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Changing Borders and Identities in the Kelabit Highlands : Anthropological Reflections on Growing Up near an International Border / Poline Bala
Malaysia : Unit Penerbitan Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, c2002
xiv, 142 p.; 25cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index
Dayak Studies Contemporary Society Series, No.1
983-9257-17-x
\$ 20.00

[The Central topic of this book is the international border between Indonesia and Malaysia and its changing and evolving significance to the Peoples of the Kelabit Highlands.

Playing upon the multiple meanings inherent in the notions of "boundaries" and "Borders" and of the role they play in creating and mediating identities, the author relates the account of the International border to her own obyssey from a Kelabit Highlands childhood to becoming an anthropologist and university lecturer.]

Suket : Penan Folk Stories / Compiled by Jayl Langub
Sarawak : Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, c2001
xii, 198 p.; 25cm.
Dayak Studies : Oral Literature Series No.2
983-9257-08-0
\$ 20.00

Voices of the Crocker Range Indigenous Communities Sabah : Social Narratives of Transition in Tambunan and its Neighbours / Zawawi Ibrahim

Sarawak : Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, c2001
139 p.; ill.; 25cm.
983-2369-01-0
\$ 25.00

[Voices of the Crocker Range Indigenous Communities Sabah is a monograph which attempts to capture the "peoplespeak" dimension of the peopleenvironment relationship of the Sabah Crocker Range society. Whilst the main social actors are those from the kadazan Dusun community of Tambunan, voices of the kadazan Dusun of Ranau and the Muruts of Tenom are also present. These are "social narratives" of transition of indigenous people and communities caught between tradition and modernity representing a journey of identity in the making. As opposed to the normal anthropological and authored form of "writing culture", the ethnography presented here articulates both centred and decentring voices of authority juxtaposed in differentiated ways in the evolving Sabah society of the Malaysian nation-state. The monograph is based on research conducted as part and parcel of the UNIMAS led international Crocker Range Expedition 2000 inspired by Professor Ghazally Ismail.]

King Siliman and other Bidayuth Folk Tales / Compiled by Robert Sulis Ridu, Ritikos Jitab, Jonas Noeb
Sarawak : Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, c2001
xvi, 138 p.; 25cm.
Dayak Studies : Oral Literature Series, No.1
983-9257-06-4
\$ 20.00

Innermost Borneo : Studies in Dayak Cultures / Bernard Sellato
Paris : Sevenorients Ltd., (SARL) & Singapore : Singapore University Press, c2002
221 p.; ill.; 24cm.
2-914936-02-8
\$ 75.00

[Borneo Comparable in size to Texas, is the planet's third largest island. Lying on the Equator, it possesses stunning tropical rain forests, among many other natural resources, and a broad variety of traditional cultures, among which the Dayak have long achieved world fame.

This volume traverses thirty years of acquaintance with the work on the great island and its people. The essays collected here focus on a set of small tribal minorities living in one of the most remote corners of the Borneo hinterland, the Muller Mountains. Among these groups, the Aoheng, with whom the author spent a number of years, feature prominently.

With a multidisciplinary approach, this volume examines various facets of these people's lives and cultures, from their history, economic system, and relation to their natural environment, to their social organization, beliefs, rituals, and world views. Altogether, it offers a comprehensive picture of innermost Borneo's traditional life.]

Royal Healer : The Legacy of Nik Abdul Rahmand Bin Hj. Nik Dir of Kelantan / Roland Werner
Kuala Lumpur : University of Malaya Press, c2002
XXVII, 763 p.; 27cm.
983-100-011-0

Culture of Healing in Malaysia : Malay Culture of Healing Sub Series Vol.1.
\$ 75.00

[The book deals with history in the sense that it has to do with a variety of beliefs, thoughts and concepts in the fields of holistic healing passed from generation to generation over a period of many centuries. Thus aspects of Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam as well as remnants of the paganistic world are examined within their context of the relationship to healing as a world under the local influences of different cultures.]

Medicines in Malay Villages / Compiled by Roland Werner
Kuala Lumpur : University of Malaya Press, c2002
xvii, 437 p.; 27cm.
Culture of Healing in Malaysia : Malay Culture of Healing Sub-Series : Volume II
983-100-009-9
\$ 50.00

Mapping the Peoples of Sarawak / Michael Leigh
Sarawak : Unit Penerbitan Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, c2002
123 p.; 42cm.
68 Maps
983-9257-15-3
\$ 130.00

[This pioneering book maps the people of Sarawak, capturing the pattern of settlement, as it existed in 1986, prior to the massive changes that began in mid 1970s and have continued through into the 21st century. The baseline data shows the precise distribution of population, in every settlement throughout Sarawak, each identified by ethnicity and local leadership.

The book thus provides critical baseline documentation for analysis of subsequent social, economic and demographic transformations, information that is otherwise unobtainable elsewhere. The original maps and population data, for the period before the implementation of the New Economic policy, were first published in the Sarawak Gazette from July 1975 to January 1976, and are reproduced here with kind permission of the Editor.

The Subsequent digitization of the data, and production of this book by Unimas, demonstrates the usefulness of geographic information systems technology in social science research. It provides a platform for scientific expression and integration of critical information and the visualization and knowledge. Economic, social and demographic data can be overlaid on each of these 68 full colour maps, so as to understand and visually appreciate the dramatic changes to the lives of the peoples of Sarawak.]

