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The Study of Dayak Bidayuh Occult Arts of Divination / Compiled by
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Malaysia : Sarawak Literary Society
34p.; 22cm.
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The Hole in the Caved-in Beach (Land Dayak Stories) / Compiled by
Temenggongh Datuk William Nais (English and Dayak Bidayuh Version)
Malaysia : Sarawak Literary Society
ii, 15p.;
\$ 8.00

Malay Handicraft Industries : Origins and Development / Wan Hashim Wan teh
Kuala Lumpur : Dewan Bahasa Dan Pustaka , c1996
xviii,144p.; ill.; 21cm.
983-62-4452-2
Includes Index.
\$ 8.00

[In his previous work on Peasants under peripheral capitalism the writer argued that the impact of capitalism upon the small peasant producers in Malaysia took a different form from that which characterized West European social formations. In this new study of four types of village or cottage industry, the writer conducted fieldwork in the Malay states of Kelantan and Terengganu to examine the origins, development, and the current situation of batik making, songket weaving, woodcarving, and plaiting. He came to a conclusion similar to that his previous work on the Malay peasants. He found that these traditional and small scale producers were able to resist the destructive impact of capitalism and consequently expand their scale of production while not losing the traditional characteristics of cottage industry. The writer also examined the historical, cultural and aesthetic aspects of the handicraft products and their significance in the context of national cultural development.]

Archaeology in Malaysia : Arkeologi di Malaysia / Zuraina Majid
Malaysia : Pusat Penyelidikan Arekologi Malaysia Universiti Sains Malaysia, c2003
207p.; ill.; 26cm.
983-2514-35-5

Includes Index.
\$ 90.00

[Although the advent of new developments in technology and methodology has seen archaeology evolve into a highly scientific field, it has not lost its aura of romance. This book captures the spirit of archaeology while introducing the reader to the scientific process behind the romantic vision. In the following pages, the fascinating story of Malaysia's earliest people unfolds, revealing how they lives, where they lived and what they did. In accessible yet detailed text, accompanied by artistic yet evidential photographs, the author lays out the process behind the discovery and reconstruction of some 200,000 years of Malaysia's past, that has been her life's work at the Centre for Archaeological Research Malaysia in Universiti Sains Malaysia.]

Dress for the Body, Body for the Dress : When Islamic and Western Styles meet /
From Stibbert Museum, Florence, Italy
Malaysia : Islamic Arts Museum Malaysia, 2000
129p.; ill.; 29cm.
Includes Bibliography
\$ 35.00

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The costume of the Islamic peoples : Simple shapes and splendid materials
The Closing of the Circle : The westernization of Islamic dress]

The Chinese of Sarawak : A Study of Social Structure / Ju-K'ang, T;ian,
Malaysia : Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia Research & Resource Centre Committee Supp
Headquarters, c1997
xviii, 175p.; ill.; 22cm.
983-99257-0-9
\$ 18.00

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Appendix 3 The Chinese population of Sarawak : Dialect Groups.]

Code of Conduct and Value Systems of Sarawak Malays / Abang Yusuf Puteh
Malaysia : Shobra Publications Sdn. Bhd, c2000
ii, 99p.; 21cm.
\$ 15.00

[This little book presents two of the most important subject in the Malay cultural life : Value systems and Code of Conduct. The traditional elements are recorded with care and sensitivity, for posterity and comparison. Traditionally the Malays are gentle, polite, contented and communal in outlook. And sabar. Their value systems emphasise on morality and spiritual purity.

The author examines the structural changes and their consequences in the face of fast-changing perceptions on life, and lifestyle itself. It is an analysis of causes and effects with far-reaching implications on the culture as a whole. The picture is mind-boggling. The Malays are torn between two cultures : the traditional and the material. The "modern" Malays are aggressive, impersonal, greedy, impatient and highly individualistic.

The main agents of change are politics and economic which directly translate as the pursuit of power and money, leaving a picture of almost total collapse of the old values and a possibility irreversible change in behavioural ethics.]

Art

Visual Art in Asean : Continuity and Change / Edited by Sharifah Zuriah Aljeffri
Kuala Lumpur : ASEAN Committee on Culture and Information, c2001
iii, 239 p.; ill.; 30cm.
983-9572-34-2
\$ 45.00

[From Preface :

The Publication on Visual Arts in ASEAN is to cover Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. At that time Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand were the only countries that are in ASEAN. Viet Nam, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Cambodia were not yet admitted into ASEN. Writers for each country submission and the editor for the publication were identified. In its report on the publication of the Visual Arts, the editors and writers agreed that the title of the publication would be Visual Arts in ASEAN : Continuity and Change. It was also agreed that each country text should include a geographical survey of each country, definition of the visual arts in the context of each individual country, historical approach on the visual arts, contemporary art, sources of influences as well as information on strategies for the promotion and development of their visual arts.]

Business

Competitiveness of the Malaysian Food Processing Industry / Mohd Mansor Ismail,
Alias Radam
Malaysia : Universiti Putra Malaysia Press, c2004
109p.; 25cm.
983-2373-71-9
Includes Bibliography and Index.
\$ 16.00

[The purpose of this book is to analyse food subsectors in Malaysia that are economically viable and have the ability to enhance market share domestically and abroad. It is not possible to determine explicitly which food sub-sectors are capable of reducing the deficit either through import substitution or export promotion, at the very least, we can show how the various food sub-sectors performed throughout the period. The book makes use of a variety of research methods to identify competitive food sub-sectors and individual food products and presents a summary of results and draws pertinent conclusions.]

Towards A Civil Society : The Role of Individuals and Communities
Kuala Lumpur : Malaysian Institute of Management (Sponsored by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation), c2003
xx, 127p.; 21cm.
983-9065-18-1
\$ 13.00

[This book is a special compilation of articles and papers that have been published or presented in conjunction with efforts directed towards nation-building. Whether the efforts have been individually inspired or institutionally organized, a consistent thread running through these works is the call for a more civil society.

The articles are categorized into three sections : Challenges to the Individual, Needs and Obligations of Society, and Some National, Regional and Global Concerns.

It is hoped that this book will stir in the heart of each reader the desire to individually take responsibility for fueling our nation to collectively move towards a more civil society.]

Capital Market Development in Malaysia : History and Perspectives
Kuala Lumpur : Suruhanjaya Sekuriti (Security Commission), c2004
xvi, 291p.; 25cm.
983-9386-42-5
Includes Index.
\$ 40.00

[Written to mark the 10th Anniversary of the founding of the Securities Commission, Capital Market Development in Malaysia : History and perspectives traces the story of the Malaysian capital market, from its origins in the late 19th century to its position as one of the leading markets in the region at the beginning of the third millennium. As the book narrates this chronicle, it provides perspectives on the Commissions' primary involvement in capital market regulation and development as well as the even greater future role that the Commission must play to propel the Malaysian capital market to greater heights.

Starting with trends and developments prior to Malaysia's Independence, the book explores the events leading up to the establishments of the Commission and the numerous challenges of discharging its duties as both regulator and nurturer of the capital market. Through the heady highs of the super bull-run years in the first half of the 1990s to the watershed years the East Asian financial crisis, the Commission grew together with the market and became increasingly attuned to its needs.

The desire to articulate the Commission's vision and future policy directions saw the launch of the Capital Market Masterplan, a long-term blueprint for the strategic positioning of the Malaysian capital market. This was followed by greater strides being made, particularly in the areas of capital raising, investment and trading, corporate governance, enforcement and the Islamic capital market.]

Capital Market Masterplan Malaysia

Kuala Lumpur : Suruhanjaya Sekuriti (Security Commission), c2001

2v. Boxed.; 28cm.

983-9386-37-9

\$ 40.00

Communication and Journalism

Pathways to Critical Media Education and Beyond : Deliberations on Media Reforms and the Manila Initiative

Kuala Lumpur : Asian Communication Network, c2003

xii, 286p.;

21cm.

983-40497-1-4

\$ 18.00

[While the mass media has certainly benefited us, it has largely contributed to the creation of an unhealthy, undemocratic and unsustainable world. It therefore needs attention and intervention from all of us children, young adults, parents, women, workers, religious groups, indigenous and professionals and advocates of democratic media. This is the way to the establishment of a people-oriented democratic media. It is these pathways that are fleshed out in this volume.]

