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Anthropology / Archaeology

Archaeology in Malay Archipelago and Beyond / (Ed) Eng Ken Khong

Pulau Pinang: Penerbit Universiti Sain Malaysia, 2020
xiv, 266p.

Includes Index

9789674614928

1. Archaeology.
2. Malay Archipelago.
3. Archaeology – Research.
4. Government publications – Malaysia.

\$ 26.00 / PB

478gm.

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Art

Simply Penang : Effortlessly Charming / David ST Loh

George Town, Penang: Elaton Publishing, 2020

xi, 69p.

9789671716427

\$ 30.00 / PB

264gm.

David ST Loh follows up on his best-selling dronescapes photography book, *Over Penang*, which was a collection of ground-breaking, kaleidoscopic views of Penang seen from the air, by coming down to the ground this time. *Simple Penang* is an enigmatic, new collection of Penang portraits as Penang Lang are viewed up close and personal.

David weaves an enchanting tapestry of colours through his lenses, as he traverses his home state, delving into Penang's storied past and how its multi-racial populace celebrates its rich cultural and artistic heritage. For Penang-born David, his photographs are also insights into his own sense of self and belonging: here, he brings to life the living, breathing cultural of contemporary Penang, its many celebrations, its flora and fauna, its monuments old and new, and, naturally, its world-famous street food.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=750465>

Fuelling the Kreativ Malaysia (2012-2017) / Johan Ishak
vi, 310p.
9789671826409
\$ 33.00 / PB
350gm.

TO BEGIN WITH, Malaysia was neither there nor here when it comes to its Creative Industry. Of course, this observation was made earlier in 2011 when the Creative Industry had only contributed 1.27% to Malaysia's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). This may not be a positive statement to start an article such as this, but it is that bitter truth that needed to be dealt with that had led us to a realisation. A realisation that ignited thinking. A catalyst so to speak. A take stock of a condition that would later bring changes. Changes that matter. - Johan Ishak.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=750472>

Biography/Memoirs

A Hakka Saga / Dr. Heenie Lee
Petaling Jaya: Dr. Heenie Lee, 2020
xv, 272p.
9789671809501
\$ 24.00 / PB
598gm.

Dr. Heenie Lee has a sharp eye for detail and a keen ear for dialogue. The anecdotes as related to him by his mother are delightful, a veritable treasure trove of Chinese beliefs and customs. He makes the past come alive through them and in the process is leaving a wonderful legacy for the young generation who know little of their own customs. Although his mother's family is Hakka, the stories are universally Chinese and any Chinese who have ever sat on Grandmother's knee being fed food and fables will certainly relate to them. Along the way, the reader will be touched by the moral integrity, patriotism, family kinship, and charity displayed by Heenie's grandfather and indeed the values handed down through the generation. A heroic effort to document one family historical saga and may it act as a beacon of light for the younger generation.

- Puan Sri Dato' Sandra Lee, Founder, 22 Hale Street Heritage Gallery

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=744495>

My Story : Justice in the Wilderness / Tommy Thomas
Petaling Jaya: SIRD, 2021

xxii, 534p.

Includes Index

9789672464181

1. Thomas, Tommy, 1952-.
2. Government attorneys – Malaysia – Biography.
3. Lawyers – Malaysia – Biography.
4. Autobiography.

\$ 40.00 /PB
826gm.

As the first private practitioner in some 70 years to be appointed Attorney General of Malaysia, Tommy Thomas describes his experience in the highest legal office in the land in this highly personal book.

The former AG discusses key decisions he made, including the prosecution of former Prime Minister Najib Razak, Jho Low, Arul Kanda and Goldman Sachs for their roles in the 1MDB scandal.

His book is the first insider's account by a senior Pakatan Harapan government official on the achievements, disappointments and failures of the first non-Barisan administration in the 60-year history of independent Malaysia. His authentic voice is captured in this candid memoir, and is recommended reading for anyone interested in Malaysian politics and the law.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745758>

Ecology/Environment

Mantanani Island / Mohd. Harun Abdullah (et al.)
Kota Kinabalu, Sabah: Penerbit Universiti Malaysia Sabah,
2019

1v.