The Art of Living : Residential Architecture in the Islamic World / Ovidio Guaita
Malaysia : Islamic Arts Museum Malaysia, 2001
171p.; Col. Illus.; 29cm.
983-40385-1-8
\$ 75.00

[Why today is this book dedicated to the architecture inspired by Islam? The bibliography for the topic is certainly far from poor. Eminent scholars have faced,

with varying levels of profundity, its aspects from various points of view, but always with the great limit of the iconography. Very few authors have thoroughly dealt with Muslim places personally gathering photos and designs. On the other hand, the diffusion of Islam covers immense territories : all the Near and Middle East to China, the Indian subcontinent , a number of countries of the Far East and then Africa, north and the sub-Saharan Zone, and then Europe, that is to say Sicily and Andalusia.

The originality and the major motive of interest of the work reside in its iconography. All of the images are firsthand, realized expressly by the author during a long field campaign.

This volume, as the exhibition of which it is the catalogue, is a historical – geographical relation realized through images. A trip through the sites of Islamic culture beyond being a refined repertoire of dwellings that display a great range of variety in form and materials, heterogeneous by inspiration and because of the various adaptations that diverse climates have required. The book is not intended to be a catalogue of every place and region, but simply a story through parables, a carousel of places representative of the “art of living” in the Islamic world.]

The Terengganu Timber Malay House / Raja Bahrin Shah bin, Raja Ahmad Shah
Malaysia : Petroliam Nasional Berhad Petronas
viii, 83p.; illus., 24cm.
983-99554-0-3
\$ 15.00

Perdana Putra : An Appreciation of the Architecture and Interior Design of The Office
of the Prime Minister of Malaysia / Satu Penghayatan Kerja Seni Bina & Hiasan
Dalaman, Pejabat, Perdana Menteri, Malaysia
Malaysia : Putrajaya Holdings Sdn Bhd, 2001
187p.; Col. illus., 30cm.
983-40032-1-8
\$ 75.00

The Folk Art of Java / Joseph Fischer
Kuala Lumpur : Oxford University Press, c1994
xv, 134 p.; ill.; 26cm.
Includes Bibliography
967-65-3041-7
\$ 25.00

[This book serves as an introduction to the folk arts of Java as determined by the Javanese themselves. It features objects associated with traditional games and toys, reverse paintings on glass that reflect Hindu-Buddhist and Islamic traditions, various representations in Javanese society of the servant clowns in the wayang theatre, ceramics that reflect folklore and ritual, naïve folk painters traditional children’s art, and such objects as roof tiles, bronze bells, brass votive figures, and village masks and puppets. The book underscores the great importance of these components of traditional material culture in both the past and present development of Indonesia, and calls for serious research and continued promotion of these arts and crafts that so strikingly reflect the creative vitality and the economic resources of the Javanese people.]

A Malaysian Touch : Textiles for the New Millennium – An Inaugural Edition
Malaysia : Malaysian Handicraft Development Corporation (Perbadanan Kemajuan
Kraftangan Malaysia), c1999

xii, 152 p.; ill.; 29cm.

Includes bibliography and Index

983-9196-38-3

\$ 40.00

[Crafted from a Myriad of Weaving, dyeing and embellishment traditions, contemporary Malaysian textiles are a fusion of functionality and creativity, one which has proudly retained elements of its ethnicity in an increasingly global, homogenized world. A Celebration of our textile heritage and craftsmanship, A Malaysian touch : Textiles for the New Millennium, highlights works produced by Kraftangan Malaysia from the early nineteen eighties until today, thus portraying the evolution of both concept and design of our popular textiles, embroideries and fabrics.]

Cultural Sites of Burma, Thailand, and Cambodia / Jacques Dumarcaay and Michael Smithies

Kuala Lumpur : Oxford University Press, c1995

xi, 127 p.; ill.; 26cm.

Includes Bibliography, Index, Maps and 80 Plates

967-65-3070-0

\$ 40.00

[Mainland South-East Asia has a considerable number of ancient cultural sites which are increasingly visited and appreciated by overseas travelers. Outstanding in Cambodia is the vast complex of Angkor which the recent political settlement has again put within the reach of many. Burma has its historical equivalent in Pagan and its more recent center at Mandalay, where the court of the last Burmese king held sway. Thailand, formerly Siam, has an embarrassingly large choice of monumental architectural sites encompassing chaya in the south, Chiangaen in the north, and Phnom Rung in the North-east, not forgetting the better known Sukhothai and Ayutthaya. Essentially, it is the religious structures which have survived and which are given prominence in this volume.]

Islamic Arts Museum Malaysia : Vol.1

Malaysia : Islamic Arts Museum Malaysia, c2002

279 p.; ill.; 33cm.

\$ 75.00

[This book, The Islamic Arts Museum Malaysia – Volume 1, is an introduction to this museum dedicated to Islamic art, spanning all great Islamic civilizations and all corners of the globe. In this book the reader will find details about the museum's inception to the construction of the building and the establishment of its magnificent and ever-growing collection of art and artifacts. Accompanied by full colour photographs, this is a pictorial journey behind the scenes of the building construction and an intimate presentation of the galleries and their precious contents. All of the Museum's galleries are featured with a selection of their artifacts, some significant historically, other for the skill significant historically, others for the skill and artistry of their production. The book is the first volume in a series of IAMM Publications on the Museum collection. Featuring detailed looks at the museum building and artifacts from the collection, the Museum book includes 210 images in full colour, black and white.]