Economics

Winds of Change : Malaysia's Economic Transition from Dr Mahathir Mohamad to Abdullah Ahmad Badawi / Ramon V. Navaratnam

Malaysia : Pelanduk Publications (M) Sdn Bhd, c2004

xii, 299 p.; 21cm.

Includes Index.

967-978-905-5

\$ 25.00

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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.]

Selected readings on Economic Analysis of Industries and Natural Resources / Edited by Tai Shzee Yew, Alias Radam
Serdang : Penerbit Universiti Putra Malaysia, c2001
x, 191 p.; 22cm
983-9319-97-3
1. Natural Resources – Malaysia 2. Malaysia – Industries
\$ 18.00

[The articles contained in this volume are based on empirical analysis that address issues

On industrial regulations, entry barriers, technological progress, productivity and Investment in the manufacturing industries, the productivity of the fisheries resource and

the demand for tourism services in Malaysia, as well as the efficiency of the fishery in

West Sumatra and agricultural loan repayment in Indonesia. The information and analysis contained in this volume will be useful to students, researchers, academics, practicing economists and policy planners interested in industrial economics and natural resources.]

The Future of Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation After the Osaka Meeting / Noboru Hatakeyama
Malaysia : The Institute of Strategic and International Studies, 1996
12 p.; 21cm.
967-947-223-X
\$ 3.00

Japanese Investment in Southeast Asia : Three Malaysian case studies / Shiode Hirokazu
Hong kong : Center for the Progress of Peoples, 1989
78 p.; ill.; 21cm.
962-7261-04-1
\$ 10.00

[This study by a concerned Japanese researcher highlights the nature and consequences of Japanese investments in Malaysia in human terms.

It reviews the origins of Japanese economic involvement in South East Asia, especially in Malaysia, from the early part of this century, focusing particular attention on the Japanese abuse of prostitutes exported abroad, as well as developments before and after the Japanese Occupation during World War Two.

The case studies closely examine three major Japanese investments in Malaysia and their economic, social, environmental and other consequences.

The case study of the Proton project highlights the role and interests of the Mitsubishi Motor Corporation in taking advantage of the Malaysian governments enthusiasm to develop a Malaysian national car.

The case study of Toray's Pen Group in Penang State focuses on Japanese handling of industrial and labor relations.]

Growth Triangles in Southeast Asia : Strategy for Development / Edited by Imran Lim
Malaysia : The Institute of Strategic and International Studies, 1996
269 p.; 22cm.
Includes maps
967-947-201-9
\$ 22.00

[The focus of the Fourth Southeast Asia Roundtable on Economic Development was growth triangles in Southeast Asia as a strategy of development, a current issue which has attracted much interest in the region, especially among regional governments, policy makers, academics and private sector interests. It was felt that growth triangles could spur faster economic growth while simultaneously helping to create 'borderless economies' and promote closer regional co-operation. RED 4 was organized to look into these possibilities and to provide a forum to discuss issues on economic growth and regional co-operation especially in areas of trade, investments, joint exploitation of resources and the service sector, and mutual co-operation towards sustainable economic growth for Southeast Asia.

From the RED 4 discussions, it is apparent that the idea of growth triangles has already acquired regional acceptability. It was the unanimous consensus of participants that regional governments should support this concept and exploit its potential through greater commitment.]

Teleworking and Development in Malaysia / Ed Cecilia Ng
Penang : Southbound Sdn. Bhd., 2001
xv, 156 p.; 21cm.
Includes Bibliography
983-9054-36-8
1. Tele Commuting-Malaysia
2. Telecommunication-Malaysia
\$ 18.00

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Public Policy, Culture and The Impact of Globalisation in Malaysia / Eds Mohd Hazim Shah, Phua Kai Lit
Malaysia : Persatuan Sains Sosial Malaysia, 2004
164 p.; 22cm.
Includes Index
983-99603-7-7
1. Globalisation-Social aspects-Malaysia.
2. Globalisation-Economic aspects-Malaysia
3. Information technology-Malaysia
\$ 18.00

[This book contains eight chapters, plus an introduction, that look at important contemporary issues in Malaysia, namely those concerning public policy, culture and the impact of globalisation. Public policy has played an important role in Malaysia's social, economic and educational development and transformation over the decades, and has justifiably received significant attention in this book. The importance of cultural factors in Malaysia's development have often been overlooked, but they cannot and should not be discounted. Thus chapters addressing such cultural influences have also been included. Malaysia's attempt to become a global player implies that its development is intertwined with the globalisation process, and hence

an adequate understanding of contemporary Malaysia must take the impact of globalisation into account. By looking at contemporary Malaysia in terms of public policy, culture, and the impact of globalisation, the book has addressed a set of factors highly relevant towards understanding the current state of Malaysia. The book is a useful reader for scholars, researchers, policy makers, students and the general public, and an important contribution to Malaysian studies.]

Taxes and Foreign Direct Investment in South East Asia / Norma Md Saad
Kuala Lumpur : International Islamic University Malaysia, 2001
126 p.; 21cm.
Includes Index
983-9727-37-0
\$ 15.00

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Construction Industry & Economic Development : The Malaysian Scene / Fadhlin Abdullah
Malaysia : Penerbit Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, 2004
vii, 138 p.; 22cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index
983-52-0333-4
1. Construction industry—Malaysia.
2. Malaysia—Economic conditions
\$ 14.00

[This book describes the development of Malaysian construction industry within the context of the country's economic development. It focuses on the essence and consequences of Malaysia's economic development, the impact of the country's economic development on the growth and changes in construction output, the development of the contracting sector and issues relating to the industry's resources in response to the growth and changes in construction output, and the probable impact of future economic development on the construction industry. This book will be of interest to students from the field of construction and those who interested in the economics and development of the construction industry.]

The Challenge of Re-Engineering Social Policy : Conference Proceedings / Etd by Rainer Heufers and Mohamed Ariff
Kuala Lumpur : Malaysian Institute of Economic Research [In Co-Operation with Friedrich Naumann Foundation (Germany), Bangkok], 2002
x, 196 p.; 23cm.
983-9716-21-2
\$ 18.00

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Liberalisation and Globalisation : The Potential Impact on Social Security in Malaysia

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Re-engineering Social Policy in Malaysia: Role of Pension and Insurance Organisations

Social Engineering: The Role of Islamic Fund Organisations

Re-engineering Social Policy in Malaysia: Impact on Women

Re-engineering Social Policy in Malaysia: Role of the Self-employed and Non-wage Earners

Re-engineering Social Policy in Malaysia: Social Security Reform for Economic Transition

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Seeing the Forest for the People : a Handbook on Gender, Forestry and Rural Livelihoods / Written and Edited by Vanessa Griffen

Kuala Lumpur : Asian and Pacific Development Centre, 2001

xi, 175 p.; ill.; 19cm.

967-9928-66-7

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[The impact of Development Policies and global economic changes on forest resource use and rural livelihoods, is examined from a gender perspective in case studies from livelihoods, is examined from a gender perspective in case studies from five Southeast Asian countries – Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.

Researches from community organizations, indigenous support groups, academia, forestry research institutions and government departments, analyse the social, economic and cultural effects of forestry policies on rural communities. Concluding recommendations outline ways for formulating people-oriented and gender sensitive forestry policies and for holistic approaches to forestry programmes and projects.

It is an important sourcebook for policy makers, forestry training institutions, gender and development researchers and organizations.]

The Tragedy that didn't Happen / Marie-Aimee Tourres

Malaysia : Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS), 2003

xiv, 338 p.; 22cm.

Includes Index
967-947-286-1
\$ 30.00

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Japan and Asia in an era of Economic Interdependence / Etd by Kazue Sugiyama and
Stephen Leong
Malaysia : Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS), 1998
115 p.; 22cm.
967-947-239-6
\$ 12.00

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The East Asian Crisis Myths, Lessons, Recovery / Shamsheer Mohamad and Annuar
Md Nassir
Malaysia : Penerbit universiti Putra Malaysia, 2000
ix, 122 p.; 22cm.
Includes Index
967-960-103-X
1. Financial crisis-East Asia.
2. Finance-East Asia.
\$ 13.00

[This book attempts to discuss selected important issues relating to the crisis from the non-academic perspective, that is, with qualitative discussions with simple statistics when necessary to substantiate the discussion. It reviews the probable causes, solutions, and the role of various agents in managing the crisis. It defined the crisis in terms of financial and currency crisis, discusses the role of a currency board and the role of hedge-funds in initiating the crisis, and the effectiveness of the International Monetary Fund in mitigating the crisis. The lessons from the crisis are discussed and substantiated with explanations on misconceptions about the crisis. This book captures in a simple way those issues that have attracted the interest of the general public and have been widely discussed.]

