



BEYOND THE ATMOSPHERE

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"In the Biosphere, Beyond the Atmosphere" is a watercolour painting on paper dedicated to bring awareness on the importance of preserving the environment as our pursuit to explore the realm beyond our protective layers of atmosphere advances. This watercolour painting is depicted in three perspectives;

The Earth, with all the greeneries and the geological structure, The Atmosphere, encapsulating us and protecting us from the harmful cosmic rays and The Space, adorned by the stars and the man-made satellites. The vapour from the rockets blasted to space in the background turns to mist, enveloping the forests and the lakes, indicating the clean energy used in the rocket fuel. By venturing the realm above, we are able to further understand our precious biosphere, in return protecting it. Space based technologies, such as remotely sensed data allows scientists to monitor human footprints towards the environment, enhancing understanding of water cycle, air quality, forests and other aspects of natural environment.

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Nurul Syahirah Binti Nazarudin or Syahirah Stargazer as she is popularly known, is an astronomical artist and dark sky advocate in Malaysia. Syahirah started to gain the attention of international organizations through her beautiful and accurate astronomy artwork and was subsequently accepted as a member of the International Association of Astronomical Artists.

Aside from her artistic prowess, Syahirah is also an advocate for dark skies in Malaysia. She strives to spread awareness of astronomy and the importance of dark skies through her passion in astronomy and drawing.