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Archaeology

The Wanli Shipwreck and its Ceramic Cargo / Sten Sjostrand and haripah Lok Lok bt. Syed Idrus

Malaysia : Department of Museum Malaysia, Ministry of Culture, Arts and Heritage Malaysia, c2007

360 p. : ill. ; 25 cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index.

967-9935-74-4

1. Shipwrecks-Asia, Southeastern
 2. Underwater archaeology-Asia, Southeastern
- \$ 80.00

[Contents :

Part 1 : Archaeology

Part 2 : Jingdezhen; The Porcelain Centre of the World

Part 3 : Ceramic Catalogue

Part 4 : Endnotes

Part 5 : Appendixes.]

Art

The painted world of Khoo Sui Hoe = Retrospektif - Dunia Seni Catan / Edited by Lee Khai Penang, Malaysia : Penang State Museum and Art gallery, c2007

317 p. : ill. ; 30 cm

978-983-42376-1-5

\$ 90.00

[From Introduction:

There are two main parts to this book. The first part showcases 200 paintings including the 70 selected for the exhibition with the main text written by Lim Chong Keat in the lead and interspersed with articles and reviews on Sui Hoe written by various persons over the years. The last part is a chronological biography put together after many pleasurable hours conserving with Sui Hoe and enlivened with photographs from Sui Hoe's own collection.]

Batik Malaysia : a living heritage / Raja Fuziah bte Raja Tun Uda
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia : PETRONAS, c2007
120 p. : ill. ; 24 cm
Includes Bibliography
978-983-9738-65-0
\$ 30.00

[From Foreword:

Batik Malaysia: A living heritage, we present the evolution of batik as a folk craft threading from past traditions, to modernity, to the nation's branding of cultural identity.

The Loke Legacy: The Photography Collection of Dato' Loke Wan Tho : Balai Seni Lukis
Negara Malaysia, National Art Gallery Malaysia, 19 May 2005 to 7 March 2006
Kuala Lumpur : National Art Gallery Malaysia, 2006
274 p. : ill. ; 30 cm.
Includes Bibliography.
983-9572-97-0
\$ 60.00

[Contents :

1. Foreword
2. Curator's Note
3. Dato'Loke wan Tho
4. The Pictorialism Movement
5. Landscapes
6. Still-Lifes and Studies
7. Portraiture
8. Images from the permanent collection of the National Art Gallery Malaysia
9. Bibliography.]

Malaysian Landscape 2006=Landskap Malaysia / Zakaria Ali
Kuala Lumpur : National Art Gallery Malaysia, c2006
113 p. : ill. ; 20 cm.
983-3497-09-8
\$ 25.00

[Printing landscape in Malaysia is a genre dating back to the early 19th century when visitors like William Westall, Robert Smith, Thomas prinsep, Jliffe, James Wathen and others depict scenes of Penang enshrouded in the yellows and ochre of autumn mists. And the fascination with nature persists to the present, as indicated by nearly 300 pieces of works submitted to the National Art Gallery in response to the call to mount a special exhibition of Malaysian landscape, seen through the eyes of Malaysians, for the KL Festival 2006. The National Art Gallery specifies that the term landscape also means building flora and fauna, historical

sites, activities in the fields of agriculture, industry, culture, arts, and heritage, scenes of traditional pastimes, community self-help, and underwater vignettes.]

Nai Tong 2007

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia : Tew Nai Tong, 2007

100 p. : ill. ; 28 cm

978-983-43380-0-8

\$ 20.00

[Nai Tong's works are representational and he is well known as a figurative artist of the Nanyang Academy. There are, however, surprises along the way, works especially his depiction of the human figures not previously seen are now, shown for the first time.

This book is the most comprehensive study of his works. It has been timed to be available in conjunction with his 70th birthday and the hosting of his Odyssey Exhibition at the National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur in mid-2007.]

Silat Tua : The Malay Dance of Life / Zainal Abidin Shaikh Awab

Kuala Lumpur : Azlan Ghanie (M) Sdn Bhd., c2006

128 p. : ill. ; 23 cm.

Includes References.

978-983-42328-0-1

\$ 18.00

[Silat Tua is training to develop human beings not clones. Thus training in the art reflects all that is natural. Consider the life cycle where the baby at first is weak and totally dependent, then it grows strong and independent as it reaches maturity, and then finally with the onset of old age weakness sets in again.

Thus the Silat trainee starts weak and gains physical strength but this then declines; along the way, however, experience and the use of strategy and tactics compensate for any decline in mere physical strength.

The silat exponent learns to take equal advantage of everything and nothing. The Pandita Guru, the mythical hermit founder of the art wandered the earth with nothing, yet was able to make use of everything in his day to day survival.

The Silat exponent knows that we enter the world with nothing and we leave it with nothing and anything that we appear to possess along the way, in terms of material goods cannot be taken with us.]

Business

Corporate social responsibility : our first look - Integrity / Edited by Mohd Nizam Mohd Ali

Kuala Lumpur : Malaysian Institute of Integrity, c2007

xiv, 128 p. : ill. ; 29 cm

978-983-42266-1-9

1. Social responsibility of business

2. Corporate culture

\$ 25.00

Tiger Prawn industry analysis

Selangor, Malaysia : Federal Agricultural Marketing Authority (FAMA), c2005

36 p. : ill. ; 27 cm

ISSN: 1675-6576

\$ 6.00

The Tuna Industry Analysis

Selangor, Malaysia : Federal Agricultural Marketing Authority (FAMA), Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry, c2005

36 p. ; 30 cm.

\$ 6.00

Good Governance for development : Private sector perspectives Malaysian Institute of Integrity (Including Proceedings of the National Seminar for Private Sector on the National integrity plan "Reinventing the future through good governance") / Edited by Sulaiman Mahbob (et all)

Kuala Lumpur : Malaysian Institute of Integrity, c2006

x, 298 p. : ill. ; 24 cm

983-42504-5-2

1. Corporate governance- Malaysia- Congresses
2. Business ethics- Malaysia- Congresses
3. Social responsibility of business- Malaysia- Congresses

\$ 30.00

[Contents:

Foreword

Introduction

A. Institutional Governance

B. Perspectives from Societal Stakeholders

C. Proceedings of the National seminar for the private sector on the National integrity plan: Reinventing the future through good governance

D. Appendices.]

Services Management in Asia Pacific: Issues and Challenges / Edited by C.Jayachandran (et.all)

Malaysia : Universiti Utara Malaysia, c2007

xxv, 325 p. : ill. ; 23 cm.

978-983-3827-21-3

1. Service industries—Pacific Area

\$ 25.00

[Contents :

Part 1 : Conceptual Understanding of Service Management

Part 2 : Selected Country Perspectives

Part 3 : Industry Case Studies

Part 4 : Trends and Integration.]