Globalisation of Economic Activity and Third World Cities : a case study of Kuala Lumpur / Morshidi Sirat and Suriati Ghazali

Kuala Lumpur : Utusan Publications & Distributors Sdn Bhd, 1999

122 p.; 22cm.

967-61-0904-5

1.Kuala Lumpur—Economic Conditions.

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[The process of economic globalisation is increasingly becoming the focus of debates on urban growth and development in the developed countries in particular within the context of the "Cities and Globalisation" theme. In the developing countries, however, very few studies have examined in greater detail the consequences of the economic globalisation process on urban spatial strategies.

This book represents a study of the consequences of economic globalisation on the rapidly expanding city of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This city is also aggressively pursuing strategies relating to 'global visibility' and 'the integration with a global web of cities'. Economic globalisation, image-building and global integration have brought about visible and drastic changes to the physical fabric of the city of Kuala Lumpur. What make these changes possible and the consequences of such decisions are discussed in this book. It is also argued that the same global forces are partly responsible for the present predicament.]

Japanese Official Development Assistance In Southeast Asia : Special Reference to Malaysia / Junichi Yamada

Malaysia : The Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS), 1998

xvi, 149 p.; 22cm.

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 Revitalization of Japan's Economy : Implications for Malaysia / Etd by Kazue Sugiyama and Stephen Leong

Kuala Lumpur : The Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS), 1997

89 p.; 22cm.

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 Japan's Innovation System : Past, Present and Future / Akira Goto

Malaysia : Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS), 1999

9 p.; 22cm.

Japan Lecture Series 25

967-947-242-6

\$ 3.00

 Japan's Economic Recovery : An Assessment / Haruo Shimada

Malaysia : Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS), 2000

17 p.; 22cm.

Japan Lecture Series 29

967-947-245-0

\$ 3.00

 Knowledge-Based Economy : Master Plan [Strategic Initiative One of the 21st Century – Making the quantum leap to the K-Based Economy]

Malaysia : Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS), 2002

xxxi, 189 p.; 29cm.

967-947-281-7

\$ 40.00

[The Knowledge Based Economy Master Plan charts the course for the development of Malaysia from an input-driven to a knowledge-based economy in order to sustain competitiveness and dynamic growth to 136 recommendations to be undertaken in

seven critical areas, of which human resources development has been identified as the most important. Creatively implemented by the public sector, the private sector and the community acting in full synergy, the Master Plan should be invaluable in catalyzing new growth and fostering added prosperity for the people of Malaysia.]

Environment

Weather and Climate of Malaysia / Lim Joo Tick Azizan Abu Smah
Kuala Lumpur : University of Malaya Press, c2004
xiii, 170p.; 21cm.
983-100-176-1
Includes Bibliography and Index.
\$ 13.00

[This book represents the effort of the authors in responding to the call for more reference materials in technical fields in the country. The authors endeavour to synthesize the major works by local and foreign scientists, which contribute to the overall understanding of the subject concerning weather the climate of Malaysia, and whenever necessary, to provide fresh explanation and interpretation to the weather and climate features in the light of development of the science. The book follows a largely qualitative approach which hopefully would cater for a wide spectrum of users rather than merely confine to the interest of a restricted group of researchers and meteorologist. It contents are suitable for teaching at undergraduate level and provide as well a useful source of information for professionals working in fields covering meteorology, climatologic, hydrology, agriculture and environmental science.]

Proceedings : World Conference on land & Forest Fire Hazards / Edited by Patrick Tan Hock Chusan
Malaysia : Department of Environment, Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment, c2002
xxviii, 401p.; 29cm.
983-9119-79-6
\$ 60.00

[The World Conference And Exhibition on land and forest fire hazards was held at the Putra World Trade centre in Kuala Lumpur on 10 –12 June 2002. The conference was a follow up to the decision made during the 8th ASEAN Environment Ministers Meeting in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah on 6-7 October 2000. The meeting agreed that Malaysia would host and organize an international conference and exhibition as an effort to deal with current and on-going issues of land and forest fires hazards that had affected many countries around the world including the south east Asian region.]

Pantai Acheh Forest Reserve : The Case for a State / Edited by Chan Lai Keng
Malaysia : Penerbit Universiti Sains Malaysia, c2003
xi, 193p.; 29cm.
983-2514-22-3
\$ 25.00

[The Pantai Acheh Forest Reserve (PAFR) is the largest remaining forest in Penang. The vast diversity of flora and fauna species found in the PAFR is an invaluable asset for Penang. Hence, the objectives of this proceedings are to

- To present the scientific findings regarding the ecosystem well being and unique biodiversity of PAFR
- To create public awareness and obtain their views on the need to protect and conserve PAFR .]

History

I Painted the Snow Black... Because We're Afraid of the Days : Palestinians Speak /Alijah Gordon
Malaysia : Malaysian Sociological Researchy Institute (MSRI), c2001
Xxxi, 161 p.; 21cm.
983-99866-4-3
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Chronology of Main Historical Events
Glossary of Political Groups.]

Mad Heaven : The Biography of Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr. M. Mahadevan / Aneeta Sundararaj
Malaysia : Sensations Pro Sdn Bhd, c2004
205 p.; 22cm.
983-41514-2-1
\$ 17.00

Our Ways / Ismail Husin
Malaysia : Utusan Publications & Distributors Sdn Bhd., 2004
243 p.; 21cm.
967-61-1627-0
\$ 16.00

[It was in fact a celebration of sorts for Ahmad bin Ali, an eight-year-old son of a poor paddy farmer in a remote village in Kedah. His journey through life runs in tandem with the developments of a post-independent Malaya. His bare-footed frolics in the muddy sludge of the paddy fields end when Malaya's leaders, buoyed by self-rule, initiate policies that lead to opportunities for a bumiputra like him to attend an English-medium school, graduate from the University of Malaya and become a government officer. As Malaysia progresses and industrialisation beckons, Ahmad becomes an entrepreneur with help from his Chinese ex room-mate in University of Malaya. It is this last journey that is most challenging for Ahmad as he grapples between wealth and the morals of a simpler life of yesteryear.

It is the author's yearning for the nation and its young people to remember "our ways" that has led him to narrate the life of Ahmad bin Ali. It is from when life was grounded by poverty but enriched by religious principles held by the community. It is a story that harks back for a way of life not sullied by wealth with a hope that it resonates among the young not to just "explode in joy" for the holiday that comes with Independence Day. It is hoped that Independence Day will always be celebrated with the rakyat of the past in mind; who led their lives with principled dignity and pride in building the country as it stands now.]

Sabah's Heritage : A Brief Introduction to Sabah's History and Heritage (In Both Malay & English)

Malaysia : Sabah Museum, 1992

lii, 32 p.; 21cm.

\$ 10.00

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The Malay Sultanate of Malacca : A Study of Various Aspects of Malacca in the 15th and 16th Centuries in Malaysian History / Muhammad Yusoff Hashim

Malaysia : Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka, 1992

xxxii, 340 p.: maps, 24cm.

983-62-2841-1

\$ 18.00

[The Malay Sultanate of Malacca: for the first time in English a book which makes a critical evaluation of various aspects of the historiography of Malacca in the period of the Malay Sultanate of Malacca.

This book approaches various aspects of the history of Malacca during that period in a manner which is convincing and detached, as seen through the eyes of a professional historian. Full use has been made of a wide range of sources, oral and

written, and from East and West, which have been analysed and interpreted in depth.

In this book it is argued that the historiography of Malacca during the period 1400 – 1511 is not merely confined to one locality and is not only part of the nation's history but also represents part of the cultural history of the region as a whole, embracing a large portion of the Malay world centred on the Straits of Malacca. The historiography of Malacca is in fact a continuation of the historiography of the Malays prior to 1400, Malacca itself serving as a bridge linking that earlier period with the period that follows after 1511. And this leads on directly to the historiography of Malaysia today as well as to that of Malay society as found on Sumarta's East Coast and in the Riau-Lingga Archipelago of modern Indonesia, in terms of history, language, custom and social usage, kinship, sense of ethnicity, literature and culture.]

