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Anthropology

Sarawak: People of the Longhouse and Jungle / Hugo Steiner
Sabah : Opus Publications Sdn. Bhd., 2007
v. 214p,; 26cm
ISBN-13: 9789833987016
ISBN-10: 983398701X
\$ 63.00

Dr Steiner has made many trips to Sarawak and Sabah since 1992 to study the pitcher plants in these parts of Borneo. The results of these studies have been published in 2002 in a book Borneo: Its Mountains and Lowlands with Their Pitcher Plants. These treks gave the author and his wife frequent opportunities for close and friendly contacts with the peoples living there. They had especially good relations with the Iban and the Orang Ulu of Sarawak. Often during discussions with Europeans, stories and questions concerning the head-hunting days in times gone by (even though head-hunting was banned almost 100 years) were still frequent and Dr Steiner realized that knowledge was quite scarce about the surprisingly highly developed culture of these peoples. The author collected his experiences with several tribes-the Iban, Melanau, Kenyah, Kayan, Kajang, Penan and also the Lun Bawang and Kelabit from the remote highland – to show that they still have a very colourful life.

The Tamu: Sabah's Native Market / Chong Han San & Low AI Fuah
Sabah: Opus Publication Sdn. Bhd., 2008
134p,; 22cm
ISBN-13: 9789833987030
\$ 13.00

The tamu has been an integral part of life for many people in Sabah for hundreds of years. Rich and poor, professionals and peasants, most have attended tamu at some point in their lives. Today, even tourist visit tamu in increasing numbers, adding another dimension to their perspective of life in Sabah.

Intrigued by activities in the tamu grounds, British administrators in the late 19th and early 20th centuries described and wrote about tamu in a number of books and journal articles. Then – and even now- published material about the tamu was limited to articles in journals and magazines or chapters in books. This is the first book about Sabah's tamu to be published and it offers fascinating insight into the history, development, culture and activities of this essential Sabah institution.

The sights, sounds and smells of the tamu offer an authentic experience of one of Sabah's oldest traditions. With this guidebook as companion, it is hoped that tourists and visitors find a greater appreciation and enjoyment of the tamu.

Tengkolok Malaysia

Malaysia: Department of Museums Malaysia & Ministry of Culture, Arts and Heritage Malaysia, 2008
1 DVD Video
Bilingual Malay & English Version
\$ 15.00

Tengkolok is a type of head dress used since the period of Malay Sultanate. In Negeri Sembilan, Tengkolok is widely known as 'Destar'.

'Destar' is considered a high rank dress code to be worn by the Sultans and their officials. Without 'Destar', the royal clothing is incomplete. Nowadays, it is widely worn by the public. The arts skills and creativity of the folder known as 'Tukang Lipat' gives variation in designing the Destar. The designs are destar 'Kacang Dua Helai Daun', 'Dendam Tak Sudah', 'Sarang Kerengga' and 'Solok Timba'. Each curve and folded arcs represents its own unique philosophy and identity.

Architecture

Building Merdeka: Independence Architecture in Kuala Lumpur, 1957-1966 / Lai Chee Kien
Kuala Lumpur: Petronas, 2007
137p,; 24cm
ISBN-13: 9789839738612
\$ 50.00

Malaysia (then as Malaya) attained its independence (Merdeka) in 1957. Within the first decade, ten national architectural projects were commissioned and constructed in and around Kuala Lumpur, the capital city. This book describes the historical contexts, considerations, and processes leading to their design and realization.

The Blue Mansion: The Story of Mandarin Splendour Reborn / Lin Lee Loh-Lim
Penang: L'Plan Sdn. Bhd., 2007
2nd Ed
66p,; 26cm
ISBN-13: 9834085109
\$ 25.00

On the Restoration of the Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion

Art

Teknik-Teknik Pambatikan Di-Malaysia = Batik Making Techniques in Malaysia
Malaysia: Department of Museums Malaysia & Ministry of Culture, Arts and Heritage Malaysia, 2008
1. DVD Video
Bilingual Malay & English Version
\$ 15.00

Batik is a cultural heritage of Malaysia that will never be out of place or out grown. The batik industry in Malaysia expands in all aspects especially in its usage of materials, motifs and techniques. Till today, there are several widely used techniques such as block techniques, sketch, stencil or print, chanting and resis technique without using candling method which is called 'tritik' and tie dying. Each technique will produce different batik motifs and design.