9789672166429

1. Education, Higher--Research--Malaysia--Pulau Mantanani (Sabah).
2. Geotourism--Sabah--Pulau Mantanani.
3. Biodiversity conservation--Sabah--Pulau Mantanani.
4. Environmental management--Sabah--Pulau Mantatani.
5. Pulau Mantanani (Sabah, Malaysia)--History.

\$ 67.50 / PB

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=747578>

Education

The Development of Chinese Education in Malaysia / Tan Yao Sua

Petaling Jaya: SIRD, 2021

x, 122p.

9789672464174

1. Chinese – Education – Malaysia – History.

2. Chinese – Malaysia – History.

3. Schools, Chinese – Malaysia – History.

\$ 12.50 / PB

216gm.

Chinese education in Malaysia has come a long way since the nineteenth century. The Chinese had brought their traditional mode of education to Malaya, which was modernised following new political developments in China. The postcolonial period saw the restructuring of education, which resulted in the acceptance of Chinese primary schools into the national educational system and the conversion of Chinese secondary schools to national-medium schools. Despite this, the development of these schools, especially the Chinese primary schools, has not been fully supported by the government and there are also measures that could lead to a change in their character. Meanwhile, the development of Independent Chinese Secondary Schools has been lacklustre and it was only in the early 2000s that they began to show impressive growth. But the strong emergence of international schools beginning in the mid-1990s might pose a threat to this impressive growth. As for the aspirations of the Chinese educationists to establish a Chinese institution of higher learning since the second half of the 1960s, their efforts were blocked by the government until the 1990s when they managed to establish a private college to create a complete system of Chinese education in Malaysia. This book is essential reading for anyone hoping to study the development of the Malaysian Chinese education system in greater detail.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=750476>

The Policy, Legal and Institutional Framework of Inclusive Higher Education in ASEAN Countries / (Eds) Melasutra Md Dali, Yahaya Ahmad & Nurussaadah Mokhtar
Kuala Lumpur: University of Malaya Press (UMPress), 2021
xxiv, 196p.

Includes Index

9789674881542

1. Education, Higher – Southeast Asia.
2. Inclusive education – Southeast Asia.
3. Government publications – Malaysia.

\$ 26.00 / PB

332gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=750477>

Secondary Students' Perceptions of Science Classroom Environment and Attitudes towards Science / Leona A. Candia & Lay Yoon Fah
Kota Kinabalu, Sabah: Penerbit Universiti Malaysia Sabah, 2019

1v.

9789672166580

\$ 17.50 / PB

Science education is important as it equips students with scientific knowledge that can enrich their everyday lives. It helps students to solve problems, learn to be rational as well as be critical in their thinking. However, science learning is deemed challenging as students see the subject as difficult and sometimes tedious to learn. Thus, interest in science is essential to ensure continuous learning in science. It is important to promote positive attitudes towards science among students. Positive attitudes towards science are associated with better achievement in science, increased cooperation as well as participation in class.

Malaysia needs a generation who are creative and critical thinkers, thus it is vital to enhance students' attitudes towards science. As students spend most of their time in a classroom, therefore, shaping students' perceptions of science classroom environment is crucial in enhancing their attitudes towards science. This book is adapted and modified from a master's degree thesis entitled: "Relationship between Form 4 Students' Perceptions of Science Classroom Environment and Attitudes towards Science" of the first author. This book includes analysis of students' perceptions of science classroom environment and attitudes towards science. This book attempts to answer questions regarding the level of students' perceptions of science classroom environment, the level of students' attitudes towards the effect of gender and school locations on students' perceptions of science classroom environment and attitudes towards science, and the influence of perceptions of science classroom environment on students' attitudes towards science. This book will be of interest to researchers in science education, especially, perceptions of science classroom environment and attitudes towards science.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=747583>

GIS Integrated Teaching on Secondary School : Underachieving Students' Geography Learning Goals / Soon Singh A/L Bikar Singh

Kota Kinabalu, Sabah: Penerbit Universiti Malaysia Sabah, 2019

1v.