Malaysia Banknotes and Coins 1786 – 2004 : A Complete Educational Reference /
Edited by K.N. Book
Selangor Darul Ehsan : Trigometric Sdn Bhd, 2004
258 p.; 20cm.
ISSN : 1823-0776
\$ 20.00

The Unromantic Orient / Muhammad Asad
Kuala Lumpur : Islamic Book Trust, 2004
xvi, 142 p.; 21cm.
983-9154-61-3
Translated from the German by Elam Ruth Harder
\$ 15.00

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Ghazali Shafies Memoir on the Formation of Malaysia
Malaysia : Penerbit Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, 2004
465 p.; 26cm.
Includes Index
967-942-363-8
\$ 40.00

[Books and articles on the subject of the formation of Malaysia abound. Some dwell on the significance and interpretations of events which have taken place. In this memoir, Ghazali Shafie decided to chronicle the way these matters should be narrated. He felt he owed future generations an obligation to put national historical matters in the correct perspective. This memoir provides students of history and diplomacy a text of great value. It is principally the story of the Tunku and his role in the formation of a country which Malaysians love dearly. In the same way, Tun Abdul Razak played a very important role in steering the Inter-Governmental

Committee (IGC); the body which eventually paved the way for the independence of Sarawak and Sabah within Malaysia. Malaysia, in particular Sarawak and Sabah, owes this illustrious son of the soil a huge debt of gratitude for his monumental contribution to the country. For Ghazali, he can be content with the happy thought that he was extremely lucky to be entrusted by the late Tunku to actualize what he once regarded as an unreachable dream, liberating millions from vestigial colonialism. Once in a while, history offers a person the rare opportunity for him to participate directly in the charting of its course. The course of history has forcefully brought home the timelessness of "Bersatu Bertambah Mutu" (humans united, their value enhanced) and shared political power.]

Malaysia : A Pictorial History 1400 – 2004 / Wendy Khadijah Moore
Singapore : Archipelago Press, c2004
339 p.: ill, 29cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index
981-4068-77-2
\$ 45.00

[The quest for the new and the fascinating has unearthed stunning images, many reproduced here for the first time, as well as classics without which no visual history of Malaysia would be complete. What makes the images extraordinary is the unique insight they provide into the every day affairs of ordinary people as well as to major events and personalities. From this wealth of material, Malaysia's history is brought vividly to life.

Images were sourced over a two-year period from many different sources around the world. While the majority are from Arkib Negara Malaysia and The New Straits Times Press (Malaysia) Berhad collections, museums in Europe also yielded some unusual and interesting material. Several private collectors, both in Malaysia and abroad, allowed access to rare and precious images that have further enhanced the whole collection.]

Law

General Principles of Malaysian Law (with Special Reference to the Travel and Tourism Industry) / Nuraisyah Chua Abdullah
Selangor Darul Ehsan : Pusat Penerbitan Universiti (UPENA), 2002
xiv, 177 p.; 22cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index
967-958-143-8
\$ 17.00

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Powers and Jurisdiction of Syariah Courts in Malaysia / Farid Sufian Shuaib
Singapore : LexisNexis (A Division of Reed Elsevier (Singapore) Pte. Ltd., 2003
xxvi, 145 p.; 23cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index

967-962-457-9

\$ 35.00

[The book argues that in determining the jurisdiction and powers of Syariah courts, one should recognize the structure of a co-equal and parallel courts system created by the Constitution and the constitutional right of Muslims to practice their religion. The book also shows that the Syariah court has been administering Islamic law extending beyond matrimonial matters even from the pre-Merdeka days. Thus the ability of Syariah courts to administer Islamic law should not be doubted. The book also recognizes some structural and operational problems such as separate jurisdictions possess by State Syariah courts and involvement of non-Muslims in Syariah court proceedings. It highlights some suggestions on how to overcome and mitigate these problems.

All these make this book a unique and essential reading as well as a basic reference not just to Syariah Court professionals but also to members of the legal profession, lecturers and students with interest in the Syariah judiciary. This Book is undoubtedly a significant milestone in the development of Syariah legal literature.]

Business Law in Malaysia / Nuraisyah Chua Abdullah
Malaysia : Pusat Penerbitan Universiti (UPENA), 2003
190 p.; 22cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index

967-958-140-3

\$ 15.00

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4. Law of Agency
5. Sales of Goods
6. Hire-Purchase
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Introduction to Malaysian Legal History / Ismail Mohd
Malaysia : Ilmiah Publishers Sdn. Bhd., 2004
xx, 178 p.; 21cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index
983-3074-23-5
\$ 15.00

[The main emphasis of this book is on the legal history of Malaysian law. The relevant legislation, impact of colonization, English Law, Islamic Law and Customary Law. This book is a good reference for those who like to know more about Malaysian Legal History and it consists of contents from relevant sources, case law, and selected historical documents pertaining to the study of Malaysian Legal History. This book provides a vital and stimulating account of the development of Malaysia's Legal History. This book is written in line with the syllabus for Law Matriculation Programme and Law Degree in Malaysian Legal History Study.]

Linguistics

Concepts of Conflict, War and Peace in the Malay Language / Asmah Haji Omar
Kuala Lumpur : Akademi Pengajian Melayu Universiti Malaya, 2003
xii, 119p.; 20cm.
983-9705-97-0
Includes Bibliography.
\$ 10.00

[This book is a product of a project on conflict and conflict resolution with collaborators from Sweden and Malaysia which began in 1989 and which officially ended in 1993. The overall aim of this project was to collect data and analyse various aspects and manifestations of conflict in the Malaysian and Swedish societies. The ultimate idea was to have a comparison of the two societies in matters of conflict and conflict resolution.

The project extended over a number of major areas of research, namely linguistics, sociology, social psychology and history. Each area had its own set of Malaysian and Swedish researchers.]

Literature

Taikor : Valour, honour, Suspense, betrayal and love, the definitive Malaysian saga / Khoo Kheng-Hor
Malaysia : Pelanduk Publications (M) Sdn. Bhd, c2004
526 p.; 19cm.
967-978-878-4
\$ 18.00

[A Historical saga that brings back the past for those who could still remember and for the young who may wish to know how things used to be in the years between 1922 and 1982.

[From the beginning in prewar British ruled Malaya the Story revolves around the life of a boy as he grows to manhood. It traces the migration of his family from South Thailand to Penang after his father passes away his brief childhood living with his young widowed mother who subsequently remarried, and thereafter his banishment as a youngster by his stepfather to war torn Shanghai. On his return he had to find a way to earn a living and thereafter, to survive the bloody days of the Japanese Occupation. Even after the surrender of the Japanese there was the lawless postwar period, from which he saw opportunities to eventually emerge as a taikor in Pennang's chaotic underworld. Apart from opportunities, the postwar years also saw dangers, like the emergency period when Communist insurgents tried to destabilize the country's development.]

The Banana Leaf Men / Aneeta Sundararaj
Malaysia : Sensations, 2004
327 p.; 18cm.
983-4141-50-5
\$ 15.00

Official Publications

Economic Report 2004/2005 : Volume 33
Malaysia : Ministry of Finance, Economic and International Division, 2004
v, 27cm.
Includes 1 CD-Rom
ISSN : 0126-8171
\$ 40.00

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1. Economic Management and Outlook
2. Economic Performance and Prospects
3. International Developments
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Statistical Tables

Acronyms and Abbreviations

Organisation of the Ministry of Finance, Malaysia.]

Statistics Malaysia : Journal of the Department of Statistics, Malaysia : Volume 1
Malaysia : Department of Statistics, c2004
54p.; 20cm.
ISSN: 1823-1667
\$ 10.00

[Statistical Profession : The way Forward
Pegging the Ringgit Against The US dollar : an evaluation
Unemployment graduates : Pre and post 1997 crisis
Emerging trends of Urbanisation in Malaysia.]

Laporan Penyiasatan Tenaga Buruh : Labour Force Survey Report 2003
Malaysia : Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia (Department of Statistics), 2004
xx, 208p.; 28cm.
ISSN: 0128-0503
\$ 25.00

[The Labour force survey report, Malaysia 2003 presents annual data on employment, unemployment and characteristics of the labour force from the surveys conducted on a quarterly basis.