Hopefully, by learning the technique of producing batik, Malaysians would therefore treasure and appreciate the fine art and aesthetic value of their own heritage more and hence expose batik to the world.

Tikar Pandak

Malaysia: Department of Museums Malaysia & Ministry of Culture, Arts and Heritage Malaysia, 2008

1 DVD Video

Bilingual Malay & English Version

\$ 15.00

'Tikar Pandak' is a kind of mat that originated from Negeri Sembilan, a land rich with Malay culture heritage. 'Tikar Pandak' is a compulsory item in most of Negeri Sembilan's ceremonies such as the ruler's installation, appointment, funeral, engagement and marriage. This mat is made of woven screw-pines leaves known as 'mengkuang' and decorated with golden thread and framed on a piece of colored cloth.

Tikar Pandak is used in Balai Undang as a sitting place for customary dignitaries like Dato' Undang, Dato' Penghulu Luak, Dato' Lembaga and Buapak, his craft needs the right technique and process in order to attain and sustain its fine art.

Batik Serantau = Batik of the Region

Malaysia: Department of Museums Malaysia & Ministry of Culture, Arts and Heritage Malaysia, 2008

1 DVD Video

Bilingual Malay & English Version

\$ 15.00

Batik is one of the Malay art heritages since generations. Batik includes motifs that symbolize the relation of two countries, Malaysia and Indonesia and its nearby region.

Batik industry in Indonesia stays strong because the variation of its unique traditional motifs can be widely produced all over the country. In Malaysia, Batik is known though its variation of production technique and unique motif design. In Thailand, the batik is rich with sea world and plants motifs and in some area the design is quite similar with batik motifs from Kelantan, Malaysia, Cambodia and Vietnam also produces batik print whereby Cambodia shows more of fauna designs while Vietnam shows more floral designs.

Economics

Potential Socio-Economic, Cultural and Ethical Impacts of GMOs: Prospects for Socio-Economic Impact Assessment / Elenita C Dano

Penang: Third World Network, 2007

24p,; 21cm

ISBN-13: 9789832729235

\$ 6.00

Socio-economic, cultural and ethical considerations related to the use and release of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) are important aspects but have received less attention than the risks to the environment, health and biodiversity. This paper identifies some of the potential socio-economic impacts of GMOs and argues that they have to be taken into account as they have serious and far-reaching consequences.

Poverty with Many Faces: A Case Study of Malaysia / Atul Huq Pramanik, Mohd Aslam Haneef et al

Kuala Lumpur: International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM Press), 2008

xiii. 157p,; 23cm

ISBN-13: 9789833855544

1. Poverty – Malaysia
2. Income distribution – Malaysia

\$ 19.50

Family Office: The Super Rich's Secret to Wealth Maximisation / Yap Ming Hui

Selangor: Whitman Independent Advisors Sdn. Bhd., 2008

167p,; 22cm

ISBN-13: 9789834172435

1. Wealth
2. Finance, Personal

\$ 20.00

Family Office was once the exclusive domain of ultra wealthy individuals and families. In this book, Yap Ming Hui reveals the secrets of maintaining and maximizing wealth that lasts for generations using family office.

Environment

Pitcher Plants of Borneo 2nd Edition / Anthea Phillipps, Anthony Lamb & Ch'ien C. Lee

Sabah: Natural History Publications (Borneo) Sdn. Bhd, 2008

vii. 298p,; 26cm

ISBN: 9789838121262

\$ 75.00

All the 36 species of pitcher plants currently known from the island of Borneo are covered in this lavishly illustrated second edition. The main focus of the book lies in the accounts of these species, written in an accessible style and including quotes from the works of the old explorers and collectors as well as personal anecdotes from the diaries of Susan Phillipps, whose delightful watercolours are widely used to illustrate the species.

Geologi Langkawi = The Geology of Langkawi

Malaysia: Department of Museums Malaysia & Ministry of Culture, Arts and Heritage Malaysia, 2008

1. DVD Video

Bilingual Malay & English Version

\$ 15.00

The documentary video entitled "The Geology of Langkawi" is produced by The Natural History Museum, Department of Museums Malaysia joint effort by The Geological Heritage Group of Malaysia (LESTARI, UKM) and The Geological Society of Malaysia, which took place in Langkawi. The geological history of Langkawi, Malaysia begins in Cambrian period, according to the Geological Time Scale circa 550 million years ago.