Cinema Studies

Puteri Gunung Leading : The Spirit and the Journey / Karen Michaela Tan

Selangor : Enfiniti Productions (M) Sdn Bhd., MPH Group Publishing Sdn Bhd., c2007

152 p. : ill. ; 30 cm.

978-983-3698-62-2

1. Motion pictures, Malay_ Production and Direction Malaysia

\$ 50.00

[Puteri Gunung Ledang-the movie and the musical – were both milestones in Malaysian filmmaking and theatre. Both and inexperienced actors and production crews. yet both triumphed on the back of talent, passion, grit and , occasionally, a touch of luck. Here, members of the casts and crews from both productions share their behind-the-scenes stories to give further depth to both the film and the musical. For those in the entertainment industry, it is hoped that this book will provide insights into the work that goes into productions of this size and quality, so that they may learn from the experience of those who were involved. It is by sharing experiences that Malaysian film and theatre will continue on a course towards bigger and greater things.]

Cookery

A complete guide to Penang Straits Chinese Cuisine – Nonya Flavours / Compiled and edited by Julie Wong

Malaysia : The State Chinese (Penang) Association and Star Publications (M) Bhd., c2003

224 p. : ill. ; 28 cm

983-9512-17-X

\$ 20.00

[In this special volume is a compilation of over 150 original recipes handed down from mother to daughter, or aunt to niece, through several generations. Some of these recipes have never before been published or featured on the menus of nonya restaurants: a few of the recipes are now seldom prepared, even in Straits Chinese homes.

This book is the result of two years of collaboration between the guardian of the Penang Peranakan culture, the State Chinese (Penang) Association and Star Publications (M) Bhd, in an effort to preserve the true flavours of the peninsula's northern nonya cuisine. As it is, some precious recipes have slipped beyond the realm of recall of the oldest nonya on the Island.]

A Taste of Borneo Paradise / Nancy Koh

Malaysia : Percetakan Mutiara MP Sdn. Bhd., 2007

299 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.

983-42390

\$ 45.00

[This book is very much a compilation of my passions- the main ones being food and photography!

Sabah, an off-the-track state very much different from the other parts of Malaysia, is so rich in terms of culture and natural resources! What started out as a fun project quickly turned into an all-consuming passion as I threw myself headlong into the brand new experience of coordinating with award-winning chefs and restaurants to put-together a cookbook that explores all the different cuisine that can be found here!]

Penang Passion : Food and Food tales Penang

Malaysia : Chefs Association, Supported by Tourism Penang, 2007

232 p. : ill. ; 24 cm.

Includes Index.

978-983-42360-0-7

\$ 40.00

[The variety of food available here is so good because it is the cumulative result of a unique blending of culinary delights drawn from the rich cooking cultures of the diverse peoples

who have lived or travelled here, Malays, Chinese, Indians, Europeans, Arabs, etc. It is a fine example of unity in diversity through ingenuity.

True to the tradition of those who love Penang food, Tze and the Chefs, like generations of creative chefs before them, are contributing their knowledge and experience to further enrich the fusion of tastes, smells and textures that makes Penang food such a wonderful experience.]

Economics

Getting a Dial Tone : Telecommunications Liberalisation in Malaysia and the Philippines / Lorraine Carlos Salazar

Singapore : Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 2007

411p. Includes Index

9789812303813

1. Telecommunications – Government Policy – Malaysia
2. Telecommunications – Government Policy – Philippines
3. Privatization – Malaysia
4. De-regulations - Philippines

\$ 29.90

This is a lively, comprehensive and illuminating investigation of telecommunications policy in Malaysia and the Philippines.

Environmental Studies

Sea Cucumbers : A Malaysian Heritage / Ridzwan Hashim

Malaysia : International Islamic University Malaysia, c2007

xxii, 176 p. : ill. ; 22 cm.

Includes References and Index.

978-983-3855-11-7

1. Holothurians--Malaysia
2. Trepang fisheries—Identification

\$ 30.00

[This book also discusses the involvement of sea cucumber and gamat-based industries including suppliers, manufacturers, and distributors in efforts to highlight the benefits of this marine creature as a food source and therapeutic ingredient. The development of such industries will definitely support local fishermen by providing them with extra sources of income apart from creating valuable job opportunities of other groups. The author, who is a consultant for one of the companies involved, also describes some of the difficulties faced by producers. It is the author's hope that this small book will be useful to researchers, related agencies, as well as sea cucumber and gamat producers and manufacturers in a concerted endeavour to develop industries related to this natural marine heritage.]

Medicinal, Herbal, Aromatic, Pesticidal and Poisonous Plants of Asia and Oceania - Biodiversity, Ethnobotany and Pharmacognosy : bibliographic compilation / Shaharudin Saamin

Serdang, Malaysia : University Putra Malaysia Press, 2006

xi, 282 p. ; 24 cm.

Includes Index

983-3455-53-0

1. Medicinal Plants - Asia - Bibliography
2. Medicinal Plants – Oceania – Bibliography

3. Plant diversity - Asia – Bibliography
 4. Plant diversity – Oceania – Bibliography
 5. Ethnobotany – Asia – Bibliography
 6. Ethnobotany – Oceania – Bibliography
 7. Pharmacognosy – Asia – Bibliography
 8. Pharmacognosy – Oceania – Bibliography
- \$ 20.00
-

General

Malaysia's Who's who – Volume I and II

Kuala Lumpur : Kasuya Management Sdn Bhd., 2007

2534 p. ; 27 cm

978-983-9624-05-2

2007 Edition – Released in December 2007

\$ 495.00 (Set)

The Famous Malaysian Autographs – Our Valuable Heritage : Solely For research Purposes / Edited and Compiled by H.T. Arshad

Petaling Jaya : Meoral Publishing House, 2007

ix, 237 p : ill. ; 29 cm.

Includes Index.

\$ 90.00

[Contents :

Insertion of V.I.P. Greetings

Signatures of Famous Personalities A-Z

Index, Idx.]

Take pride in your life! - Includes CD ROM

Malaysia : MPH Group Publishing Sdn Bhd., and PRIDE Foundation, c2007

48 p. : ill. ; 21 m.

978-983-3698-69-1

\$ 5.00

[The programme provided participating cancer patients and survivors the opportunity to bond with the other participants through the sharing of their most intimate experiences on dealing and coping with breast cancer.

The diagnosis of cancer means that life will never be the same again, not for the patient - and not for the family. The first section of the book, Ties That Bind- The family Bond highlights personal, inspiring accounts of how family bonds thrive- and triumph- when challenged by cancer. The Bond with PRIDE section chronicles the participants' personal accounts of their spa sessions where many a life lesson was learnt from the meaningful exchanges.