Investment Analysis in the Malaysian Securities Market / Mansor Md. Isa, Kok Kim Lian
Kuala Lumpur : Research Institute of Investment Analysts Malaysia (RIIAM), c 2000
vi, 418p.; 23cm.
983-40473-0-04
\$ 30.00

Rewriting the Rules : The Malaysian Crisis Management Model / Mahani Zainal Abidin
Malaysia : Prentice Hall, c 2002
xix, 303p.;24cm.
983-2473-22-5
\$ 39.50

[Much has been written about Malaysia, especially after the 1997-98 Asian Crisis and particularly on its decision to introduce selective capital controls. While these accounts and comments come from the most astute observers of the Malaysian economy there is a gap in having an insider view on what actually happened after the government operated in "crisis-mode" and its eventual resolution to veer away from the traditional IMF remedies.

In this book, Dr. Mahani as a member of the Working Group of the National Economic Action Council, takes the reader deep into Malaysia's management of the Crisis and its attempt at rewriting the rules. She explains how the NEAC came to drive the fast recovery, through new and well-deployed policies. The book examines the pertinent macroeconomic issues leading to the decision to boost the domestic economy and peg the Ringgit. It also looks into the possibility of replicating these measures in other countries.]

The Economic Con-Game : Development : Fact or Fiction? / Piya Mahtaney
Malaysia : Pelanduk Publications, c 2002
272p.; 21cm.
Includes Index
967-978-821-0
\$ 30.00

[For all the brouhaha about reform and the avowed benefits of free-market policies in the 1990s, the quick-fix solution for underdevelopment continues to elude us. Through an incisive narrative of the misconceptions and misconstrued notions that have blinkered economic judgement for decades, Piya Mahtaney argues that the underpinnings of economic terrorism are embodied in the stark contrasts between unbridled affluence ensconced in minuscule enclaves and unrelenting endemic poverty.

We may finally have arrived at the crux of contemporary economics which impinges not so much on evaluating the commercial profitability of globalisation as it does on examining two distinct possibilities that will decide the economic destiny for a long time to come. Either globalism can result in development or it cannot. If it can – although so far it hasn't – then its limitations have to be surmounted, and if its purview does not extend beyond tactical commercialism then the immense hype about it in recent years is meaningless.

Is there a crisis of imagination or are there deeper issues at stake? In answering this crucial question, Mahtaney looks at the dilemmas and paradoxes that befuddle strategic thinking on the subject and in so doing reveals a sinister fact : There exists a crisis of implementation that is perpetrated by a medley of vested interests which

deliberately flout the rulebook of sound economics to make decisions that benefit the superstructure and adversely impact the majority of us.]

My Island in the Sun : A Penang Perspective / Khor Cheang Kee
Malaysia : Southbound Sdn.Bhd.
vi, 237p.; 21cm.
983-9054-09-0
\$ 7.00

[You Won't find a more charming, humorous and knowledgeable guide to Penang than the Veteran journalist Khor Cheang Kee. In this first collection of his articles, he introduces us to the people and places that make up Penang: the spell of its beaches, romance of the hills, vibrance of the city and the nyonya way of life. Everything, in fact, which justifiably makes Penang this lovely island in the sun.]

Three Came Home / Agnes Newton Keith
Malaysia : Natural History Publications, 1998
xiv, 260p.; illus.; 21cm.
983-812-022-7
\$ 25.00

Nine Saints of Java / D.A. Rinkes (Edited by) Alijah Gordon
Malaysia : Malaysian Sociological Research Institute (MSRI), Malaysia, 1996
xl, 268p.; illus.; 21cm.
983-99866-1-9
\$ 50.00

[This work weaves myth and literature with historical reality. It illustrates the idea that the spread of Islam in Hindu –Buddhist Java was accomplished not by an outside conquering force, but by mysticism.

The conversion of the Javanese to Islam is ascribed to the Wali Sanga, the Nine Saints, or Muslim Mystics, who tradition says built bases amongst the masses from which they then brought about the final downfall of the Hindu – Javanese kingdom of Majapahit by armed insurrection in the early sixteenth century. The Saints dominated the post-Hindu Javanese period which became known as Jaman Kuwalen or the 'Age of the Saints'.

That one finds a unity of culture and religion in the Javanese world is possibly to the credit of this reinterpretation of Hindu forms by the subversive Walis. The Hindu-based shadow – play (wayang kulit), the keris (traditional dagger), the gamelan (Javanese percussion orchestra), all are associated in popular traditions with the Muslim Saints and were symbolically used by them.

Part myth, Part Popular belief, Part historical fact, this is an important book for our understanding of the era of Islamization in Java and Javanese Perceptions.]

The Heroes of Rimau : Unravelling the Mystery of One of World war II's most Daring Raids / Lynette Ramsay Silver
Cultured Lotus, 2001
Includes Bibliography and Index
981-04-3676-9
\$ 30.00

[On 11th September 1944, Porpoise, a British submarine, slipped quietly from Fremantle Harbour, Australia, bound for the Riouw Islands, south of Singapore. Onboard were 23 Australian and British members of Operation Rimau under the leadership of the remarkable Lieutenant-Colonel Ivan Lyon, Gordon Highlanders. They had intended to repeat operation Jaywick, a commando raid on Japanese-occupied Singapore Harbour, where they had successfully blown up sixty vessels in the previous year. None of these men were to return.