Information obtained from the Labour force surveys provide inputs into analysis the labour market situation and in designing, implementing and monitoring the impact and efficiency of policies and programmes related to human resources, particularly in the economic and social areas.

The current report includes for the first time information on employment and labour force at state levels in response to users requirements .]

The 2005 Budget Speech by Yab Dato Seri Abdullah Bin HJ. Ahmad Badawi Prime Minister and Minister of Finance : Introducing the supply Bill (2005) in the Dewan Rakyat
Malaysia : Building on Past Achievements Towards Greater Success, 2004
36 p.; 28cm.
\$ 15.00

Malaysia 2003 : Perangkaan Perkhidmatan Teknologi Maklumat Dan Komunikasi : Information and Communications Technology Services Statistics 2003
Malaysia : Jabatan perangkaan Malaysai (Department of Statistics), 2004
ISSN: 1675-316X
\$ 15.00

[This report presents statistics on information and communications technology (ICT) for years up to 2003. Data on computer and telecommunication services are based on information from the survey of computer services establishments and census of Telecommunication Services Establishments, 2002. ICT statistics of the Census of Wholesale and Retail Traders, 2001 and Survey of Manufacturing industries, 2001 are also published information from secondary sources are presented for year 1994 to 2003.]

Malaysia 2003 : Penyiasatan Industri Pembinaan : Survey of Construction Industries 2003
Malaysia : Jabatan perangkaan Malaysai (Department of Statistics), 2004
iv, 44 p.; 28cm.
ISSN: 0128-3493
\$ 10.00

[This report presents statistics on construction industries based on the annual Survey of Construction Industries which was carried out in 2003. The statistics published are for reference year 2002.

The main objective of the report is to publish data the construction sector pertaining to value of gross output, cost of input, number of persons engaged, salaries and wages paid and value of assets for use in economic planning and policy formulation.

A summary of findings is highlighted in the first part of the report the second part focuses on the technical aspects such as scope and coverage definitions and concepts used. Detailed statistical tables are presented in the report to facilitate analyses by users.]

Malaysia 2002 : Penyiasatan Industri Pembuatan Tahunan : Annual Survey of Manufacturing Industries 2002

Malaysia : Jabatan perangkaan Malaysai (Department of Statistics), 2004

iv, 150 p.; 28cm.

ISSN: 0128-973X

\$ 25.00

[This report contains statistics of the manufacturing industries based on the Annual Survey of manufacturing industries undertaken in 2002-2003. The statistics published was for reference year 2001.

The main objective of the report is to publish data on value of gross output, cost of input, number of persons engaged, salaries and wages paid and value of assets in manufacturing sector for use in economic planning and policy formulation.

The report also contains technical notes which provide information on the scope, coverage, frame as well as concepts and definitions used. The main findings of the survey on the manufacturing sector are also highlights.]

Performing Arts

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.]

The Malay Dance / Mohd. Chouse Nasuruddin
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia : Dewan Bahasa Dan Pustaka, 1995
xv, 183 p.; ill.; 24cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index
983-62-4376-3
US\$ 15.00

[This book is an introduction to Malay dance which has its roots in ancient times. Traditional Malay dance which incorporates court, folk, theatrical and modernized Malay dances, portray the beauty, grace, traditional etiquette, and harmony of the Malay ethos, serving both ritualistic and secular functions. The series of movement vocabulary, which include the movements of the hands, legs, torso and head distinguishes the various choreographies of the Malay dances. They are discussed in detail both with the aids of diagrams and photographs.]

Diversity in Motion / Edited by Mohd Anis Md Nor
Malaysia : The Cultural Centre, University of Malaya, 2003
lx, 92 p.; 20cm.
983-2085-58-6
\$ 10.00

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Dance Research : Transference and Reconstruction in Contemporary Malaysian Dance / Mohd Anis Md Nor

Indigenous Ideas and Contemporary Fusions: the Making of Malaysian Contemporary Modern Dance / Ramli Ibrahim
Tracing the Beginning of Chinese Contemporary Dance in Malaysia / Mew Chang Tsing
Dance Writing in Malaysian Newspapers / Krishen Jit
Contemporary Dance in Malaysia : What is it? / Mumtaz Backer
Collaborative Efforts, Experimentations and Resolutions: The Way to Contemporary Dance / Marion D'C

Bangsawan : A Social and Stylistic History of Popular Malay Opera / Tan Sooi Beng
Malaysia : The Asian Centre, c1997
xxiv, 262 p.; ill.; 25cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index
South – East Asian Cultural Series
983-9499-01-7
US\$ 30.00

[This book traces the stylistic changes in bangsawan from the late nineteenth century to the late 1980s and links these changes to the social-political transformations in Malaysian society. A product of a period characterized by rapid and radical social changes occurring as a result of British intervention, bangsawan of the early twentieth century was heterogeneous, innovative, and constantly adapting

to new situations and new audience. Its conventions of plot structure, character types costumes, speech, and stage setting corresponded with the new 'structure of feeling' in the society of the time. After decline in the 1940s and 1950s. However, this revival spearheaded by the government and government institutions has resulted in bangsawan being reshaped, Malayized for new national purposes, and projected as traditional theatre. This book is written in terms of a relatively recent trend in ethnomusicology which emphasizes diachronic analyses. The author is an ethnomusicologist at the Arts Centre, Universiti Sains Malaysia.]

Politics

Conceptualising Asia-Pacific Security / Edited by Mohamed Jawhar Hassan and Thangam Ramnath
Kuala Lumpur : ISIS Malaysia, c1996
ix, 92 p.; 21cm.
967-947-225-6
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An Initial Analysis of Vietnam's Concept of Security

Thailand's Approaches to Regional Security

Comprehensive Security and the Issue of Migration and Ethnic Conflict

Comprehensive Security and its Applications to the Disputes in the South China Sea.

Contributors.]

Professional Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs Management : An Ambassador's Insight / G.K.A. Kumarasari
Kuala Lumpur : Utusan Publications & Distributors SDN BHD, 2004
xxiv, 480 p.; ill.; 21cm.
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967-61-1454-5
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Part IV- Development and Conduct of Training

Part V- Conclusion

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What's Ahead for Malaysia? : Contemporary Challenges and Emerging Trends / Phua Kai Lit, Soo Keng Soon
Malaysia : Pelanduk Publications (M) Sdn. Bhd, c2004
vii, 189 p.; 21cm.
Includes Index.
967-978-901-2
\$ 15.00

[Malaysian society has changes drastically since attaining Independence in 1957. This book looks at the state of the society today, the major challenges the nation is currently confronting, the possible responses or solutions to these challenges-and what to expect in the years ahead. Besides delving into the various aspects of Malaysian society, it also dissects the concept of a knowledge-based economy-and what it takes to transform the Malaysian economy into one-the challenges arising from the Pressures of globalization.]

Asia Pacific Security : Investing in Peace / Edited by Mohamed Jawhar Hassan
Kuala Lumpur : ISIS Malaysia, c2004
xviii, 446 p.; 21cm.
967-947-287-6
\$ 45.00

[This book compiles papers presented at the 17th Asia Pacific Roundtable, which was held in Malaysia in August 2003. Topics include the general security outlook for the region, terrorism and its related issues, Islam in Southeast Asia, the nexus between the media and Security , the Internet's challenges to security, the gender dimension of human security, environmental security, and a new blueprint towards and Asean Economic Community. The Roundtable is an annual forum that draws participants from around the Pacific, both scholars and practitioners, who meet and discuss issues of peace and security in an informal setting. They review the security situation in the region and examine major conflicts. They also discuss how tensions can be reduced, conflicts resolved and confidence built.]