And finally, the book provides Coping Tips both for the breast cancer patients and for their loved ones to better manage the illness – from holistic aspects encompassing wellness, grooming, financial management and emotional empowerment. Readers will also have an opportunity to experience the PRIDE wellness workshop through an Audio CD, which features motivational speakers including Dato' Dr Haji Fadzilah Kamsha, Rene'e Aziz Ahmad, experts from CIMB Bank and Mary Kay Cosmetics.]

History

Tock Tock Birds : a spider in the web of international terrorism / Tim Hatton Obe
Selangor, Malaysia : Pelanduk Publications (M) Sdn Bhd., c2007

422 p. ; 22 cm.

Includes Index

978-967-978-944-7

967-978-944-6

1. Tim Hatton

2. Police- Malaysia- Biography

\$ 25.00

[Tock Tock Birds is a memoir that chronicles some of the most fascinating periods in post-war history. With a focus on India and South East Asia, this book takes the reader through the end of European colonialism to the earliest days of the new nation states.

Firstly as a young officer with the 9th Gurkha Rifles, then as a high-ranking official in the Colonial police service in Malaya and, subsequently, as the Director of Malaya's Intelligence Service, Tim Hatton was ideally placed to witness and take part in some of the most dramatic and colourful events of the last days of empire. At the age of 22 he commanded a company of Gurkhas which escorted a caravan of 100,000 non-militant Muslims, with all their animals and possessions, traveling on food and in strict purdah from India to Pakistan during the aftermath of India's Partition.]

The Chinese in Penang : A Pictorial History / Tan Kim Hong

Malaysia : Areca Books, 2007

235 p. : ill. ; 28 cm.

Includes Bibliography.

978-983-42834-7-6

1. Chinese- Pulau Pinang—History—Pictorial works

\$ 55.00

[Spanning over two hundred years, his illustrated history describes the early immigration and population growth, social organisations, economic activities, political orientation, schools and education, as well as religious life of the Chinese in Penang, Malaysia. The book contains around 700 illustrations, including vintage photographs, epigraphic materials, historical documents and maps, making it a visual feast for those interested in the history of the Chinese overseas.]

Early Kuantan In Pictures 1903-1963 / Chan Meng Sing

Malaysia : Chan Chew Photo Studio, 2007

299 p. : ill. ; 29 cm.

978-983-43645-0-2

\$ 75.00

Reminiscences : Recollections of Sarawak Administrative Service Officers / Edited by James U.H. Chin

Selangor : Pelanduk Publications (M) Sdn Bhd., c2007

335 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.

Includes Maps and Index.

978-967-978-943-0

1. Civil service—Sarawak
 2. Public administration—Sarawak
 3. Sarawak—Officials and employees
- \$ 35.00

[This book is about the first hand experiences of Sarawak Administrative Officers who served during the transition period, that is, the period from colonial rule to the formation of Malaysia in the 1960s. This was an important period for the civil service in Sarawak as they had to adjust to new political masters and reality, while at the same time, maintain the special characteristics of the Sarawak Administrative Service established during the Brooke period. The 1960s not only saw the political turbulence in the whole region but the advent of political parties in Sarawak, the formation of Malaysia, the challenge from the communist movement and Indonesian opposition to the formation of the Malaysian Federation gave these front-line officers experiences that are unique in Sarawak's modern history. In addition they had to deal with travels in inaccessible interiors, lives of Sarawak's indigenous people, their education, their customs and cultures, their entertainment, elections in remote areas, and the ever-changing scene of development.]

The Big Durian - DVD / Movie directed by Amir Muhammed
Malaysia : Doghouse 73 Production Presents, 2003
Producer : James Lee
\$ 8.00

On the night of 18 October 1987, a soldier ran amok with an M16 in the area of Chow Kit, Kuala Lumpur. Due to the thorny circumstances of the time and place, his amok triggered a citywide panic and rumours of racial riots. Why did he do it? Why were Malaysians so jittery at the time? And what happened next? "The Big Durian" speaks to 23 Malaysians (some real, some fictional) to find out.

The Last Communist - Lelaki Komunis Terakhir - DVD (Film) / Movie directed by Amir Muhammed
Malaysia : Red Films and Amir Muhammed Production, 2006
\$ 8.00

A semi-musical documentary inspired by the early life and legacy of Chin Peng, exiled leader of the banned Communist Party of Malaya. Interviews with the people in the towns he lived in from birth to national independence are interspersed with specially composed songs in the mould of old-fashioned propaganda films.

At the Helm
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia : University of Malaya, 2007
503 p. : ill. ; 31 cm
Includes Index
978-983-100-301-5
\$ 75.00

History of the University of Malaya and its various faculties

Tsunami-grief beyond tears : blessing behind the angry waves / notes on a humanitarian journey in Aceh, Indonesia and north Malaysia by Mohamed Hatta Shaharom
Kuala Lumpur : Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka, c2006
316 p. : ill. ; 28 cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index
983-62-9060-5

\$ 50.00

[The seabed earthquake-spawned tsunami of 26 December 2004 devastated coastal settlements of a dozen Indian Ocean rim countries.

In Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam (on the Northern tip of the Indonesian island of Sumatera) alone, this natural catastrophe took the lives of about 200,000 Acehnese, displaced another 400,000 of their surviving relatives and neighbours, and made orphans out of the tens of thousands of surviving children.

This is the writer's personal account of the 2004-2005 post-tsunami Pertubuhan Jamaah Islah Malaysia (JIM) and MERCY Malaysia humanitarian missions in north Malaysia and Aceh, Indonesia.

He acknowledges the contributions of anonymous unsung heroes who came to the fore in times of need.]

Samy Vellu, as we know him / Chitra Vasu

Selangor, Malaysia : MPH Group Publishing Sdn Bhd., c2007

299 p. : ill. ; 25 cm.

978-983-3698-63-9

983-3698-63-8

1. Samy Vellu, Dato'Seri, 1936

2. Politicians- Malaysia

3. Cabinet officers- Malaysia

\$ 65.00

[Samy Vellu, as we know him is a compilation of interesting and, in some cases, amusing anecdotes related by 97 people whose lives Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu has touched in his capacity as a respected family member, a close friend or associate, an outstanding politician and president of the Malaysian Indian Congress (MIC), an endearing Member of Parliament, an efficient Minister of Works, an able administrator and boss, a staunch advocate of education, a tireless social worker and as a helpful and supportive individual.]