\$ 22.50 / PB

Recent studies show that the number of students, who select to study Geography in Malaysian secondary schools, and their level of achievement in the subject, has decreased. The main factor is lack of motivation. Over multiple decades, a large and growing body of literature has indicated that ICT enhances students' motivation to learn and their learning outcome.

The studies demonstrate that the use of ICT in teaching activities provides more fun in an authentic learning environment, and increases learning autonomy, interaction, and collaboration. It is, therefore, a rich opportunity for motivating students to study. In addition, despite an increased interest among scholars to investigate the impact of ICT integrated Geography teaching on students' motivation and achievement, none have investigated the effects of GIS as a new technological teaching tool on students' Geography learning goals and their learning outcomes. The idea for this book originated from the author's PhD study to examine the effects of GIS-based instruction on secondary school student Geography learning goals and their learning outcomes. This book is highly beneficial for Geography teachers to use multiple teaching methods and pedagogies in a GIS integrated teaching environment to cultivate underachieving students' mastery goal, performance-approach goal and learning, and to decrease avoidance behaviour in learning the subject. Although GIS is widely used in Malaysia, it has not been embraced by the Malaysian education system and is absent from the Geography curriculums in the primary and secondary school contexts. Hence, writing of this book will also help the Curriculum Development Centre and Ministry of Education Malaysia develops a GIS-based teaching module to enhance the learning motivation of Geography and improve the student level of achievement.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=747584>

Contributing Factors Affecting Students Attitudes towards Mathematics in Sabah / Shamila Dewi Davadas & Lay Yoon Fah
Kota Kinabalu, Sabah: Penerbit Universiti Malaysia Sabah,
2019

1v.

9789672166634

\$ 22.50 / PB

A strong mathematics background is essential for job opportunities and advancement in a developing country like Malaysia. It gives students the confidence and ability to solve problems and become rational as well as critical in their thinking. However, Malaysian students' mathematics achievement is relatively low as compared to other school subjects.

This difference is more pronounced in rural schools. Previous studies have highlighted the relationship between students' attitude and achievement in mathematics. Hence, it is important to investigate the contributing factors that affect students' attitudes towards mathematics. This book is adapted and modified from a PhD thesis entitled: "Factors affecting students' attitude towards mathematics in Sabah, Malaysia" of the first author. In this book, the relationships among perceived parental influences, teacher affective support, classroom instruction, gender, SES, students' previous achievement and students' attitude towards mathematics are portrayed using Structural Equation Modeling approach. Findings from the study can be utilised to understand the complex interplay of relationships that form students' attitude towards mathematics, including factors that can be addressed by the classroom mathematics teacher. This book will be useful for secondary school mathematics teachers, researchers, school administrators, students, and policymakers.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=747585>

Workbook for Social Statistics / Muhd. Idris Bullare @ Bahari
Beddu Salam Baco

Kota Kinabalu, Sabah: Penerbit Universiti Malaysia Sabah,
2020

1v.

9789672166764

\$ 17.50 / PB

This book is published to provide knowledge, guidance and skills to users on basic descriptive and inferential statistics in

the fields of psychology, social work, education, sports science, economics, business, social sciences and arts. Based on the writers' experience in teaching statistics courses in university, many undergraduate and postgraduate students face anxiety when they enrol for this course as they perceive statistics to be a difficult subject where failure is common. This perception, in reality, is not true. Statistics taught and presented in a simplified form utilising easy and interesting content could encourage and motivate students.