The Emerging Regional Security Architecture in the Asia - Pacific Region / Edited by Thangam Ramnath
Kuala Lumpur : ISIS Malaysia, c1996
xvi, 449 p.; 21cm.
967-947-219-1
\$ 30.00

The Malaysian Civil Rights Movement / Kua Kia Soong
Kuala Lumpur : Strategic Information Research Development (SIRD), c2005
195p.; ill.; 22cm.
983-2535-52-2
\$ 20.00

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Islam Embedded : The Historical Development of the Pan-Malaysian Islamic Party PAS (1951-2003) / Farish A. Noor

Kuala Lumpur : Malaysian Sociological Research Institute,c2004
2v. . ; ill. ; 21cm.
983-99866-7-8
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Conclusion: understanding the Rise of PAS in Malaysia

Asia in the Pacific Rim : Towards the 21st Century/ Minoru Makihara
Kuala Lumpur : Center for Japan Studies at ISIS Malaysia, c1998
15 p.; 21cm.
967-947-235-3
Series No 20
\$ 2.00

Japan – Malaysia Relations at the Crossroads / Taizo Nakamura
Kuala Lumpur : Center for Japan Studies at ISIS Malaysia, c1998
7 p.; 21cm.
967-947-236-1
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\$ 2.00

The Asia Pacific in the New Millennium : Political and Security Challenges / Edited by
Mely C. Anthony and Mohamed Jawhar Hassan
Kuala Lumpur : ISIS Malaysia, c2001
xxi, 770p.; 21cm.
967-947-264-7
\$ 35.00

[The papers presented at the Fourteenth Asia-Pacific Roundtable reflected the
continuing concerns about the Asia Pacific, and the challenges to security in the
region. These concerns and challenges are mostly the same as before. If anything,
many more issues have been added to the list and many more questions are being
asked. Sad to say, most, if not all the concerns, are still unresolved. This book
contains papers presented at the above Roundtable, that was held in June 2000.]

Bringing Peace to the Pacific / Edited by Mohamed Jawhar Hassan and Sheikh Ahmad
Raffie
Kuala Lumpur : ISIS Malaysia, c1997
viii, 697 p.; 21cm.
967-947-226-4
\$ 40.00

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Changing strategic realities in the Asia-Pacific region: Implications for security
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Paper Writers.]

Asean, Apec and Asem: Concentric circles and 'open clubs' / Andrew Elek, Hadi Soesastro
Malaysia : Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia, c1997
25 p.; 20cm.
967-947-231-0
\$ 3.00

Japan and East Asia Attitudes and Policies : Past, Present and Future / Edited by Kazue Sugiyama, Stephen Leong
Kuala Lumpur : ISIS Malaysia, c1994
vii, 102 p.; 22cm.
967-947-193-4
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Japanese political community's attitude's towards East Asia / Cornelia Meyar
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Japanese people's attitudes towards East Asia / Arifin Bey
Modalities for East Asian cooperation and Japan's initiatives / T Keisei Tanahashi
Inter-Government cooperation in East Asia : Modalities and approaches / Noordin Sopiee
Programme.]

Beyond the Crisis : Challenges and Opportunities / Edited by Mely C. Anthony and Mohamed Jawhar Hassan
Kuala Lumpur : ISIS Malaysia, c2000
2v.; 21cm.
967-947-244-2
\$ 50.00 (Set)

[Volume I covers the main challenges that confronted the Asia-Pacific region during this period, such as:

Perceptions of the five greatest challenges to Asia-Pacific Security;
The benefits and threats of globalisation
What needs to be done to stabilize the financial markets;
The urgency for regional institutes like Asean to be more responsive to crises; and
The dynamics of social change occurring in the region, intensified and exacerbated by the crises.]

[Volume II covers the more specific issues that the region faces today, such as :

The implications of the dynamic changes in the global environment on the future of civil society;
The evolving nature of comprehensive Security;
The environment, development and Security;
Maritime security;
The prospects of joint development in cases of disputes;
Transnational crime;
Women and leadership in Asia;
Conventional security concerns regarding the future of the Korean peninsula; and
The rising military stakes in the North Pacific.]

Asia Pacific Security : Challenges and Opportunities in the 21st Century / Edited by Mohamed Jawhar Hassan
Kuala Lumpur : ISIS Malaysia, c2002
xix, 623 p.; 22cm.
967-947-280-9
\$ 40.00

[The 15th Asia Pacific Roundtable was held in June 2001, at a time when most of the economies of the region appeared to have had weathered the worst of the financial and economic crises that had afflicted them. As the region stood poised on the threshold of the 21st century it faced major challenges and issues. The Roundtable discussed some of these issues, ranging from the implications for the region of the policies of the Bush administration and the implications of China's entry into WTO on other economics, to the impact of democratic reform upon the security of states and the region, reform of the International Monetary Fund and other global financial institutions, human security, and good governance. More persistent security problems such as peace on the Korean peninsula, piracy, and the threat posed by small arms in the Southeast Asian region were also discussed. There was a special plenary session on the important topic of women in armed conflict. This volume contains selected papers from the Roundtable.]

The Cross and the Crescent : The Rise of American Evangelicalism and the Future of Muslims / Muhammad Arif Zakauallah
Kuala Lumpur : The Other Press, c2004
xii, 269 p.; 20cm.
983-9541-42-0
Includes Index.
\$ 29.00

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Islam, Democracy and Good Governance-The Malaysian Experience : Essays in Honour of Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad / Edited by Ibrahim Abu Shah

Malaysia : Pusat Penerbitan Universiti (UPENA), c2004

viii, 151 p.; 22cm.

967-958-153-5

Includes Index.

\$ 25.00

[The first essay by Dato's Seri Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Abu Shah notes that there is a world-wide discussion of such transcendental issues as good government, human rights, accountability, openness and transparency. Unfortunately the conceptualization of these issues permits subjectivity and relativity. Nevertheless some core, normative principles have broad acceptance. He Outline 16 such principles.

The Second essay by Prof. Dr. Shad Saleem Faruqi offers a vigorous defence of Islamic civilization and its compatibility with constitutionalism, rule of law, democracy and development.

The third essay by Prof. Dr. Abu Bakar Abdul Majeed traces the evolution of Islam in Asia and its flowering in Malaysia. He believes that the commitment to modernity as well as to religion; the adoption of a system of economics and social life that incorporates both the physical and spiritual aspects of humanity; the political magnanimity of the Malay-Muslim population and the prevalence of harmony, peace and stability in the country are owed in large measure to Islam as the single most powerful influence on the Malay value system.

The fourth essay by Prof. Dr. Shad Saleem Faruqi examines issues of freedom of religion, secularism and theocracy from the perspective of Malaysia's Federal Constitution.

The fifth essay on Human Rights – Asian and Western Perspectives examines whether the "Asian values" argument is a smokescreen for the perpetuation of authoritarianism or whether it is a genuine attempt to resist the sweep of hegemonic Western values.]

A Pacific Peace : Issues & Responses / Edited by Jawhar Hassan
Malaysia : ISIS Malaysia , c1998
xiii, 568 p.; 22cm.
967-947-232-9
\$ 35.00

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Religion – Christianity

Christianity : Through the Lens of Christian and Muslim Scholars / Mohd Amin Yaacob

Malaysia : Perniagaan Jahabersa, c2004

155 p.; 21cm.

983-170-590-4

Includes Bibliography

\$ 12.00

[The Doctrine of the Original Sin and the Atonement

The Crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus Christ

Jesus was sent only to the Israelites

The Authenticity of the Bible

Contradictions and errors in the Biblical text

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Religion - Islam

The Inevitable Victory : The Coming of Jesus / Golam Al-Mahdi

Kuala Lumpur : A.S. Noordeen, c2003

vi, 321 p.; 20cm.

983-065-161-4
Includes Bibliography.
\$ 12.00

[This book is a modest piece of work that searched for the "Truth" in three major monotheistic religions of the world. Human 'Being must understand that there is only ONE God who created all for the mankind and in abundance of everything for everybody and there is no need for any war!

This book gives minute details from the era before Moses and the birth of Judaism; how Christianity was born and how the Bible was distorted; and the birth of Islam, "The True Path". Apart from highlighting how the Jews violated their promises with God, this well-researched book reveals the Crimes committed by the Jews in this world Past and Present and the Jews greatest conspiracy ! The September 11 attack.

Evidences in this book would also show the Christians that Jesus was a special prophet of God and not His son as they claimed. Ultimately, Jesus would return to this earth and restore the true path, ISLAM.

This book is full of evidences and answers to the main issues on which the three main religions differ. This book is a must for everyone who seeks the TRUTH.]

Hadith Literature : Its Origin, Development and Special Features / Muhammad Zubayr Siddiqi
U.K. : Islamic Texts Society, 1993
Xiv, 174 p.; 23cm.
Includes Index
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\$ 32.50

[The present book is the only introduction in English which presents all aspects of the subject. It explains the origin of the literature, the evolution of the isnad system, the troubled relationship between scholars and the state, the problem of falsification, and the gradual development of a systematic approach to the literature. An interesting appendix demonstrates that a high proportion of medieval hadith scholars were women. In a second appendix, a brief account is given of the varied opinions held by Orientalist writers in this field.