The Kristangs of Tye sin street / Tony Danker

Malaysia : [S.N],

ii, 21 p. : ill. ; 22 cm

\$ 10.00

A banking thoroughbred : Tan Sri Teh / Datuk Paddy Bowie

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia : Public Bank Berhad, Menara Public Bank, c2006

439 p. : ill. ; 24 cm.

983-99722-5-1

\$ 25.00

[This book traces the eventful 40 year financial Odyssey of this Malaysian Ulysses on his unremitting quest for excellence. It set sail in what was a defining moment for Malaysia. Merdeka was less than a decade old. Economic emancipation had still to be won in which institution building would play its part to bolster the budding domestic economy.

Tan Sri Teh was quick to identify his niche. Focus was always his strong point. In this case retail banking. Up against the established and formidable foreign giants he targeted the man in the street- customers from all walks of life not just the traditional middle class elite. And he developed a superlative service ethos.]

Nanyang : the lure of the southern ocean to lands of opportunity and danger / Khoo Kheng-Hor

Selangor, Malaysia : Pelanduk Publications (M) Sdn, Bhd., c2007
462 p. ; 20 cm
978-967-978-948-5
\$ 18.00

[In this absorbing historical saga, Khoo weaves an engaging tale linking the multi-racial peoples who inhabit the two countries: the orang asli (i.e. the aborigines), the people from various parts of Southeast Asia collectively known as the Malays, the Chinese (migrants and Straits- born Peranakan), the Indians, and of course, the Eurasians, descendants of inter-marriages of the natives and the Europeans, Such as the early Portuguese who came to colonize the wealthy Malacca Sultanate, before being chased out by the Dutch, who in turn were outmaneuvered by the British, who thereafter systematically colonized the land to be known as British Malaya and the Crown Colony of Singapore until they too were driven out by the invading Japanese.]

Days gone by : growing up in Penang / Christine Wu Ramsay
Revised edition (Originally published by Macmillan Art Publishing, a division of Palgrave Macmillan, Macmillan Publishers Australia, 2003)
Penang, Malaysia : Areca Books, c2007
175 p. : ill. ; 25 cm.
978-983-42834-6-9
1. Wu Ramsay, Christine- Family
2. Chinese- Pulau Pinang- Genealogy
\$ 25.00

Law

Sales and Contracts in Early Islamic Commercial Law / Abdullah Alwi Haji Hassan
Kuala Lumpur : The Other Press Sdn Bhd., c2007
xvii, 297 p. ; 22 cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index.
978-983-9541-56-4
\$ 25.00

[The time now seems to have come for the Muslim ummah-apart from developing Islamic frameworks for the political life-to turn to the urgent task of developing Islamic models for business and economy. For this the Islamic tradition is sufficiently rich to respond to the requirements of the time. In the present book, the author examines the business practices obtaining in the early period of Islam and highlights the legal principles which emerge therefrom. The subject is approached from the perspective of history, economics, law, market management, religion and ethics.]

Shar'iah Standard of Business Contract / Mohd. Ma'sum Billah
Kuala Lumpur : A.S. Noordeen, c2006
xvi, 155 p. ; 22 cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index.
983-065-189-4
1. Contracts (Shari'ah)
2. Business-Shari'ah aspects -Islam
\$ 10.00

[Contents :
Chapter 1 : Shari'ah Standard of Business Contract

Chapter 2 : Classifications of Business Contract
Chapter 3 : Elements of Business Contract
Chapter 4 : Remedies For Breach of Business Contract.]

In Service of the law : Simplicity and Greatness: Tun Suffian's Legacy / Salleh Buang
Kuala Lumpur : Tun Suffian Foundation Incorporated, c2007

xxxiv, 402 p. : ill. ; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

978-983-43530-0-1

1. Mohamed Suffian bin Hashim, Tun, 1917-2000—Contribution in Law

2. Judges—Malaysia

3. Law—Malaysia—History

\$ 35.00

[This book, published in honour of the late Tun Suffian, and written by well-known author and columnist Prof. Salleh Buang (with two other individuals contributing their respective chapters) is the first major publication commissioned by the Tun Suffian Foundation. Although the opening and closing chapters of the book focused on the life, contributions and legacy of the late Tun Suffian, this publication is not intended to be a biography of this man, born a kampong boy in Perak but who later quickly rose to greatness and left his indelible mark on the nation. Whilst the reader will catch glimpses of the life and times of the former Lord President as he climbed the ladder of judiciary and continued to serve the nation in so many ways, he will also get insight into the development of Malaysian law through these decades until the present day.]

Issues in Law and Syariah : Islamic Science University of Malaysia / Edited by Nik Salida Suhaila Nik Saleh (et.all)

Malaysia : Penerbit USIM (Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia), c2007

ii, 179 p. ; 23 cm.

978-983-2950-51-6

1. Islamic law--Malaysia

2. Islam and state—Malaysia

\$ 15.00

[This book is part of USIM's effort towards enriching studies on legal issues. The subject of Laws and Syariah and its comparative studies has grown in importance in recent years and the main emphasis of this book is both on the local and global atmosphere. This book is a good reference for those who like to know more about Malaysian legal issues as it consists of relevant sources, case laws and selected historical points pertaining to this study.

The English section in this book contains articles Islam Across Legal Science, Law As An Instrument And Roles of Women In Societal Change, Legal Protection of Children's Rights Across The Age: An Overview In Malaysia, Legal Effect of Conversion To Islam: An Experience From Malaysian Court, Islamic Perspective on the competition law and policy and towards Global implementation of the Islamic Letter of Credit in International Trade.

The Malay section presents Kontrak Ar-Rahnu: Implementasinya Dalam Sistem Kewangan Di Malaysia, Harta Haram Dan Syubhat: Isu-Isu Mua-malat Kontemporari and Nusyuz dan Talak: Pendekatan Islam Ke Arah Penyelesaiannya.]

Literature

News from home / Chua Kok Yee (et all)

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia : Silverfish Books, c2007
237 p. ; 22 cm.
978-983-3221-19-6
\$ 15.00

[Table of Contents:
Book 1- Chua Kok Yee
Book 2- Shih-Li Kow
Book 3- Rumaizah Abu Bakar]
Collection of Short Stories of the above authors.

The seafaring Beggar and Other Tales / Yahiya Emerick
Kuala Lumpur : A.S. Noordeen, c2007
v, 105 p. : ill. ; 19 cm.
978-983-065-247-4
\$ 6.00

[A collection of thought-provoking fiction stories whose themes are relevant to Muslim teens in this society. Short stories, poems and prose make this a well-rounded book to entertain and teach every reader. The living example of Islam seems to leap from the page! Many of these selections have been featured in Young Muslims Magazine, The Message Magazine and others.

Selections include: Black Feather Finds His Lord, The Briefcase, Scared, The Ramadan Song, Salvation for Certain, Aslama, Hollow, Tea, The Seeker, How I came to Islam, Whom He will, etc...]