This documentary is hopefully can help the public to gradually improve their knowledge on geology and to be referred as a source of geological heritage in Malaysia.

General

Chronology of Money: Polymer Banknotes Series / K.N. Boon (Ed)
Selangor: International Educational & Cultural Exchange Foundation &
Trigometric Sdn. Bhd, 2008

312p,; 21cm

ISBN-13: 9789834331313

A Complete Educational Reference

\$ 40.00

In Good Hands: Archiving A Nation's Spirit, Inspirations & Vision

Kuala Lumpur: National Archives of Malaysia, 2008

45p,; 22cm by 28cm

\$ 10.00

History

Pelayaran Dunia Melayu = Malay World Seafarers

Malaysia: Department of Museums Malaysia & Ministry of Culture, Arts and Heritage
Malaysia, 2008

1. DVD Video

Bilingual Malay & English Version

\$ 15.00

By centuries, Malay Archipelago has close maritime ties and been proved with the sailing activities among the Malay colonies.

Epic about sailing, the shipping architecture, creativity and the intelligence of the sea masters are well noted in many Malay states and countries that described the trade, political ties and the history of the legendary Malay conquerer through the water route.

The Unrebutted Charges Against Tun Salleh Abas[An Extract From: JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT]
/ Peter Alderidge Williams

Kuala Lumpur: 21st Century Strategic Studies, 2008

72p,; 21cm

ISBN: 9789834386252

\$ 5.00

So much controversy has surrounded the dismissal of Tun Salleh Abas, the Lord President of the Malaysian Supreme Court in August 1988. Many views have been given by several quarters since then. But what are the real issues? Who constituted the tribunal and what are the specific allegations against Tun Salleh Abas? What transpired at the hearing of the Tribunal? The answers to these questions will be found in this book.

Peter Alderidge Williams, a leading Queen's Counsel in New Zealand has documented in this book the events that unfolded in the tribunal objectively. With these facts, removed from sentiments and conjectures, the reader is able to arrive at his own dispassionate conclusion.

Ahmad Sarji: Attaining Eminence / Lim Chang Moh; edited by Maurice Khoo
Selangor: MPH Group Publishing Sdn. Bhd., 2008

460p,; 23cm

Bibliography: p. 441

ISBN-13: 9789675222016

1. Ahmad Sarji bin Abdul Hamid, Tan Sri, 1938-- Biography

2. Civil service-- Malaysia--Biography

\$ 39.50

History of the Dutch in Malaysia / Dennis De Witt

Selangor: Nutmeg Publishing, 2007

xiv. 258p,; 24cm

Includes index

Bibliography: p. 249-252

ISBN-13: 9789834351908

1. Dutch—Malaysia—History—19th century

\$ 45.00

Holland's first sea journey to the Malay Archipelago to locate the source of spices was a result of necessity and chanced circumstances. It began as a mere private venture but was no less a remarkable feat. Their defiance of Spain, the most powerful European country at that time, and the great seafaring nation of Portugal, was not only an epitome of their bravery and determination but it resulted in the formation of the VOC (Dutch East India Company), the world's largest multinational corporation which brought the golden age to the Netherlands.

A Glimpse of Life in London and of Times Past / Nurzan Mohd Wahie

Kuala Lumpur: National Archives of Malaysia, 2007

ix. 179p,; 26cm

ISBN-13: 9789679121148

1. Independence Day (Malaysia)—History

2. Malaysia—History

\$ 40.00

Sejarah Malaysia Sepintas Lalu = A Glimpse of Malaysian History

Kuala Lumpur: National Archives of Malaysia, 2008

32p,; 25cm

Bilingual English & Malay Language

\$ 10.00

A Special Place / Mark Gibson (Ed)

Kuala Lumpur: Badan Warisan Malaysia, 2007

31p,; 28cm

\$ 10.00

Legacy of the Pioneers: 125 Years of Jaffna Tamils in Malaysia / T. Selvaratnam & S. Apputhurai
Malaysia: Thillaiampalam Selvaratnam & Sinnapoo Apputhurai, 2007
xviii. 654p,; 31cm
ISBN-13: 9789834317607
\$ 125.00

Archives Exclusive Heritage
Kuala Lumpur: National Archives of Malaysia & Utusan Publications & Distributors Pte Ltd, 2008
260p,; 27cm
ISBN-13: 9789676121495

1. Archival materials—Malaysia
2. Archival resources—Malaysia
3. Archives—Malaysia
4. Malaysia—History

\$ 100.00

Archives Exclusive Heritage comprises six main chapters;

Days of Glory: The Malay Sultanate of Malacca examines documents on Malacca in her glorious days such as Laws of the Sultan Mahmud Shah and travel notes of a Chinese explorer, Ma Huan on Malacca.