The edition is a fully revised and updated version of the original, which was first published in 1961 to considerable scholarly acclaim. The author, the late Muhammad Zubayr Siddiqi, was Professor of Islamic Culture in the University of Calcutta, and author of a number of other studies, including studies in Arabic & Persian Medical Literature (1959).]

Islamic Banking : An International Perspective / Edited by Bala Shanmugam
Selangor Darul Ehsan : Universiti Putra Malaysia press, c2004
X, 225 p.; 24cm.
Includes Index
983-2871-68-9
\$ 18.00

[This book is collection of articles outlining Islamic banking in various parts of the world. Most of these articles were initially presented at the International Islamic Banking and Finance Conference (2003) in Prato, Italy. Although a good 40 papers were presented at the popular Prato Conference, only a handful which displayed originality was selected. A mixed blend of papers was chosen to provide readers with contrasting views and innovative procedures as practiced in different countries. As the development of Islamic banking varies from country to country, this book can serve as a good comparative text for students and practitioners of Islamic banking. It is designed primarily as a reference book. Researchers will no doubt find it very useful especially those chapters that provide current data on Islamic banking, which is so scanty and difficult to obtain. The book also provides a unique opportunity for readers to not only comprehend Islamic banking but also to understand how it started and how it is progressing in different nations. The experience of 12 countries is discussed in the book.]

New Explorations into the Making of IBN Khaldun's Umran Mind / Mahmoud Dhaouadi
Kuala Lumpur : A.S. Noordeen, 1997

Xii, 280 p.; 22cm.

Includes Index

983-065-053-7

\$ 15.00

[The second half of the twentieth century has witnessed, in the Arab Muslim world as well as in the West, more intellectual writings, debates, congresses, etc, about Ibn Khaldun's social thought than ever before since Ibn Khaldun wrote his Muqaddimah in the fourteenth century.

The chapters of this book are intended to make their own contribution to the renewal of Ibn Khaldun's social science thought. Each one of the chapters explores something new about the original thought of the creative personality of the author of Muqaddimah.]

The Islamic Family : A General View / Muhammad Abdul Rauf

Kuala Lumpur : Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka, 1994

Ix, 131 p.; 21cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index

983-62-4147-7

\$ 10.00

[The Islamic Family : A General View deals with matters pertaining to life a Muslim based on Islamic based on Islamic teachings and guidance. As such, lessons from the life of Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessing be upon him, became the main source of reference.]

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A Happy Conjugal Household

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Dissolution of Marriage

The Aged in Islam

The Concept of Thanksgiving in Islam

Ummah the Muslim Nation / Muhammad Abd. Rauf
Kuala Lumpur : Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka, 1991
Ix, 186 p.; 21cm.
Includes Index
983-62-2059-3
\$ 10.00

[This book attempts to explain the concept of an Islamic State. According to the writer the concept is quite dynamic with a fundamental unalterable feature: namely, that is guiding light is the Shari'ah with no man made law challenging it.

This dynamic feature of the concept should embrace the existing modern Muslim states so long as they regard to Shari'ah as the foundation of their legal system and so long as they do not declare themselves to be secular. It is not legitimate to summarily condemn these states as anti-Islamic or even non-Islamic if they should fulfil that prerequisite, although the degree of the legitimacy of this claim depends on the extent to compliance or deviation from the tenets of the shari'ah.

Lack of appreciation of the dynamism of the concept of an "Islamic State" has caused and is causing a great deal of confusion even among those who ardently and loudly press for the transformation of the existing states into Islamic states. They tend to think of the concept as something completely different from whatever now exists but they have no clear vision of it. In discussing it, they tend to go around it somewhat in an abstract fashion.]

Qur'anic Studies: An Introduction / Dr. Israr Ahmad Khan
Kuala Lumpur : Zaman Islam Media, 2000
Xvi, 373 p.; 22cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index
983-40367-0-1
\$ 18.50

["Prof. Khan's approach to the Qur'anic Studies is quite unique. His emphasis on a critical approach and the need for new relevant examples have furnished scholarship with a fresh outlook. Moreover, his critical review of modern scholarship in Qur'anic studies draws our attention to the valuable contribution of Asad, Maududi, Islahi, al Farahi, and others. Obviously, his research on Nazm al Qur'an is of great significance."]

BA : Islamic State / Lim Kit Siang
Selangor : Democratic Action Party, 2001
Iii, 103 p.; 20cm.
983-9820-16-8
\$ 5.00

[The BA Common Manifesto "Towards A Just Malaysia" was concluded with BA leaders fully aware of the deep ideological differences among the component parties especially on the issue of Islamic State.

'DAP know of PAS' ideological stand for an Islamic State and PAS know of DAP's ideological opposition to any theocratic state, but we decided to put aside our differences for the sake of the immediate task of saving Malaysian democracy and justice from savage and fatal attacks by the Barisan Nasional government.

'This was why there was the important agreement in the BA Common Manifesto committing all the component parties to uphold the fundamental principles of the Malaysian Constitution – which would exclude any pursuit of an Islamic state.'

Global Time System : The Natural Approach / Mohammad Ilyas
Kuala Lumpur : International Islamic University Malaysia Press (IIUM), 2001
67 p.; 21cm.
Includes Bibliography
983-9727-27-3
\$ 12.00

[Islam places a great importance to the time count and the regulation of calendar. This is reflected by the fact that worship is closely tied to specific time intervals based on the natural phenomena such as sunset, sunrise, lunar crescent visibility, twilight, midday etc. These instants need to be determined in a unique and singular way to avoid human interference. What Islam emphasizes is the use of natural system and Qur'anic injunction to forbid interference in calendar is made in this context. The moon and sun offer suitable natural cycles for time reckoning.

However, there has been a need to internationalize the lunar and solar calendar system in a natural way through natural phenomena based Date Lines. This concept of natural International Date Lines discovered recently is discussed in the context of Global Islamic Time-Keeping for lunar and solar calendar through natural Islamic approach. We should endeavor to propagate this system as part of Islamization effort as enunciated by Prof. Ismail Al Faruqi.]

The Salah : In the Light of the Prophet's Tradition (New Revised Edition) / Shaykh Muhammad Nasir Al-Din Al-Albani
Kuala Lumpur : Islamic Book Trust, 2004
Lii, 155 p.; 21cm.
983-9154-58-3
\$ 15.00

[It is not possible for us to perform the Salah (Prayer) as it should be performed unless we know the detailed description of the Prayer as shown by Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu 'alayhi wasallam, such as its essentials, manners, forms, supplications and remembrances. However, detailed familiarity with these aspects of the Prayer is difficult to be achieved by most people nowadays because of their limiting themselves to a particular madhhab (school of thought). In every madhhab, there are traditions and sunnahs (Prophetic examples) which are not found in other madhhabs, and in every madhhab there are sayings and actions which cannot be authentically traced back to the Prophet.

Many books have been published on the Prayer of the Prophet but most are by later scholars that cater for a particular madhhab. This famous work, translated from the original Arabic Sifah Salah al-Nabi, brings together as many features of the Prophet's Prayer from the takbir to the taslim, so that Muslims can fulfil the Prophet's

command to 'pray as you see me pray'. This work is the result of an extensive research by the author on various traditions (Hadiths) and their relevance, judged according to the strict rules of the science of Hadith.]

Conversion to Islam : Effect on Status of Marriages and Ancillary Reliefs / Nuraisyah Chua Abdullah
Selangor Darul Ehsan : International Law Book Services [Dist:-Golden Book Centre Sdn. Bhd.], 2004
Xii, 193 p.; 22cm.
Includes Bibliography
967-89-1488-3
\$ 18.00

[Conversion to Islam – Effect on Status of Marriages and Ancillary Reliefs, examines the adequacy of current law on conversion to Islam by a spouse with regard to the status of marriages and ancillary reliefs as consequence of conversion. In Malaysia there are two different laws governing the non-Muslims and the Muslims separately, on the issue of conversion to Islam by one spouse and its effect on their marriages. For Muslims, they are governed by the Islamic Enactments and for the non-Muslims it is the Law Reform (Marriage and Divorce) Act 1976 (Act 164) (LRA). When a non-Muslim embraces Islam, the LRA is no longer applicable to him/her.