Short Sufi Stories / Mohamad Yashin Owadally
Kuala Lumpur : A.S. Noordeen, c2007
viii, 80 p. : ill. ; 19 cm.
978-983-065-243-6
\$ 5.00

Akayet Inra Patra (Hikayat Inra Patra = Epopée Inra Patra) / Po Dharma, G. Moussay, Abdul Karim
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia : Perpustakaan Negara Malaysia, Ecole Française d'Extrême Orient (EFE), c1997
187 p. ; 23 cm.
Koleksi Manuskrip Melayu Campa = Collection Des Manuscripts Cam No. 1
967-931-075-2
1. Malay literature
2. Cham literature 3. Manuscripts, Cham
\$ 15.00

Akayet Dowa Mano (Hikayat Dowa Mano = Epopée Dowa Mano) / Po Dharma, G. Moussay, Abdul Karim
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia : Perpustakaan Negara Malaysia, Ecole Française d'Extrême Orient (EFE), c1998
215 p. ; 22 cm
Koleksi Manuskrip Melayu Campa = Collection Des Manuscripts Cam No. 2
967-931-089-2
1. Malay Literature
2. Cham Literature
3. Manuscripts, Cham

In Malay & French
\$ 10.00

Official Publications

Time Series Data Population and Housing Census, 1911-2000 = Data Siri Masa Banci Penduduk dan Perumahan, 1911-2000

Putrajaya : Department of Statistics, Malaysia, 2006

xvii, 57 p. : ill. ; 16 cm.

Includes Bibliography.

983-9044-29-X

\$ 5.00

[From Preface :

This Publication " Time Series Population and Housing Census, 1911-2000" is the first time series data produced by the Department of Statistics. The aim is to provide users with time series data from year 1911 to 2000. Data in this handbook is compiled from previous census publications and are presented in tables and charts to provide quick reference to users.]

Import and Export Trade in Food and Agricultural Products Malaysia 2004 = Perdagangan Import dan Eksport Makanan dan Hasil Pertanian 2004

Malaysia : Ministry of Agriculture and Agro - based Industry Malaysia, Kementerian pertanian Dan Industri Asas Tani Malaysia, 2007

xxiv, 294 p. ; 20 cm.

ISSN : 0127-2926

\$ 10.00

Labour Force Survey Report 2006 = Laporan Penyiasatan Tenaga Buruh

Putrajaya : Department of Statistics, Malaysia, 2007

xxix, 318 p. ; 29 cm.

ISSN : 0128-0503

\$ 15.00

[The Labour Force Survey Report, Malaysia, 2006, presents the annual data on characteristics of labour force, unemployment and the structure of employment based on a monthly survey conducted by the Department of Statistics, Malaysia.

Information obtained from the labour Force Survey provide input for analysing the labour market situation and for formulating, implementing and monitoring the policies and programmes related to human resource development.

The report also include information on employment and labour force at state levels.]

Vital Statistics Malaysia Special Edition (2001-2006) = Perangkaan Penting Malaysia Edisi Khas (2001-2006)

Putrajaya : Department of Statistics, Malaysia, 2006

lvii, 503 p. ; 23 cm.

ISSN : 0127-466X

\$ 40.00

[The Vital Statistics, Malaysia, Special Edition, 2001-2006 presents population estimates and statistics on births and deaths for the years 2001 – 2006 at both state and administrative district levels. The data for 2000-2004 are final whereas data for the years 2005 and 2006 are preliminary estimates. The demographic indicators, such as birth, death and fertility rates are also included in this publication. The Population estimates used in the calculation of these indicators is based on the 2000 Population and Housing Census, which had been adjusted for under-enumeration. Selected tables by ethnic group, age and sex are also presented.]

Malaysia Census of Establishments and Enterprises 2005 : Profile of Small and Medium Enterprises = Banci Pertubuhan Dan Enterpris 2005 : Profil Enterpris Kecil Dan Sederhana Malaysia : Department of Statistics, 2007

v. ; 29 cm.
978-983-9044-31-7
\$ 40.00

[This report provides of the micro, small and medium enterprises in Malaysia obtained from a baseline Census of Establishments and Enterprises conducted by the Department of Statistics in 2005. The Census covered all establishments and entrepreneurs identified in the three main sectors of the economy – manufacturing, services and agriculture. A preliminary report was released in April 2006.

This publication presents final data of all the three sectors obtained from the completed responses of 552,804 establishments to the Census. Data on output, value added and employment of SMEs in the three sectors for reference year 2003 are presented in this report. Financing which focuses on sources of financing and type of credit facilities are also highlighted.]

Malaysia National Budget 2008

24th edition
Kuala Lumpur : MDC Publishers Sdn Bhd., 2008
67 p. ; 23 cm
967-70-1084-0
\$ 10.00

Buku Maklumat Perangkaan Malaysia = Statistics Handbook 2007

Malaysia : Department of Statistics, 2007

xx, 82 p. : ill. ; 14 cm.

Includes Maps

ISSN : 0127-4643

\$ 5.00

Statistics Malaysia – Journal of the Department of Statistics, Malaysia – Volume 1, 2007

Malaysia : Department of Statistics, Journal Statistics Malaysia, c2007

96 p. ; 21 cm.

ISSN: 1823-1667

\$ 9.00

[Contents:

SMEs : Building Blocks for economic Growth / Normah Mohd Aris

GDP Estimates : Timeliness and Acceptability Considerations / Aziz@Fikry Mohammad

Moving Holiday effects Adjustment for Malaysian Economic Time Series / Norhayati Shuja', Mohd Alias Lazim, and Yap Bee Wah

Malaysia Population Census: Review of Enumeration Strategies and Topics / Abdul Rahman Hasan and Norfariza Hanim Kasim
Age Reporting Behaviour: A case study of 1991 and 2000 Population and Housing Censuses, Malaysia / Abd, Latib Talib, Mohd Sofi Ali, Marlina Sahul Harnid and Khamsiah Mohd Zin.
Abstracts of the National Statistics Conference 2006.]