The Path of Decline displays some of the documents related to the devolution of power from the Malacca empire into the hands of the Portuguese in 1511, the subsequent takeover by the Dutch in 1641 and the encroachment of the British in gaining a foothold of power in the Malay States at the beginning of 1786.

The Power of Ink features documents related to Malay traditional institutions, power and sovereignty of the Malay Rulers, Malay culture and arts; changes brought on by the British as well as documents which reflect the insurgence of the nationalists who were against British intervention in Malaya.

Spurs of Conflict describes the Japanese occupation of Malaya, documents pertaining to the establishment of BMA, Malayan Union and the Emergency in Malaya.

Independent Malaya contains documents that record the important historical events such as the nation's independence. Among the documents shown are Malaya's Agreement of Independence and the pen that was used to sign the Federation of Malaya Agreement.

Reflections in Diversity shows documents related to the formation of Malaysia in 1963, black periods such as the Malaysia-Indonesia Confrontation, separation of Singapore from Malaysia and the 13 May 1969 incident. Also features documents on the nation's progress and achievements in the various fields after Independence.

Each illustrated piece is accompanied with a short description of the piece and some background information. A code or reference number is attached to the piece for easy identification and to facilitate research by interested parties.

Literature

Mouse Clutching Winter Melon : Loh Siu kip Tong Kua / Kuan Guat Choo
Ipoh: Scribes Ideashop, 2008
xvii. 246p,; 21cm
ISBN-13: 9789834034023
English Fiction
\$ 15.00

Malacca Gold / Wayne Stier
Thailand: Meru Publishing, 1996
369p,; 21cm
ISBN-13: 9839915207
\$ 20.00

Here is a hysterical history balancing on the border between fact and fiction. An epic adventure that leads Cindy Anna from Montana on a quest to find a cave filled with gold. She has a run-in with desperate pirates and with a dangerous Triad gang, discovers clues in the myth of a princess and in stories of ancient voyages. She learns the meaning of chance and of romance.

Takkan hilang = Never Vanish / Abdul Ghafar Ibrahim; Translated from Malay by Harry Aveling ****
Kuala Lumpur: Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka, 2008
xiii. 91p,; 22cm
ISBN-13: 9789836298614
1. Sajak
2. Malay Poetry
\$ 19.95

The Poetics of Malay Literature / Muhammad Haji Salleh
Kuala Lumpur: Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka, 2008
vii. 270p,; 22cm
Includes index
Bibliography: p. 255
Bilingual Malay and English Language
ISBN-13: 9789836299352
1. Malay Literature—History and criticism
\$ 19.50

THE POETICS OF MALAY LITERATURE is a seminal work that seeks to define the fundamental thoughts, concepts and practices of Malay literature, whose roots are to be found in the 'original' earth of the villages, in the spoken and written words of the tales, poems and hikayats before the advent of the colonial powers in the Malay Archipelago. From them the author has distilled the traditional concepts of the text, author, literary language, literary aesthetics and audience.

Official Publications

Malaysia Standard Industrial Classification (MSIC) 2008 Version 1.0

Putrajaya: Dept. of Statistics, Malaysia, 2008

1v.

ISBN-13: 9789839044416

\$ 30.00

Perangkaan Padi Malaysia 2005 = Paddy Statistics of Malaysia 2005

Malaysia: Department of Agriculture Peninsular Malaysia, 2007

xxiii. 105p.; 21 x 30 cm.

ISBN-13: 9771985277008

\$ 30.00

Politics

Guidance For Good Governance: Explorations in Qur'anic, Scientific and Cross-cultural Approaches / Abdullah Al-Ahsan & Stephen B. Young (Eds.)