The various problems, arising due to conversion of one spouse to Islam, particularly on the status of marriages, children and ancillary reliefs are discussed in this book.]

Al-Ghazali on Administrative Ethics (With Special Reference to his Nasihat Al-Muluk.) / Nik Roskiman Abdul Samad
Kuala Lumpur : International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC), International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), 2003
Xx, 113 p.; 21cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index
983-9379-35-6
\$ 25.00

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Sociology

Special Children / Mohd. Sharani Ahmad

Malaysia : Universiti Putra Malaysia Press, c2004
xii, 120 p.; 23cm.
983-2373-02-6
Includes Index.
\$ 14.00

[Special Children addresses all these issues in several ways, First it defines special children and discusses the causes of disabling conditions as well as the processes for identifying them. Second it concentrates on the categories of special children [Chapter 2-9] with suggestions for interventions by a teacher or parents. chapter 10 looks at parents of special children, how parents accommodate the presence of special children in the family. Chapter 11 deals with early intervention and listing early intervention centres. Chapter 12 is devoted to the educational services for these children – special education. Finally Chapter 13 deals with supporting special children with a positive atmosphere.]

The Critical Thinking and Reading abilities of Singaporean Malay Students / Edited by Rogayah Hj. Razak
Malaysia : Academy of Malay Studies, University of Malay, c2003
xi, 226 p.; 22cm.
Includes Bibliography.
983-2085-60-8
\$ 13.00

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Chapter 10 : Conclusions, Implications and Suggestions
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The Role of the National Vocational Training Council in the Management of Vocational Training in Malaysia : A Critical Evaluation / Ahmad Othman
Johor : Penerbit, 2003
xxiv, 176 p.; 22cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index.
983-2963-02-8
\$ 13.00

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Chapter 7 : Conclusions
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Drugs of Abuse / Mustafa Ali Mohd
Kuala Lumpur : University of Malaya Press, c2001
vi, 67 p.; 21cm.
SUCXeS (Shimadzu-UMMC Centre for Xenobiotic Studies) Xenobiotic Series Vol. IV
983-100-128-1
\$ 10.00

Life's Like That : Scenes from Malaysian Life / Iydia Teh
Malaysia : Pelanduk Publications (M) Sdn. Bhd., c2004
xiv, 306 p.; 21cm.
967-978-886-5
1. Malaysia – Anecdotes
2. Malaysians – Anecdotes
3. Cultural Sociology – Anecdotes
4. Social Life – Anecdotes
\$ 15.00

[In this collection of amusing meditations on Malaysian life and its complexities and contradictions, Lydia Teh dives into the depths of Malaysian Life : Family, pregnancies, babies, motherhood, hobbies, festivities, daily ablutions, pets and other calamities. Not only has she imbued her stories of homespun ordinariness and nostalgia with a luminous sheen, she also captures the essence of being Malaysian with wit and bracing honesty.
With self-deprecating humour and an utter lack of pretension, her candid tales bring to life the warm humour of Malaysian life in all its treacly sweetness and capture the heart and soul of Malaysia. Her vision of Malaysian life is fresh and funny : Fresh in the way it makes you look at things in a new light and funny in the way it occasionally makes you want to cry.]

Smoking Among Teenagers in Malaysia : A Socio-Psychological Study / Sufean Hussin... (et al.)
Malaysia : Karisma Publications Sdn. Bhd., c2004
XXVIII, 234 p.; 22cm.
983-195-106-9
Social Policy Research Monograph – Healthy Community Policy
1. Teenagers – Tobacco use - Malaysia
2. Tobacco Habit – Malaysia
3. Youth – Tobacco use – Malaysia
4. Smoking
\$ 13.00

[This research project focused on teenagers who were basically in the early stage of becoming smokers. The two main theories that became the basis of this research

were the normative social influence theory and the informational social influence theory. However, if smoking is viewed as a deviant behaviour, then there are several other relevant theories that should be taken into consideration in explaining the complex interplay of factors and subjective effects of smoking. The relevant theories are the neoclassical theory, behaviourist theory, social learning theory, social disorganization theory, social control theory, social strain theory, labeling theory, conflict theory, biological theory, supernatural theory, psychoanalytic theory, and functionalist theory. The existence of these theories in itself suggests that there is no one single theory that is able to adequately explain a particular delinquent behaviour such as smoking. This is because smoking as a phenomenon arises within certain contexts and circumstances, such as culture, history, politics, aesthetics, economics, and social relations.

The general public usually believe that teenagers are easily induced to smoking because of family influence, peer influence, advertisement influence, sociocultural influence, and ego influence. Numerous research works have indeed verified the tenability of those beliefs. This study, however, came out with a surprising findings that boredom and loneliness were the two most important reasons that induced teenagers to smoking, Boredom and loneliness are psychological in nature, and thus this indicates that there exists a significant element of routinization and alienation in the living ecology of teenagers nowadays. The best way out of this oppressive ecology, it seems, is through smoking, especially with friends and peers. This book will serve as an important guide for counselors and teachers in handling teenage smoking.]

AIDS : In search of a Social Solution
Malaysia : Third World Network, & People's Health Movement, 2004
153 p.; ill.; 29cm.
983-2729-30-0
\$ 18.00

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 4. Fighting AIDS and Patent Rights
 5. Africa : The Mountain Toll
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 8. Fighting Discrimination and Stigma
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 13. Russia and Eastern Europe : The Young Epidemic
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 15. The Curse of Patriarchy
 16. Alternative Remedies for HIV/AIDS
 17. People's Response.]
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Women Studies

The Malay Woman in the Body : Between Biology and Culture / Roziah Omar

Kuala Lumpur : Penerbit Fajar Bakti Sdn. Bhd, c1994
xiii, 103 p.; 21cm.
967-65-2836-6
\$ 8.00

[The Malay woman in this body aims to give the reader an insight into the events surrounding the reproductive cycle of the Malay woman in Malaysia. This book also attempts to deconstruct Western cultural assumptions that have been projected on to Malay women. It is strongly felt that stereotypes of woman associated with the reproductive cycle are not universally applicable. Adat and Islam greatly influence the life experiences of the Malay woman in Malaysia. She does not consider herself a victim of her biology and culture. On the contrary, she finds fulfillment in her role as a female and commands the respect of the community.]

Contrary Visions : Women and Work in Malay Novels Written by Women / Christine Campbell
Kuala Lumpur : Dewan Bahasa Dan Pustaka, c2004
xiii, 365 p.; 21cm.
983-62-8369-2
\$ 18.00

[The idea that women could contribute to Malay development was radical when independence was declared. This book is a ground breaking study which extends our knowledge of novels in Malay written by women. In contrast to earlier novels featuring women, these novels do not depict domestic themes or romance. Instead, they focus on work and this time is traced in more than twenty novels. Contrary visions finds a link between women who work in paid employment and changing social attitudes. and changing social attitudes. Authors depict some exciting conflicts, finding that women who worked could not observe social and cultural rules, designed for earlier, simpler times.]

Working with Rape Survivors : A Handbook / Edited by Working Group of the Women's Crisis Centre Network
Malaysia : Women's Centre for Change (WCC), 2002
119 p.; 26cm.
983-40052-4-5
\$ 20.00

[This is a handbook of basic principles and guidelines for working with women in crisis following rape. It is one of a pair, the other being a handbook for working with abused women. It should be useful for groups working directly with rape survivors and for those interested in setting up a new rape crisis service. It is also for professionals such as social workers, medical personnel and police as they seek to develop their understanding and skills in this area. While its focus is on women who have survived rape, it is also relevant for those who work with child and male survivors of rape and survivors of other types of sexual assault.]

The Goddess Within : In Celebration of Womanhood, Love & The Art of Gracious Living / Georgianna Das
Malaysia : The Urbane Academy Pte. Ltd, c2004

202 p.; ill.; 27cm.
983-41811-0-8
\$ 30.00

[In the Goddess Within, Georgianna presents a complete and thorough analysis of the different states, feelings and experiences a woman goes through. She covers all aspects of a women's life from discovering her true self-worth, mastering the complex interpersonal relationships between men, women, parents and children to spirituality, love, lifestyle issues such as entertaining, fashion and beauty. The Goddess Within puts into perspective a nobler aspect of really what it means to be a Successful woman today.

An enlightening book written by Georgianna straight from her heart, revealing her personal stories together with psychological and spiritual insights.]