Politics

Malaysian Politicians Say the Darndest Things – Vol 1 / Compiled by Amir Muhammad
Kuala Lumpur : Matahari Books, c2007
115 p. : ill. ; 21 cm
978-983-43596-0-7
1. Politicians- Malaysia- Quotations, maxims, etc.
\$ 15.00

[The species called the Malaysian politician often gets in the news but sometimes not for the right reasons. Malaysian Politicians Say the Darndest Things is a collection of over 100 quotes that span almost three decades. There are things that make you go hmmm, things that make you go gaga, and things that give a refreshingly pithy introduction to several issues of their time. It is a jaunty stroll through contemporary Malaysian culture, society and (of course) politics. We are sure there is more to come, which is why this is only Vol. 1]

Asia pacific Security : Imperatives for Co-operation (Papers presented at the 19th Asia – Pacific Roundtable, 31 May- 3 June, 2005 Kuala Lumpur) / Edited by Stephen Leong
Kuala Lumpur : ISIS Malaysia, c2006
xviii, 462 p. ; 22 cm.
Includes References.
967-947-291-4
\$ 45.00

[Two decades since its inception, The Asia pacific Roundtable, continues to bring together the region's scholars, think tank researchers, policy practitioners and representatives of people's organisations, to interact, and to exchange views on current security issues, and thus contribute to the valuable discourse on regional security in the Asia pacific. This volume contains selected papers from those that were presented at the 19th Asia pacific Roundtable, 2005.]

Mad about Malaysia / Dean Johns
Selangor, Malaysia : Strategic Information and Research Development Centre, c2007
233 p. ; 23 cm.
978-983-3782-29-1
1. Malaysia- Politics and government- Miscellanea
2. Malaysia- social Conditions- Miscellanea
\$ 12.00

[From Forward:
Mad about Malaysia reflects a commitment and it comes delightfully packaged with a style of writing that- trust as- will make you smile, laugh, sigh, curse or roll your eyes up as you go along. This is a book to be read once and taken out again at regular intervals by all those who wish to reminiscence, regret, rejoice and celebrate together with that curious species known as Malaysians.]

Peace in the Pacific : Confronting the Issues / Edited by Stephen Leong
Kuala Lumpur : ISISI Malaysia, c2007
xxi, 602 p. ; ill. ; 23 cm.
978-967-947-292-9
\$ 45.00

[This volume encompasses selected papers from the 20th Asia Pacific Roundtable conference that took place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from May 29 to June 1, 2006. The Roundtable series had its first conference in 1987. The year 2006 saw the 20th anniversary of the conference.]

Rethinking ethnicity and nation-Building : Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Fiji in comparative perspective / Edited by Abdul Rahman Embong
Malaysia : Persatuan Sains Sosial Malaysia, 2007
277 p. ; 23 cm
Includes Index
978-983-43647-4-8 (HB)
978-983-43647-3-1 (PB)
1. Ethnicity- Sri Lanka 2. Ethnicity- Fiji 3. Ethnicity- Malaysia
4. Group identity- Sri Lanka 5. Group identity- Fiji 6. Group identity- Malaysia
7. Sri Lanka- Social Conditions 8. Fiji- Social Conditions 9. Malaysia- Social Conditions
\$ 39.95 (HB)
\$ 29.95 (PB)

[This book reflects the different standpoints and analyses of the contribution regarding ethnicity and nation-building in the three countries. Coming from different theoretical perspectives and ideological persuasions, such diversity of views is to be expected, more so given the complexity of the problem under study as well as the debates surrounding it. But, one thing is common. The contributors all recognize that ethnic diversity has to be managed with care and sensitivity, and that appropriate institutions, approaches, policies and programmes need to be put in place to ensure that a workable and more durable relationship between the ethnic groups can be realized. As policies are essentially "active technologies of power", this book shows that the politicization of ethnicity has turned different ethnic groups against each other. The solution thus lies in efforts that on one hand, accord due respect to the people's specific histories and cultures, and on the other, work towards de-politicising ethnicity. This can be done by emphasizing a shared vision of the future, and approaches and policies that regard as people rather than by looking at them based on their origin, colour and creed.]

Voices from Moro Land : Perspectives from Stakeholders and Observers on the Conflict in the Southern Philippines / Edited by Peter Kreuzer and Rainer Werning
Selangor, Malaysia : Strategic Information and Research Development Centre, c2007
xxiii, 218 p. : ill. ; 23 cm.
978-983-3782-36-9 (HB)
978-983-3782-33-8 (PB)
1. Moro National Liberation Front
2. Muslims- Philippines- Mindanao Island
3. Mindanao Island (Philippines)- History- Autonomy and independence movements
\$ 35.00

[This book showcases analysis by the major stakeholders themselves, including politicians, advisers, and members of the traditional elite and intelligentsia. Covering aspects as diverse

as the roots of the conflict, economic development, and the various peace agreements, each chapter contains valuable insights to anyone interested in a fair outcome for the Bangsamoro. In addition, the editors, longtime scholars of Mindanao, provide 'outsider' pieces on the German media's distorting reports on the Abu Sayyaf kidnappings and an peace-building initiatives in Mindanao.

An important compilation, this volume is essential reading for policymakers, researchers, journalists, and academics wishing to understand the struggles of the Moro peoples and their hopes for peace, justice and economic development.]

Religion – Islam

Muslim Youth Speak : Voices of Today's young Muslims / Edited by Yahiya Emerick

Kuala Lumpur : A.S. Noordeen, c2007

xix, 122 p. ; 18 cm.

978-983-065-246-7

\$ 8.00

Management from Islamic Perspective : Principles and Practices / Khaliq Ahmad

2nd edition

Kuala Lumpur : Research Centre, International Islamic University, c2007

xxiii, 414 p. ; 23 cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index

978-983-3855-15-5

1. Islam—Economic aspects

2. Islam—Management aspects

3. Management—Religious aspects

\$ 15.00

[The book discusses basic and general principles of management: planning, organizing, leading, controlling and other contemporary management issues from the Islamic perspective for the benefit of business administration students. Those who have some interest in practicing management that is laden with Islamic values will also find this book interesting for them. Islamic perspective of management, as an emerging discipline based on Muslim cultural mould, may be a catalyst to changing management horizons and acculturate Muslims worldwide by offering another dimension to the existing approaches to management. This book will help to fill the present void in research and developing knowledge of management issues in Islam. The author, therefore, has presented its materials for paving the way to more future academic research on management from the Islamic perspective.]

Towards deeper understanding of Al-Qur'an / Ferdouse Khan

New revised edition (2nd edition on 2001 by Dhaka Mission)

Kuala Lumpur : A.S. Noordeen, 2007

viii, 175 p. ; 22 cm.