For 45 Years, the truth about Operation Rimau had been shrouded in mystery. Embedded in red tape, distorted by hearsay and covered up by officialdom at the highest levels, the facts behind Rimau and its 23 men were all but lost. According to scant official history, the mission was an utter failure. Nothing could have been further from the truth.

It has taken the combined talents of Major Tom Hall, who spent 31 years in research, and writer Lynette Ramsay Silver to overturn the official version. Their work revealed a dramatic story of unparalleled courage combined with amazing tenacity. The Heroes of Rimau is an enthralling tale of great heroism and determination in face of overwhelming odds and is undoubtedly one of the most remarkable and intriguing stories to emerge from world war II.]

Osmanli History 1289-1922 : Based on Osmanli Sources / Mehmet Maksudoglu
Malaysia : International Islamic University Malaysia , 1999
xli, 280p.; illus.; 23cm.
Includes Bibliography, Map and Index
983-9727-05-2
\$ 25.00

[Born in Eskishehir, Turkey in 1939, Professor Mehmet Maksudoglu is currently the Dean of Ilahiyat Faculty, Osmangazi University, Eskishehir. He graduated with a doctorate from Ankara University in 1966. He began his teaching career there and taught Islamic History at Marmara University, Turkey (1973-1991) and International Islamic University Malaysia (1991-1995).

Outlining, on the basis of Osmanli sources, the history of the Muslim Devlet, which lasted 633 years under a single dynasty and which governed large areas in three continents (Asia, Europe and Afirca), Osmanli History corrects many mistakes concerning Osmanli socio-political entity starting with the very name of 'Ottoman' and the title of 'Empire". It explains that timar system has nothing to do with feudalism and the Osmanli raciya were not a subject at all.]

In the Time of the Mishmish / Alijah Gordon
Malaysia : Alijah Gordon, 2002
x, 111p.; 23cm.
983-41001-0-8
\$ 35.00

[Alijah Gordon's haunting narrative, In the Time of the Mishmish, is set in Egypt during the tumultuous period when the star of the legendary Egyptian leader Gamal Abdel Nasser was on the rise. It tells the story of a complex nation desperately longing for answers and looking to the future.

But the Egypt of the Mishmish was also surrounded by enemies within and without. Her people turned to Gamal Abdel Nasser, the 'brown faced ruler with Egyptian integrity re-established in his blood', who plied their hearts with pledges only to be

broken. Three years after the Free Officers' coup of 1952, the people were still waiting for freedom and the Parliament they were promised. It is also a story of Phenomenal successes and disastrous failures, of betrayals and compromises.]

Life in the Malay Kampongs of Kuching, Fifty Years Ago / A. Zainal Abidin, Abdullah Salleh

Malaysia : Unit Penerbitan Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, 2002

x, 87p.; 23cm.

Includes Maps

\$ 20.00

[This report was researched and written by two young Malayan undergraduates, enrolled in Geography Department of the Universiti Malaya, which was then located in Singapore, Over a period of just three months in 1953 they captured a picture of the daily life of the Malay community across river in Kuching. This geographical study gives such rich detail, much of which has been lost in the changes that have taken place in the subsequent fifty years. This is the first monograph of the Unimas Nusantara Studies Program, and it is one that gives real flavour to the daily life of the people who lived in these kampongs. The report is presented true to its original format, complete with all the hand-drawn maps and diagrams. Only the original photographs are missing, as we could find no other copy of the report in existence.]

White Man Returns / Agnes Newton Keith

Malaysia : Natural History Publications (Borneo) Sdn. Bhd., 2001

xii, 310p.; illus.; 21cm.

983-812-052-9

1. Sabah – Description and Travel 2. British Malaysia

Reprint of 1951 Edition

\$ 20.00

Chinese Muslims in Malaysia / Osman Chuah

Kuala Lumpur : International Islamic University Malaysia, c2001

240 p.; 20cm.

Includes Bibliography

983-9727-12-5

\$ 25.00

Freedom of Religion in Shari'ah : A Comparative Analysis / Dr. ABM. Mahbubul Islam

Kuala Lumpur : A.S. Noordeen, 2002

xxxiv, 491 p.; 22cm.

Includes Bibliography

983-065-118-5

\$ 33.50

[This book addresses the issue very academically, analytically, logically and proves that a non Muslim is free to profess, practice and propagate his own religion without any interference from any quarter. But a Muslim possesses no freedom to profess, practice and propagate any religion other the religion of Islam. Intentional failure of to conform with the tenet of Islam shall lead him to become an apostate and consequences of such apostasy is capital punishment with death in this world and severe and relentless punishment in the hereafter. The modern views require an

urgent, immediate and comprehensive response. This entire book is the response to that requirement. Moreover, so far, this is the first comprehensive book is the response to that requirement. More over, so far, this is the first comprehensive book in the market to rebut the opinions of the contemporary scholars and writers who subscribe the view that a Muslim too is free to change his religion on the pretext of freedom of religion without undergoing any worldly consequences.]