This book is suitable not only for college and university students but would also benefit academic staff. This book consists a total of 15 chapters and is divided into two sections: descriptive statistics (frequency distribution, central tendency measure, variability, standard score, percentile, percentile rank, normal distribution, and probability) and inferential statistics (Pearson correlation, Spearman correlation, linear regression, independent sample T-test, repeated sample T-test, one-way ANOVA, two-way ANOVA and Chi-square).

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=747649>

History

Ipoh : The Untold Story / H. Berbar

Petaling Jaya: Amos HBL Ventures Sdn Bhd, 2019

1v.

9789671792803

\$ 75.00 / HB

762gm.

A pictographic book with H. Berbar, to feature the history of tin Town, art & culture, people & lifestyle in Ipoh town.

'A land with striking duality, this federation of 14 states is anchored on industrialism, economic and cultural modernity as well as its traditionalism where the second largest state in Peninsular Malaysia is the state of Perak, meaning silver in Malay, arouses much curiosity. If there is one place worthy of a visit in West Malaysia, it would be the city of Ipoh. '

An excerpt from the Introduction.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=750481>

Fighting Monsters : An Intimate History of the Sandakan Tragedy / Richard Wallace Braithwaite
Sabah: Opus Publications Sdn Bhd, 2019
xxii, 530p.

Includes Index

9789833987627

\$ 35.00 / PB

934gm.

Originally published by Australian Scholarly Publishing in 2016.

Only six escapees survived the Sandakan death marches of 1945 in North Borneo, the worst atrocity ever inflicted on Australian soldiers. 1787 Australian and 641 British POWs perished. Previous descriptions of the numerous violent acts have yielded little understanding of a situation where the real struggle was to keep one's humanity when so many were losing theirs, whether Allied POWs, local residents of Borneo, Javanese slave labourers, or Japanese soldiers. Understanding this extraordinary story is aided by reference to a wide range of sources in different countries and disciplines, and by examining the perspectives of all players in this terrible game of survival.

An unusual and extreme POW story, the Sandakan tragedy had four stages: active resistance in 1942–3, stubborn endurance in 1943–4, the collapse of civilized existence in 1945 and, finally, the postwar decades of torment for the six damaged survivors, the gradual assimilation of the story, the healing of the damage and the commemoration of the tragedy by the families and communities involved.

Richard Wallace Braithwaite's father was one of the six survivors of the Sandakan death marches of 1945. He died in 1986, still wanting the story to be properly told. This led to a

project that has lasted for much of the last forty years of the author's life, culminating in this book. With a scientific background, Richard worked for many years with CSIRO and universities in the biological and social sciences and in historical research. His extensive and diverse research history and lifelong personal immersion in the story has given him a unique perspective in exploring the complexities of the Sandakan tragedy.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=750483>

Law

Finding a Footing in the Law : A Biographical Compilation of the Writings, Lectures and Speeches of Karam Chand Vorah and Accounts by Other of Him / KC Vorah (Ed) Kok Kek Hoe Kuala Lumpur: Lee Hishammuddin Allen & Gledhill, 2019 xxxi, 268p.

Includes Index

9789671635216

\$ 60.00 / HB

810gm.

Finding a Footing in The Law - is a sight into the life and times of a distinguished and principled Malaysian who served the country selflessly and steadfastly with courage and distinction, over many decades. It touches on his origins, beginning as a student shunted into law after being rejected by a medical college (due to visual impairment in one eye), an initial career at the Bar and subsequently in the judicial and legal services, his services as a judge and appellate judge, to life after retirement again; and being recalled to serve country once more, as chairman of the Institutional Reforms Committee.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=750484>

Literature

Big Lungs and Other Stories / Harry Chen
Petaling Jaya: Market Intelligence (M) Sdn Bhd, 2009 (Reprint
2020)
100p.
9789832969037
\$ 10.00 / PB
176gm.

Harry Chen is a typical Malaysian who just wants to share a few stories from his school days. His are ordinary stories about a young boy growing up in a small village and town in Malaya during the 40s and 50s. He has also tried to illustrate the stories with some of his drawings.

