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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**

Singapore (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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