Muhammad in the Hindu Scriptures / Dr. Ved Prakash Upaddhay
3rd Edition
Kuala Lumpur : A.S. Noordeen, 2002
xv, 147 p.; 22cm.
983-065-115-0
\$ 12.50

[Muhammad in the Hindu Scriptures brings out the truth of this phenomenon. In addition to the Vedas and the Puranas, the book has unearthed this Pointer in the Buddhist, Christian, Jewish and other Hindu scriptures. Each of these scriptures uses its own unique pointer relevant to its own theological scheme and the religious mentality of its own people. Separately and jointly these Pointers lit up the road to Muhammad exclusively, without any iota of doubt. By all accounts the Final Guru has been sent and the Last Testament is in our laps. Additionally, the existence of these Pointers in the earlier Scriptures is yet another dimension of God's mechanism to guide mankind to the infallible truth. Upon reading the book, the theist, the atheist and the agnostic will find a lot to think about.]

The Criminal Law of Islam / Prof. Dr. Anwarullah
2nd Edition
Kuala Lumpur : A.S. Noordeen, 2002
x, 271 p.; 23cm.
Includes Index
983-065-039-1
\$ 25.00

[The social values of human life vary from society to society and culture to culture, but some values have been universally recognized throughout the human history. The protection of life and property is one of the universally recognized values of society. But the Islamic Law regards the protection of Religion and sanctity of family just as important. The Islamic Criminal Law, an important branch of the Shari'ah, addresses these basic societal needs in a comprehensive and rational manner. This book discusses the principles of Islamic Criminal Law in its modern context and will prove to be a valuable reference as there are very few books in English on the subject at present.]

The Political Aspects of Avicenna's General Theory of Cosmology and the Human Soul
/ Idris Zakaria
Malaysia : Penerbit Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, c2002
224 p.; 23cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index
967-942-594-0
\$ 32.50

[Ibn Sina is not normally thought of as having contributed much to the area of political theory, as did his predecessor al-Farabi. He did however have a political theory, which he set out routinely as part of his general philosophical system. The basic elements of his theory can be found in the tenth magala of the Metaphysics of the Shifa. Some of these elements are restated in the Najat. A Samall part of the general theory, particularly the description of management of the household, is developed and enlarged in the treatise known as Kitab al-Siyasa. The elements of the theory are presented again the late work known as Kitab-al-Isharat wa Tanbihat, but his attention here is mainly focused on the process of the soul toward mystical union with God. This last work however projects a slightly different version compared to the Shifa, the Najat, and the Siyasa.

Roots of Synthetic Theology in Islam : A Study of the Theology of Abu Mansur Al-Maturidi (d.333/944) / Mustafa Ceric
Kuala Lumpur : International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization, c1995
VII, 276 p.; 22cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index
983-99002-2-6
\$ 49.50

2002 International Conference on Stable and Just Global Monetary System : Viability of the Islamic Dinar (August 19 & 20, 2002, Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)
Kuala Lumpur : International Islamic University Malaysia, c2002
384 p.; 22cm.
983-9727-69-9
\$ 49.50

Islam In Sindh / Arshad Islam
Kuala Lumpur : International Islamic University Malaysia, c2001
223 p.; 21cm.
Includes Bibliography and 2 Maps.
983-9727-50-8
\$ 30.00

Theology and Tafsir in the Major Works of Fakhr Al-Din Al-Razi / Yasin Ceylan
Kuala Lumpur : International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization, c1996
xxii, 240 p.; 22cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index
983-99002-5-0
\$ 65.00

Islamic Law in Malaysia Issues and Developments / Mohammad Hashim Kamali
Malaysia : Ilmiah Publishers Sdn. Bhd., c2000
v, 352 p.; 22cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index
983-2092-27-2
\$ 55.00

[This book addresses Shari-a-related issues that Malaysia has experienced in recent decades, especially since the 1970s when Islam became a more visible aspect of

government policy. The quest for relevant answers to Shari a law reform through Ijtihad and other issues of concern to society is bound to be a continuing preoccupation of every representative government in this country. This book is a modest contribution to this continuing search for balanced approaches to Shari-a-related issues.]

Issues in the Study of the Qur'an / Thameem Ushama
Malaysia : Ilmiah Publishers Sdn. Bhd., c2002
xii, 474 p.; 22cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index
983-2092-69-8
\$ 60.00

[This book offers a comprehensive presentation of the historical background, issues and other related information in the study of the Qur'an. It provides a window on the world of the Qur'an, a divine revelation guidance to humanity. Issues in the study of the Qur'an, or 'Ulum al - Qur'an is the key branch of knowledge in which several issues are discussed pertaining to the study of the Qur'an. The purpose is to enable people to achieve a correct and accurate understanding of the message of Allah in the Qur'an. The book also includes the important dimension of the principles and methodologies of exegesis along with its early schools that contributed to the advancement of the knowledge for correct understanding of the Qur'an.]

Religious Authority in Shi'ite Islam : From the office of Mufti to the Institution of Marja / Ahmad Kazemi Moussavi
Kuala Lumpur : International Institute of Islamic thought and Civilization, c1996
xiii, 338 p.; 21cm.
Includes Index
983-99002-6-9
\$ 45.00

[The book examines the emergence of Ithna'ashari Jurisprudence and its periodic changes, the rise of a Shi'ite learned body, the institutionalization of the positions of Mujtahid and Marja' al-taqlid, their financial sources of authority, and finally, the political roles of the 'ulama'. It also surveys the long-lived struggle for authority amongst the representatives of speculative thought in Shi'ism. It includes the challenges of the Sufis, Akhbaris, and Shaykhis to the office of 'ulama', which was successfully empowered with juristic mandate and with the charismatic authority of the position of vicegerent of the Imam.]