Kuala Lumpur: International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM Press), 2008

v. 150p.; 21cm

Include Index

ISBN-13: 9789833855483

\$ 15.00

Will Barisan Nasional Survive Beyond 2010? / Matthias Chang

Kuala Lumpur: 21st Century Strategic Studies, 2008

406p.; 23cm

Includes bibliographical references

ISBN-13: 9789834386245

\$ 27.50

This book is a grim warning to Malaysians that the country is on the path to national suicide. The Barisan National's General Elections debacle in March 2008 is a mere prelude to the inevitable bloody social upheaval should the Badawi Regime remain in power beyond 2010. UMNO, the backbone of the Barisan National is in a state of paralysis, its rank and file in disarray and is perceived as lacking credible leaders. Vision 2020, a mere twelve years from fulfillment is no longer the principal focus of the nation. Malaysia is a ship without a captain!

March 8: The Day Malaysia Woke Up / Kee Thuan Chye

Malaysia: Marshall Cavendish Editions, 2008

324p.; 23cm

ISBN-13: 9789673035113

ISBN-10: 9673035113

1. Malaysia—Politics and Government

\$ 19.95

The day of the underdogs, the real Merdeka, a political tsunami, the perfect storm – by any name, March 8, 2008, will go down in history as a turning point in Malaysia politics.

Ethnic Relations in Malaysia: Harmony & Conflict / Syed Husin Ali
Petaling Jaya, Malaysia : SIRD, 2008
169p.
9789833782598
\$ 15.00

With Malaysia in the throes of sweeping political change, academic turned political activist Dr Syed Husin Ali traces how ethnicity has been manipulated, since Independence, by Malaysian politicians for their own gain to the detriment of the masses. In articles spanning more than three decades, collected for the first time here, he dissects the origins, fallacies and destructive nature of communal politics in Malaysia and examines the issues of class versus race. It is time, he argues, for an end to race-based politics

Two Faces: Detention Without Trial /Syed Husin Ali
Petaling Jaya, Malaysia : SIRD, 2008
169p.
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\$ 10.00

TWO FACES records Syed Husin Ali's experiences during his six-year detention under the Internal Security Act (ISA). His detention followed a spate of demonstrations in 1974 by students who supported the peasants in Baling, Kedah, and protested against poverty and the rise in prices of daily necessities.

Toward the end of the second year of his detention at Kamunting, he was put in solitary confinement for six months in an unknown place in Kuala Lumpur. During this time he was interrogated and subjected to all kinds of torture and harassment. There was an attempt to implicate him with a number of politicians and journalists who were then detained for alleged involvement in a "communist conspiracy" in Singapore and Malaysia. Interestingly, there were also attempts to implicate some senior UMNO leaders, including Dr. Mahathir Mohamad.

Religion – Islam

Islamic Da'wah Theory and Practice / Sohirin M. Solihin
Kuala Lumpur: International Islamic University Malaysia, 2008
xi. 259p,; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9789833855445
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Islam regards all of mankind as the object of propagation. The book gives instructions with regard to preparing oneself as a da'i (caller to Islam). He or she should be equipped to deal with contemporary issues in the targeted community. In a plural community, the Muslim preacher should be extra cautious in conveying the message. He or she should engage in interfaith dialogue to seek common agreement in fighting evil tendencies in the community.

IAIS Journal of Civilisation Studies Volume 1 No. 1, Oct. 2008
Kuala Lumpur: International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS), 2008-
241p,; 23cm

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An Islamic Perspective on the Commitment to Inter-Religious Dialogue / Syed Farid Alatas
Kuala Lumpur: International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS), 2008
63p,; 22cm
ISBN-13: 9789834427405
\$ 10.00

KATHA: Inaugural Issue 2005
Kuala Lumpur: Centre for Civilisational Dialogue, University of Malaya, 2005
xv. 85p,; 23cm
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The Official Journal of the Centre for Civilisational Dialogue
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Kuala Lumpur: Centre for Civilisational Dialogue, University of Malaya, 2005
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Issues on Quality of Work Life (QWL) : Book of Readings/ Khulida Kirana Yahya, Faridahwati Mohd. Shamsudin et al (Eds.)

Malaysia: Universiti Utara Malaysia Press, 2008

xix. 281p,; 23cm

ISBN-13: 9789833827626

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The Revolving Door: Modern Day Slavery Refugees

Kuala Lumpur: Tenaganita Sdn. Bhd., 2008

117p,; 23cm

ISBN-13: 9789834037581

\$ 12.00

This book, "The Revolving Door" reveals this truth of modern day slavery through the testimonies and eyes of the refugees themselves. It exposes the abuse, the endemic corruption and the trafficking of women, children and refugees in Malaysia and at the Malaysia-Thai border.