He is married to Gek and they have three grown daughters, a granddaughter and two grandsons.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=111435>

One-Legged Football and Other Stories : In Memory of Dato' Dr.
Lim Kee Jin / P. Lim Pui Huen
Penang: Areca Books Asia Sdn Bhd, 2020
104p. ; 15.87cmx20.955cm.
9789675719417

1. Short stories, English.
2. People with disabilities.
3. Malaysia fiction (English).
4. English fiction.
5. Lim, Kee Jin, Dato', Dr. – Civil service pensioners.

\$ 19.00 / HB

336gm.

Dol who loved football
Jaya for whom blindness became a blessing
Zul when he discovered the joy of wind in his face
A man looking for love and asam pedas

Habibah who celebrated her wedding in the pouring rain
Joo Nee, daughter or daughter-in-law?

Glamorous Black Cat and her secret identity

Si Badang whose back was crooked but whose heart was
straight and true

These are stories of a time when the air was fresh and life
flowed gently.

Stories of old-time Johor Bahru when it was a small country
town graced by a tree-lined esplanade running along the sea.

Stories of people who have been challenged by fate but who
challenged their disabilities.

Like the boy who played football with one leg, the blind girl
who could make rempah with the batu giling, the paraplegic
who found mobility with a motorbike, a woman who found
happiness despite a lame leg, and the hunchback whose heart
was straight and true.

These are stories dedicated to the memory of Dato' Dr. Lim Kee
Jin who was deeply involved in the welfare of disabled people.

Inserted in between these stories are photographs of his art
works, sculptures that represent decades of artistic
explorations into wood.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745647>

Paper and Text : The Trials and Trade of Malaysian Literature /
(Ed) William Tham Wai Liang

Gerakbudaya Essentials Series

Petaling Jaya: Gerakbudaya Enterprise, 2020

xii, 144p.

9789670311692

1. Malaysian literature.
2. Literature – Collections.
3. Translating and interpreting.
4. Book industries and trade.

\$ 12.00 / PB

176gm.

“As Han Suyin reminded us in the 1960s, the classification of literature in our society must be by content, and not the medium of expression.”

Show Ying Xin

A translator. Two academics. A publisher. A bookseller. They share their thoughts on the state of Malaysian literature and the book trade, an ecosystem right on the edge of a permanent digital transformation, still navigating the familiar issues of identity, of belonging and Othering. Here we dive deep into the workings of the local literary ecosystem, including largely invisible steps such as translation, publication and distribution – as well as the communities that sustain the creation of literature. Paper & Text is a useful introduction to the dynamics of the book trade, and attempts to address that ubiquitous question: What is Malaysian literature?

Featuring essays by Lalita Sinha, Alicia Izharuddin, Show Ying Xin, Rosalind Chua and Fong Min Hun. Edited by William Tham.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=750488>

Superficiality / Tee Lin Dee

Petaling Jaya: Tee Lin Dee, 2020

244p.

9789671869109

1. Malaysian fiction (English).

2. English fiction.

\$ 20.00 / PB

268gm.

“A colourful array of stories that represents the complexities, character and challenges of modern Malaysia. I believe every Malaysian will find part of him or herself in the stories in the book.” – Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad, Setiawangsa MP and writer

A young doctor comes to terms with the gruelling life of the medical profession, struggling with ethics and responsibilities.

A retiree navigates the petty squabbles and rivalries in her Tai Chi group. A part-time moneylender must face the consequences of his decisions as he juggles his day job. And an avowed dancer questions the thin line between committing to art and selling out in the cutthroat world of his profession. Weaving in and out of these stories is the ever-outspoken Swensen, who sheds new light on entrenched perspectives. Infused with an edgy, urban energy, but also nuanced and compassionate as it tackles poverty, class, culture and animals, Lin Dee's debut collection questions the superficiality at the heart of modern Malaysian life and the possibilities that lie beyond.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=750490>

The Worthiest Kiss : A Short Story Collection / (Ed) Birsilah Bakar, Azhar Ibrahim

Shah Alam: Terfaktab Vine (Terfaktab Media), 2017

132p.