The Educational Philosophy and Practice of Syed Muhammad Naquib Al-Attas : An exposition of the Original Concept of Islamization / Wan Mohd Nor Wan Daud
Kuala Lumpur : International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization, c1998
xiv, 507 p.; 22cm.
Includes Index
983-9379-09-7
\$ 72.50

[This book is an exposition of the educational ideas and practices of Syed Muhammad Naquib al-Attas, who is one of the most prominent, multifaceted and

creative Muslim thinkers in contemporary times, and one of the key speakers at the first and second World Conferences on Muslim Education. The author puts forward that al-Attas is the original conceptualizer of the notion of Islamization of present day knowledge and education, and that he has consistently applied it in his lifelong endeavors at Muslim higher learning institutions, particularly at ISTAC. Possibly the first work of this nature in contemporary Islamic discourse on the subject, the author uses both written and many unpublished documents, recording personal discussions and the daily practices of al-Attas as an educator, and tracing and comparing some of al-Attas' ideas and practices to those of earlier scholars and contemporary Muslim and non-Muslim thinkers.

This work is useful for specialists, policy-makers as well as the general reader interested in the Islamization and substantive reform of Muslim education, especially at the higher levels.]

Azmi Khalid - Human Rights Advocate : A Tribute / Edited by Chandra Muzaffar
Malaysia : Bakti Ehsanmurni Sdn. Bhd., c2002
vii, 283 p.; 22cm.
983-40996-0-6
\$ 10.00

Hickling's Malaysian Public Law / Wu Min Aun, Rh Hickling
Selangor Darul Ehsan : Pearson Malaysia Sdn. Bhd., c2003
xxxiii, 269 p.; 22cm.
Includes Index
Malaysian Law Series
983-74-2518-0
\$ 15.00

[Hickling's Malaysian Public Law is an updated version of the classic text, Malaysian Public Law, first written by Professor R.H. Hickling CMG QC. It offers a contemporary insight into the legal side of the politics of Malaysia, a fascinating branch of law. Just as politics embraces the whole of social activity, public law covers the activities of human beings in relation to the government. Like the life it reflected in the state of the law in this title.

To devise a constitution for a new nation, as occurred in Malaya (Later Malaysia) in 1957, is in itself a major achievement of the human mind. To preserve it for four and a half decades, adapting it to the needs of swiftly changing times, is another, especially as such preservation has required the skills not only of politicians but of judges. In the process, tensions between the various branches of government have surfaced from time to time. The task of government has become increasingly difficult given the need to balance competing interests stemming from a plural society where racial issues dominate against a backdrop of religious differences. All these interesting though complex issues are covered in this title.]

Federal Constitution : Incorporating all amendments up to 31 January 2002 (Laws of Malaysia – Reprint)
Kuala Lumpur : Commissioner of Law Revision (In collaboration with Malayan Law Journal Sdn, Bhd, and Percetakan Nasional Malaysia Bhd.), 2002
223 p.; 25cm.

\$ 18.50

Criminal Procedure in Malaysia / Mimi Kamariah Majid
3rd Edition
Kuala Lumpur : University of Malaya Press, c1999
I, 650 p.; 25cm.
Includes Index
983-100-102-8
\$ 45.00

[Significant amendments to relevant legislation and an active judiciary have made this third edition imperative. Amendments to the Courts of Judicature Act 1964 (Acts A960 and A1031) and the Criminal Procedure Code (Acts A979 and A1015), and the enforcement of the Anti Corruption Act 1997 (Act 575) have somewhat altered the law of criminal procedure in the relevant areas.

The general format of this edition is similar to those of previous editions. Some interesting decisions from Singapore have been included as well.

Although this compilation and discussion of the law on criminal procedure in Malaysia is meant for law students in the undergraduate and Certificate in Legal practice programmes, Law practitioners, member of the Bench, Royal Malaysia Police, Royal customs and Excise, and the Prisons Department will find it useful, as was the case with the first and second editions.]

Ikhlas in England / Hugh Hickling
Kuala Lumpur : Golden Books Centre Sdn. Bhd., c2000
112 p.; 22cm.
983-72-0429-x
\$ 9.00

[Ikhlas, having taken on LLB at UKM, is chosen to study for his Master's in London. Visiting England for the first time, he soon finds himself muddled and confused by what is now called "Culture shock".

Fortunately, his supervisor, Dr. Gabriel Springbow, a bluff and hearty character, and his fellow students enlighten and invigorate him, and he returns home successful.

The reader here will find an entertaining and instructive picture of a collision of two cultures, and learn more about contemporary Britain than from an orthodox guide. This is the success story, with a difference, of a modern Malaysian candied.]

The Advocate's Devil / C.M. Woon
Singapore : Times Books International, c2002
294 p.; 20cm.
981-232-393-7
\$ 20.00

[Dennis Chiang is a stranger in his homeland. Just returned to the Straits settlements after spending half his life in England, the young lawyer is thrown into the swirling brew that is colonial society in 1930s Singapore. It is a society of tuans and towkays, of Babas and babus, where race is everything and even love cannot be wholly colour-blind.

