producer Mont Berg is back with a new six-track EP. Meaning “doing anything for a bowl of rice” in Malay, the Bahasa-English EP titled “Demi Sesuap Nasi” explores Mont’s personal feelings following a humbling journey of soul-searching and self-discovery.

Kicking off with the laid back vibe that will span the EP’s six tracks, “Berg” leads with Mont’s personal goals for a future in the music industry. The mantra “go hard!” underscores a renewed passion and optimism, even after an older, mellower, and wiser Mont finds himself thrust back into a rapidly changing hip-hop landscape.

Second in the line-up is “*Apa Ertinya*”, a rendition of “*Bunga Emas*” by the 90’s Malaysian rock band Iklm. Mont’s re-visit to the classic song takes a more somber dive into thoughts on betrayals and lost friendships, during a time in his life when it was every man for himself.

Also included in the EP is “*Anak Bawah Kolong*”, a spiritual successor to a separate track titled “*Bawah Kolong*” Mont previously recorded with his three-man crew the Void Deck Fellas. Featuring female vocals by Mawar Berduri from Malaysian group Ahli Fiqir, the ominous-sounding fourth track dives into Mont’s thoughts about the issues faced by friends and family from low-income households, while he wonders who exactly is to blame.

Taking inspiration from many other Malaysian artists, Mont Berg has layered a clear Malaysian influence over his prior music experience cultivated in his home country of Singapore, frequently travelling between the two countries to produce the “Demi Sesuap Nasi” album.

“Everyone struggles, and so do I,” Mont says, “I was really inspired by the obstacles faced by other legendary artists like P. Ramlee and Saleem back in the day.”

“If their artistic work can survive despite the odds,” he says, “I can too. I’m just taking things one bowl of rice at a time.”

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