9789670774572

1. Short Stories, Malaysian (English).

2. Short stories.

\$ 10.00 / PB

110gm.

What if your most loved fairy tales with various exciting science fiction twist?

Expect the very unexpected from our 15 best selected short stories—guaranteed to blow your mind!

From Cinderella who worked in a whorehouse on a moon, an encounter of a snobbish prince with a loud-snoring Snow White with her 7 dwarfs and even a story on Little Mermaid who is actually a subject for experiments—this book will make your imaginations grow wild!

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=245643>

Official Publications

2020 : Perangkaan Sebab Kematian = Statistics on Causes of Death [Malaysia]

Putrajaya: Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia=Department of Statistics, 2020

1v.

ISSN: 2462-2044 ; 9772462204005

\$ 35.00 / PB

1300gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=750493>

2020 : Kompendium Perangkaan Alam Sekitar = Compendium of Environment Statistics

Putrajaya: Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia=Department of Statistics, 2020

1v.

ISSN: 1511-3396 ; 9771511339002

\$ 50.00 / PB

828gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=750495>

2020 : Perangkaan Penting Malaysia = Vital Statistics Malaysia

Putrajaya: Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia=Department of Statistics, 2020

1v.

ISSN: 0127-466X ; 9770127466003

\$ 35.00 / PB

536gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=750496>

Sarawak 2020 : Perangkaan Perdagangan Luar Negeri = External Trade Statistics

Kuching, Sarawak: Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia, Negeri Sarawak =Department of Statistics Malaysia, Sarawak, 2020

1v.

ISSN: 0127-0451 ; 9770127045000

\$ 50.00 / PB

1050gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=750497>

Final External Trade Statistics 2020 [Malaysia] = Perangkaan
Muktamad Perdagangan Luar Negeri

Malaysia : Department of Statistics, 2020

1v.

ISSN : 2180-1827

\$ 75.00 / PB

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743275>

2019 : Perangkaan Sebab Kematian = Statistics on Causes of
Death [Malaysia]

Putrajaya: Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia=Department of
Statistics, 2019

1v.

ISSN: 2462-2044

\$ 35.00 / PB

1300gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=750498>

Social Statistics Bulletin 2020[Malaysia] = Buletin Perangkaan
Sosial

Putrajaya: Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia=Department of
Statistics, 2019

1v.

ISSN : 0127-4686

\$ 60.00 / PB

850gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=750469>

Politics

Protector? : An Analysis of the Concept and Practice of Loyalty
in Leader-Led Relationships Within Malay Society / Chandra

Muzaffar

Petaling Jaya: SIRD, 2020

x, 154p.

9789672464150

1. Loyalty.
2. Allegiance.
3. Malays (Asian people) – Social life and customs.
4. Malays (Asian people) – Politics and government.

\$ 15.00 / PB

254gm.

"It is granted that there is political control and the expectation of political obedience where the loyal are rewarded and the disloyal punished. It is granted that criticism is frowned upon even in non-feudal societies. . . . But that does not mean that the attitude towards political control itself – in fact the whole attitude of leaders towards their followers and followers towards their leaders – is not the product of a certain history, of a certain tradition."

In the republication of Chandra Muzaffar's modern classic, he breaks down the idea of being a "protector" in both traditional and contemporary Malay society, analysing the dimensions of symbolic and substantive protectors. Examining the various forms of power held by the Sultans and the class of late-colonial era "administrators" that replaced them in the post-independence period, as well as the economic and political consequences for broader Malaysian society. First published in 1979, and building on the pioneering work of Syed Hussein Alatas, this short volume remains essential reading today.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=750499>

Sociology

Noise and the Ear : Noise Induced Hearing Loss and Hidden Society Burden / Win Tin

Kota Kinabalu, Sabah: Penerbit Universiti Malaysia Sabah, 2019

1v.