As he juggles his career and personal responsibilities, Chiang encounters a life full of courtroom dramas, cultural prejudices and even communist intrigue. And never far

away is Chiang's mentor, the unflappable D'Almeida. In public D'Almeida is a calm, efficient lawyer, but he possesses a shrewd investigative streak and uses unorthodox methods that result in this young protégé Chiang being caught up in a succession of captivating adventures.

Welcome to the world of the Advocate's Devil, a humorous, fast-moving tale set against the backdrop of colonial Singapore and the Straits settlements – a world that Dennis Chiang soon finds is full of excitement, disillusionment and danger.]

Tales from the Baram River / Retold by Chuah Guat Eng
Kuala Lumpur : Utusan Publications & Distributors Sdn Bhd., c2001
67 p.; 20cm.
967-6101148-1
\$ 7.00

[Since time immemorial, the peoples of Sarawak have been telling stories about the land in which they live. Many of these stories are based around the waters and banks of the Baram River, which for centuries has been one of the main arteries of Sarawak's communication and trade. The stories in this book teach us the importance of resilience, and the value of living in harmony with our environment and all the creatures which reside in it. However, in the end, it is these creatures sheer ability to delight us that makes them such a joy to read.]

Women in Bondage : The Stories of Catherine Lim / Lim Yi-En
Singapore : Times Books International, c1999
151 p.; 20cm.
Includes Bibliography
Times Prizewinning Writers
981-232-080-6
\$ 18.50

[This book offers a new understanding of Catherine Lim and her works, revealing the very essence of her characters and plots. It examines Lim's consciousness of herself as a woman, as a writer and as a citizen of post-colonial Singapore as she struggles to assert her identity. Taking on the role of a chronicler, Lim grapples with women's issues, particularly their enslavement to tradition and duty and their roles in a rigid society. Catherine Lim, a prominent Singapore writer, is the recipient of several awards, including the 1998 Montblanc-NUS center for the Arts Literary Award.]

Stories for My Mother – 1st Collection / Chong Sheau Ching
Selangor : Corpcom Services Sdn. Bhd., 2001
XIV, 214 p.; 21cm.
983-40372-4-4
\$ 20.00

Eight Plays / Huzir Sulaiman
Kuala Lumpur : Silverfish Books, c2002
304 p.; 21cm.
983-40816-2-6
\$ 19.50

The Malay Traditional Music / Mohd. Ghouse Nasruddin

Kuala Lumpur : Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka, Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia, c1992
xi, 190 p.; ill.; 25cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index
983-62-2711-3
\$ 20.00

[The Malay Traditional Music depicts forms of Malay music which are used in several forms of theatre presentations and traditional dance. The writer has explored the main structure of music and Malay songs from the perspective of ritual presentation and form of traditional theatre such as in shadow play, "makyong", "mekmulung", "gamelan", "Kuda Kepang", "Jikey" and others.

Although many traditional music has been influenced by foreign music, for example, music from the Middle East, India, Indonesia and Thailand, the form and type of Malay music successfully maintains its own identity.

As an integral element in a presentation, Malay music offers several dramatic functions such as in creating the environment in a presentation besides accompanying rituals. The Melody and beat of drums and gongs are unique for a presentation even though the instruments used are almost the same. The types of musical instruments, their melody, as well as the format of the presentation portray various functions of Malay traditional music.]

Balinese Dance in Transition : Kaja and Kelod / I Made Bandem, Fredrik Eugene deBoer
2nd Edition
Kuala Lumpur : Oxford University Press, c1995
xviii, 162 p.; 25cm.
Includes Bibliography, Index & 25 Plates
967-65-3071-9
\$ 30.00

[Originally published as Kaja and Kelod : Balinese Dance in Transition in 1981, this book presents a history, description, classification, and analysis of the many genres of Balinese dance, ranging from dances which are performed in or emanate from the most sacred sanctuaries on the island, through genres of lesser sanctity performed in Semi-sacred places, to those of a secular nature performed in essentially secular spaces.

In this second edition, which has been completely reset and reillustrated, the authors take into account the changes that have occurred in Bali in the last fifteen years, and the influence of these changes on the performing arts, to bring their original study up to date. The book thus continues to provide a useful reference to specialists in dance and Indonesian culture generally, but it will also be of interest to those who have the opportunity, as tourists and /or spectators at touring performances, to see Balinese dance and to more fully appreciate it.]

Annual National Product and Expenditure Accounts 1987 – 2001
Malaysia : Department of Statistics, 2002
x, 120p.; 29cm.
1511-4813
\$ 15.00

National Economic Recovery Plan : Agenda for Action
Malaysia : National Economic Action Council, Economic Planning Unit, Prime
Minister's Department, 1998
\$ 20.00

Borneo 2000 : Proceedings of the Sixth Biennial Borneo Research Conference :
History, Politics / Edited by Michael Leigh
Sarawak : Institute of East Asian Studies (IEAS), Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, c2000
v, 648 p.; 25cm.
983-9257-03-x
\$ 60.00

The Politics of Islam in Contemporary Malaysia / Kamarulnizam Abdullah
Malaysia : Penerbit Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, c2002
260 p.; 23cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index
967-942-592-4
\$ 30.00

[This book focuses on two major Malay political parties, UMBO and PAS, two major
dakwah movements, ABIM and Al-Arqam to analyse and to examine their impact on
Malaysia Politics. This book explores the role of Islam in Malay society and Politics
and tries to establish a systematic linkage between Islam and Malay unity. It
explores and tries to construct what role Islam has in the concept of Malay unity and
National Security. It can be argued that since the Malays are the dominant group in
the country, the weakening of Malay unity could conceivably threaten the country's
socio-political and socio-economic system and thus affect national security. The
political clashes UMNO and PAS by using parochial approaches of Islamic political
languages to garner mass support is a worrying development. Furthermore, dakwah
movements, that claim to be apolitical, also play a crucial role. The involvement of
these movements in several general elections and recently the reformasi movement
shows that their activities have become more politicised.]