978-983-065-248-1

\$ 10.00

[Contents:

Section A- Newer interpretation of some quranic verses

Section B- Consideration of a few questions of grave importance

Section C- Al-qur'an and science

Section D- Qur'anic law of inheritance]

Readings in Islamic Economics and Finance / Edited by Nur Azura Sanusi (et.all)
Sintok, Malaysia : Universiti Utara Malaysia Press, c2007
xii, 198 p. : ill. ; 24 cm.
978-983-3827-20-6

1. Finance—Religious aspects--Islam
 2. Islam—Economic aspects
- \$ 25.00

[Readings in Islamic Economics and Finance is a compilation on papers presented at the Seminar Ekonomi dan Kewangan Islam held at ESSET Bangi, Selangor, in August 2005. Although a good 56 papers were presented at the seminar, only a handful, which displayed originality, was selected. The book addressed issues in such areas as Islamic fiqh, Islamic banking and Islamic capital market. More specifically, this book begins with an introduction of fiqh concept. Part 11 deals with aspects of Islamic banking, part 111 deals with Islamic capital market and part IV deals with the other important issues related to the Islamic economics and finances. All the issues discussed in the books, although recently been intensively addressed but still not adequate in economic literature. This book is useful for students, academicians, development and finance specialist, and others who are interested in Islamic economic thought.]

The Islamic concept of Animal Slaughter / Edited by Qazi Mujahidul Islam Qasmi
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia : A.S. Noordeen, 2007
x, 69 p. ; 19 cm.
978-983-065-240-5
\$ 4.00

[The Islamic Concept of Animal Slaughter' deals with some of the mind boggling issues created by food processing technology, mechanical slaughtering and other modern concepts, entailed from the emergence of global society on the one hand and on the other hand advancement in the field of science and technology. Five Chapters and one appendix containing Resolution of the 9th Fiqh Seminar on the issue follow the Forward and brief introduction of the book. These chapters are 'The Slaughtering Process', 'Recitation of Basmalah', 'Stunning Before Slaughter' and 'Slaughter by Machines'.]

What is Al-Quran : An Exposition for Non-Muslims / Md. Ferdouse Khan
New revised edition (First Published by Dhaka Ahsania Mission Publication 1992)
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia : A.S. Noordeen, 2005
vi, 213 p. ; 23 cm.
983-065-206-8
1. Koran- Translating
2. Koran- Hermeneutics
\$ 9.00

The Development of Economics and Muamalat Practices / Edited by Nik Salida Suhaila Nik Saleh
Malaysia : Penerbit USIM, Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM), c2007
ii, 155 p. ; 23 cm
978-983-2950-45-5
1. Things (Islamic law)
2. Economics- Religious aspect- Islam
3. Banks and banking- Religious aspects- Islam
\$ 20.00

Islam, Islamization and Democratization : Challenges and Prospects / Norani Othman
Bangi : Institut Kajian Malaysia dan Antarabangsa, 2007
37 p. ; 21 cm.
978-983-43443-1-3
1. Islam and Politics
2. Islam and State
\$ 5.00

[Dominant patterns of Islamic thought and the widely prevailing practices of Muslim governance and statehood, as well as popular religious education and training, do not inspire any great confidence in the inclination or sensitivity of most mainstream Muslims and the dominant institutions of contemporary Islamic states and societies towards the prerequisites and processes of democratization. However, by taking Malaysia as a case study and example, this lecture hopes to show that there are nonetheless some prospects for the democratization of Muslim societies such as these in today's world, or at least some of them. Nevertheless, but that such a development is only possible under certain religious and institutional prerequisites. These include the pursuit of, and achieving, an internal or Muslim cultural and intellectual renewal, education reform particularly religious schools and higher education, and a basic shift in the Muslim worldview enabling Muslims to come to terms with their own civilizational heritage. In this rethinking and democratic renovation of Islamic civilization Muslim women and the movements of Islamic feminism have an important role to play.]

Islamic Financial System / Sudin Haron (et.all)
Petaling Jaya, Malaysia : Insight Network Sdn Bhd., c2007
346 p. : ill. ; 23 cm.
Includes References, Bibliography and Index.
978-983-43478-1-9
1. Finance-Religious aspects-Islam
2. Banks and banking-Religious aspects—Islam
3. Finance—Islamic countries.
\$ 45.00

[The book's 15 detailed chapters comprise an assessment of Islamic finance and its role in the global financial system, an overview of the sources and uses of Islamic funds and the specific practicalities related to Takaful and Islamic wealth management. The book also discusses recent trends and developments, along with emerging issues that will influence the future of Islamic finance. The concluding chapter discusses the challenges faced by the sector and how these might be addressed.
This book is the most comprehensive and practical guide to Islamic finance currently available and is indispensable reading for anyone seeking to benefit from Islamic financial system.]

The Book of a Great Sahabi – Sa'ad Ibn Abi Waqqas (r.a) and Muslims in China / Mohamad Ysin Owadally
Kuala Lumpur : A.S. Noordeen, c2006
x, 107 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.
983-065-223-8

\$ 9.00

[Muslim and Chinese historians have proved that Sa'ad (r.a) came to China for the propagation of Islam under the instruction of the Prophet (s.a.w) more than 1300 years ago; while others say he came to China during the Caliphate of Uthman (r.a). They point out to his blessed grave in Guangzhou. Sa'ad (r.a) built the first Chinese Mosque famous by the name Huaisheng Mosque. Miraculous things are seen at his grave Guangzhou. Ming T'ai Tsu (founder of Ming dynasty) was a Muslim. He composed a hundred words of praise to Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w), which may still be found inscribed in the main mosque in Nanking. Ibn Battuta writes a lot on China during his visit there in the 13th century.

In Kung fu the Muslim Hui excelled and contributed the seminal Northern styles. many Kung-fu Masters have emerged from among the Hui (Muslim) people, famous not only for their combat skill and for having created many schools of Wushu which have remained popular until now! Ma Xianda the famous Muslim Wushu master coached the famous fighter and actor Jet Li. Dynamic art such as Ali's stick or the swords' techniques known as 'Sulaiman's sword' and 'Quran's sword' are among the many arts founded by the Chinese Muslims.]

Understanding Islam : Contemporary Discourse / Kamar Oniah Kamaruzaman
Kuala Lumpur : Saba Islamic Media, 2007
xi, 444 p. : ill. ; 22 cm.
Includes Bibliography.
978-983-3617-99-9
\$ 20.00

NIQAAB : A Seal on the Debate / Kamillah Khan
Kuala Lumpur : Dar Al Wahi Publication, (Distributor by A.S. Noordeen), c2008
105 p. ; 21 cm.
Includes References.
978-983-43614-0-2
1. Muslim women-Clothing
2. Clothing and dress-Religious aspects-Islam
\$ 6.00

[NIQAAB: A Seal on the Debate-the author has brought together the collective evidences from the books of Hadith in discussing the dress code of the Muslimah. The book brings to light the meaning of Khimar, Jilbaab, Hijaab and Niqaab and describes their various attributes after teasing them out from the ambiguous word 'veil', which they have all been translated into the English language. The book also clarifies the differences in dress code between the wives of the Prophet and the Muslim women and explains how incorrect rulings and opinions have been promoted. The author has shown the true position of the Niqaab in Islam and describe in rich detail the true obligatory dress code of the Muslimah.]