9789672166641

\$ 22.50 / PB

After the early success of some articles as author and co-author, Dr Win Tin has come up with his first book on Noise-Induced Hearing Loss and the Hidden Society Burden. He noticed that everyone needs peace of mind, especially after a long working day. We need to rest, physically and mentally to recoup, working again with enthusiasm the next day. Thus, it is important that we have a certain private, quiet, peaceful serene environment, day or night. But noise is all around us.

The sound of grass cutters, the piling of structures nearby, children playing and shouting, or the traffic noise. These can make a lot of noise and the peace shattered. Noise-induced hearing loss is mainly caused by a certain amount of noise which has a deleterious effect on the ear when exposed to long periods of time e.g. years, and usually without the person noticing, as in occupational noise-induced hearing loss or single instances of extreme noise, as in acoustic trauma. This causes not only hearing loss but effects socially, financially, physically and mentally. Its problem is so big with compensation in millions, causing a huge hidden burden to the society, people and government. Yet it should be noted that this is the only preventable cause of sensorineural hearing loss, which can be prevented, while other causes are still not possible. The book introduces various noise, the pathogenesis and causes of noise-induced hearing loss, as seen in various strata of people. Apart from this, there is the Malaysian perspective as written by some researchers from Malaysia. Then there are also effects of noise not only on humans but

also in birds and fish. Methods to diagnosis and ways to prevent, with up-to-date researches and treatment are also discussed. Thus, it is a comprehensive one for the knowledge of all levels, professionals and non-professionals.

This book is important, and everybody should read or keep as a reference, as they will know in-depth, as most are unaware of the hidden problem. Young people, military, hospital workers, nurses, contractors, builders, architect, engineers, urban planners, public health doctors and everyone can benefit from this book. Hence, this book is useful not only for leisure reading but cherished for life. With the 25th anniversary of UMS, this book can be a milestone, for the wellness of UMS staff and people of Sabah.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=747644>

The Baba of Melaka : Culture and Identity of a Chinese Peranakan Community in Malaysia / Tan Chee-Beng
Malaysian Studies Series

Petaling Jaya: SIRD, 2021

xxiv, 304p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789672464136

1. Peranakan (Asian people) – Malaysia – Melaka – Social life and custom.
2. Chinese – Social life and customs.
3. Ethnology – Malaysia.
4. Melaka (Malaysia) – Social life and customs.

\$ 34.00 / PB

506gm.

“... The fullest and most comprehensive ethnography of the Baba community in Malaysia. . . . The author is a meticulous ethnographer, and provides three chapters of richly detailed information on Baba kinship and marriage practices, ancestor worship, Chinese folk religion and festivals and a variety of Baba social patterns and organizations. . . . This is certainly a necessary and pleasurable reading materials for scholars of

Malaysia, and for those interested in ethnicity more generally.”
Professor Judith Nagata, *Pacific Affairs* 62(2), 1989.

Based on a long-term ethnographic study, the new edition of this book provides a comprehensive description of Baba culture and identity in Melaka, Malaysia. Tan Chee-Beng’s landmark study analyses the term Baba, the development of Baba society, their distribution in Melaka and overt features of identity, the Baba Malay dialect, customs and religion, kinship and social interactions – all of which tie in to changes in Baba identity.

By discussing cultural change and ethnic identification of a Chinese Peranakan community in Malaysia, the reader can gain a more complete understanding of this unique minority group within a minority in a rapidly changing Malaysian context.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745646>

Kelantan Siamese Food, Heritage and Culture / Aweng a/l Eh Rak

Kota Bharu, Kelantan: UMK Press, 2019

xvi, 156p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789672229759

1. Thais – Malaysia – Kelantan.
2. Thais – Malaysia – Kelantan – Social life and customs.
3. Food – Malaysia – Kelantan.

\$ 15.00/ PB

256gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=750500>