Land Issues in Malaysia : Based on CAP's national conference "Land : Emerging
issues and Challenges" – Penang, 12-15 December 1997 / Tanah Air Ku
Malaysia : Consumers' Association of Penang, c2000
275 p.; 21cm.
983-104-070-8
\$ 20.00

[In this book, a group of concerned researchers, professionals and social activists
present a broad yet unified scope of such issues :

- Problems of alienation, acquisition, and landuse trends
- land development's impacts on the environment
- food security vis-à-vis idle land
- Malay reserve and wakaf land
- Land rights of communities, especially the orang Asli
- Rights of tenants and squatters.

Interpersed among their work are the personal testimonies of ordinary folk whose
lives have overturned by development / Land policies.]

A Sensation of Independence : David Marshall, A Political Biography / Chan Heng Chee

Singapore : Times Books International, c2001

x, 297 p.; 24cm.

Includes Bibliography, Index and 20 Plates

981-232-320-1

\$ 35.00

[This is the story of Singapore's first elected chief Minister and his 14 months in office, related in the context of his life and times. In an objective but sympathetic style, the author describes David Marshall's origins, development, professional career and political service, set against the background of Singapore's own development, and of its turbulent political awakening and maturing in the 1950s and 1960s.

Politically Marshall was only a shooting star, and it was left to others to provide the firm and consistent leadership which Singapore needed to emerge as a flourishing self-supporting island state. This, however, does not detract from the crucial role Marshall played during his short tenure of office in those turbulent years, making an important contribution to the evolution of independent Singapore.]

Women in Feminism and Politics : New Directions Towards Islamization / Zeenath Kausar

2nd Edition

Kuala Lumpur : Leeds Publications, 2001

xiv, 141 p.; 22cm.

Includes Bibliography

983-9839-96-9

\$ 15.00

Women Organising for Change / Janet May Chin

Selangor : Women's Development Collective & Malaysian Social Science Association, c2001

ix, 126 p.; 21cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index

983-40676-0-7

\$ 14.00

[Women Organising for Change ventures to debunk the manner in which main - /Male-stream historiography has wiped out women's collective and individual memories and identities. In going into the unrecorded stories, Women organising for Change also looks at the linkages, as well as the divergences, between these stories and those of the organized / main women's movement. The stories, told from a place-based perspective, not only highlight the different powered social relations, but also locate the silences and different representations of women as gendered subjects.]

Women in Malaysia : Breaking Boundaries / Edited by Roziah Omar, Azizah Hamzah

Kuala Lumpur : Utusan Publications & Distributors Sdn. Bhd., c2002

x, 305 p.; 22cm.

967-61-1244-5

\$ 18.50

[This book is a collection of twelve essays written by local women academicians / researchers who have together from various disciplines to engage themselves in discourses about challenges confronting the Malaysian women. The underlying theme of this book is the issues faced by women in Malaysia, how they have adapted to the interplaying forces of the State, Islam, tradition and modernity with negotiation rather than resistance. How they have broken through the boundaries and in spite of built-in social inequalities, have maintained their visibility in the areas of anthropology, politics, Science, Law, Business, Linguistics and communication and the media.

This publication is intended to inspire women from all walks of life, by bringing together Information about the multitude of factors that have shaped the lives of other women in Malaysia. It will fill large gaps in our knowledge of women in development and modernization.]

Too Young to Die : An Asian Perspective on Youth Suicide / B.H. Chia

Kuala Lumpur : Times Books International, c 1999

161p.; 21cm.

Includes Index

981 204 998 3

\$ 29.00

[One would imagine that the young would have every reason to want to live. Yet, under certain circumstances, they have felt that they had no choice but to end their lives. When that happens, the sense of shock, horror and disbelief is unimaginable. A Young suicide results in not only personal but also societal loss of a potentially valuable member.

Too Young To Die investigates the factors that contribute to young suicides in Singapore and compares these with data on young suicides in other Asian Countries. The author Sheds light on this phenomenon by examining the corner's suicide case-files and case-files of patients treated in his psychiatric clinic as well as letters written by young suicides.

With understanding comes better skill in evaluating suicide risk and in prevention. Psychiatrist, medical practitioners, psychiatric nurses, clinical psychologists, social workers, school teachers counselors and parents will find this book interesting and useful.]

Diaspora and Identity : The Sociology of Culture in Southeast Asia / John Clammer

Malaysia : Pelanduk Publications, c 2002

339p.; 22cm

Includes Index

967-978-791-5

\$ 35.00

[This book shows how, through the application of the methods of cultural studies, fresh readings of Southeast Asian societies can be undertaken, readings that not only reveal fresh facets of the complexity and fascination of the region, but also place it back at the centre of current theoretical debates in the social sciences and Asian studies.]