Salman The Persian : A short story of his life by sayed A. A Razwy / Salman El-Farsi
Kuala Lumpur : A.S. Noordeen, c2006
v, 105 p. ; 21 cm.
Includes Bibliography.
978-983-065-525-8
\$ 6.00

[Salman's story is an integral part of the devotional and inspirational heritage of Islam, and it's a poignant study of the manner in which he demonstrated the application of the

principles of Islam to his personal and public life. He was a witness, par excellence of the Truth and Sublimity of those principles. He also made a rich and a most compelling contribution to the story of the religious perception and experience of all mankind.]

Islamic Finance : The Challenges Ahead / Edited by Nafis Alam
Serdang, Malaysia : Universiti Putra Malaysia Press, c2007
viii, 208 p. ; 24 cm.
Includes Index.
978-983-3455-82-9
1. Banks and banking-Religious aspects—Islam--Congresses
2. Finance—Religious aspects—Islam—Congresses
\$ 25.00

[Islamic Finance: The Challenges Ahead is a collection of articles outlining Islamic challenges in Malaysia and around the region. These articles were initially presented at the 3rd International Islamic Banking and Finance Conference (2005) in Kuala Lumpur. They were carefully selected for their quality and originality. The book provides readers with new and contrasting views of challenges currently facing Islamic financial institutions. It can serve as a god text for students and practitioners of Islamic finance. It is designed primarily as a reference book. Researchers will no doubt find it very useful especially those chapters that provide up to date data on Islamic finance, which is so scanty and difficult to obtain. The book also provides a unique opportunity for readers to not only comprehend Islamic finance but also to understand and how its future looks like and what role it would play in the global financial market.]

Beautiful Names of Allah : In the Bible / Compiled by Syed Mohammed Mohiuddin Habeebi
Kuala Lumpur : A.S. Noordeen, c2007
xii, 77 p. : ill. ; 19 cm.
Includes References.
983-065-216-5
\$ 4.00

Wonders of the Heart / Al-Ghazali
Kuala Lumpur : Islamic Book Trust, c2007
xxxii, 192 p. ; 21 cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index.
978-967-5062-00-1
\$ 15.00

[This is the twenty first book of the third quarter of al-Ghazali's Ihya Ulum al-Din. The term heart has a position in the vocabulary of Muslim religious teachers and in that of the philosophers. The term is used in Islam for the seat of intellectual and emotional life. In this treatise al-Ghazali unravels in wonders and secrets, achieving his desired end-to lead man to the good life.]

Sociology

Employability of Islamic studies Graduates in Malaysia / Mohammad Haji Alias (et all)
Malaysia : Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia, c2007
110 p. ; 23 cm
Includes Bibliography
978-983-2950-44-8

1. Graduate Students- Malaysia
 2. Employability- Malaysia
- \$ 10.00

[This book reports the findings of a research on graduate employability of Islamic studies graduates from local universities viz, UKM, UIAM and UM which offer Islamic studies programs. The sample consisted of graduates who completed their studies programs. The sample consisted of graduates who completed their studies at the end of 1999/2000 academic session and received their degrees in 2000. The study sought information on the key skills that have been given or transferred to the graduates during the course of their studies in their respective universities. From the findings, unemployed Islamic studies graduates in the sample chosen were, by their own assessment, lacking in many of the soft skills such as communication skill, English proficiency skill, interviewing and ICT skills. As a comparison, employed Islamic studies graduates in the sample chosen listed in order of importance academic achievement, communication skills, English proficiency skills, Self confidence and field of study as the major factors influencing employability.]

Divinity and Diversity : A Hindu Revitalization Movement in Malaysia / Alexandra Kent
Singapore : Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 2007
First Published in Hardback in 2004 by Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, Denmark
NIAS Monographs, 98
212p.
Includes Index
9789812307408 (PB)
\$ 19.90

This book looks closely at the Malaysian Following of the contemporary Indian godman, Sathya Sai Baba, a neo-Hindu guru famed for his miracle-working. The '911' attacks on the United States and subsequent 'war on Terrorism' have brought a discussion of transnational 'religious' networks onto centre stage. While the Sai Baba Movement has no militaristic Ideology, it may – like any other such movement – ultimately call into question the sovereignty of the nation state. Today, then, issues of faith and devotion are more urgent than ever in the interfaces between diverse world-views, not only at local and national levels but, increasingly, at the global level as well.

Social Science and Malaysian National Development (Proceedings of the national Seminar "Social Science and Malaysian national Development" held in Putrajaya, Malaysia on 21-22 November 2006) / Edited by Abdul Rahman Embong
Selangor : Malaysian Social Science Association, Persatuan Sains Sosial Malaysia, 2007
269 p. ; ill. ; 22 cm.
Includes Index.
978-983-43647-0-0
1. Social sciences—Malaysia--congresses
2. Social institutions—Malaysia—congresses
3. Sex discrimination—Malaysia—Congresses
4. Malaysia—Social—Policy—Congresses
\$ 15.00

The Initiative for the Formation of a Malaysian Interfaith Commission – A Documentation / Edited by Hadi Abdullah
Kuala Lumpur : Konrad Adenauer Foundation, 2007
x, 464 p. ; 23 cm.
978-983-42009-6-1

\$ 20.00

Women's Studies

Unveiling the ideal : a new look at early Muslim women / Shayan Afzal Khan
Selangor, Malaysia : Sisters in Islam, c2007
xxix, 269 p. ; 23 cm.
983-2622-22-0

1. Women in Islam- History
2. Muslim women- History
3. Women- Religious Aspects- Islam

\$ 15.00

[This book revisits the lives of prominent women who lived at the time of Prophet and the ensuring period. Beyond being mothers, wives and pious Muslims, they were also active in every sphere of community life, from the battlefields to the marketplaces, from the political arena to the highest levels of counsel. Be peeling away the traditional versions of women's lives that have been highlighted by Muslim historians and religious teachers, this book hopes to add another dimension to their stories, and reveal them to be true models for today's Muslim women.]

A Walk Through Life : Issues and challenges through the eyes of a Muslim Woman / Norma Kassim

Kuala Lumpur : NK and Associates, c2007
ix, 158 p. ; 21 cm.

Includes Bibliography and References.

983-43285-0-8

1. Woman's right-Religious aspects-Islam
2. Women in Islam

\$ 20.00

[Journeying through her life as a single mother, Norma Kassim shares her outlook from being a housewife to a career women; her thoughts and perspectives on the contemporary issues and challenges faced by many Muslim women with respect to relationship, marriage, divorce and life in general.]
