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**Anthropology/Archaeology**

Orang Asli: The Hidden Treasure=Orang Asli : Khazanah Tersembunyi / Hood Haji Salleh & Rashid Esa (Eds)

Kuala Lumpur : National Museum, 2006  
179p,; 28cm

ISBN-13: 9789679935776

1. Indigenous people – Malaysia – Social life and customs
2. Indigenous people – Malaysia

In Malay-English  
\$ 50.00

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Invulnerability / William Shaw

Reprint

Kuala Lumpur: National Museum, 2008  
62p,; 26cm

Federation Museum Journal New Series Volume XV1, 1971  
\$ 10.00

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Keris

Reprint

Kuala Lumpur : National Museum, 2008  
20p,; 26cm

Journal of the F.M.S Museums Vol XII, 1923  
\$ 5.00

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The Malaysian Book of the Undead / Danny Lim

Malaysia : Matahari Books, 2008

115p,; 21cm

ISBN-13: 9789834359645

1. Belief and doubt

\$ 10.00

The Malaysian Book of the Undead is a compendium of multicultural ghost, spirits and emanations. Discover their origins, characteristics, and whenever possible, how to make sure they stay away from you. This chatty and occasionally ironic guide is sure to come in handy each time you hear something go bump, or even "kak-kak-kak-kak-kak", in the night.

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British North Borneo: An Account of its History, Resources and Native Tribes / Owen Rutter

Reprint (First Published in 1922)

Kota Kinabalu: Opus Publications Sdn Bhd., 2008

xxi. 404p,; 23cm

ISBN-13: 9789833987139

\$ 43.00

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## **Architecture**

Suffolk House / Laurence Loh Kwong Yu

Malaysia: HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad, 2007

xiii. 83p,; 20 by 30cm

ISBN-13: 9789834347000

\$ 30.00

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Rumah Traditional Etnik Sabah = Sabah Traditional Ethnic Houses / Roosfa Hashim (Ed)

Kuala Lumpur: Jabatan Muzium Malaysia, 2007

197p,; 32cm

Bibliography and index

ISBN-13: 9789679935813(HB)

1. Architecture, Domestic – Malaysia – Pictorial works
2. Vernacular architecture – Malaysia – Pictorial works

\$ 90.00

This special book showcases the cosmology of architecture which is supported with 12 pictures of traditional ethnic Sabahan houses. Indeed, the documentation through such a publication will further strengthen a deeper understanding about the legacy of Sabah's local architecture, and at the same time, enable the environmentalists and local ethnic community to continue ensuring the continuity of the uniqueness of the architectural treasures in the future.

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## **Art**

50 Ways to live in Malaysia: A Heartfelt view of life through the eyes of 50 Malaysian artists

Kuala Lumpur : Galeri Petronas, 2007

168p,; 26cm

ISBN-13: 9789839738629

\$ 74.50

Exhibition held at Galeri Petronas from 27<sup>th</sup> Aug-30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2007

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Voyage : Kembara Latiff Mohidin / T.K. Sabapathy

Kuala Lumpur : Galeri Petronas, 2006

85p,; 26cm

ISBN-13: 9789839738544(HB)

1. Art, Malaysia
2. Art, Modern Malaysia
3. Latiff Mohidin

\$ 45.00

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Traditional Malaysian Jewellery / Mohd Kassim Hj Ali  
Kuala Lumpur : Utusan Publications & Distributors Sdn Bhd., 2008  
134p,; 31cm  
ISBN-13: 9789676121783(HB)  
\$ 75.00

This book showcases a collection of Malaysian traditional jewellery from the Muzium Negara, Department of Museums Malaysia and private collectors. Most of the objects illustrated and described within these pages are unique and very unusual. Centuries of tradition are embodied in these traditional jewelleries.

Used as personal adornments and decorations, these jewelleries are indicators of Malaysia's national identity. It is hoped that this book will serve as a small window to the world of traditional Malaysians jewellery and acquaint our fellow Malaysians and our friends abroad with this rich artistic heritage

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Drawings by Khor Seow Hooi  
Perak : Media Masters Publishing Sdn Bhd., 2008  
60p,; 30cm  
ISBN-13:9789834430009(HB)  
\$ 39.50

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Working Title  
Kuala Lumpur : Galeri Petronas, 2008  
120p,; 16cm  
ISBN-13: 9789839738728(HB)  
\$ 25.00

Exhibition Catalogue

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Daerah Samad : 100 Sketches by A.Samad Said  
Kuala Lumpur : Galeri Petronas, 2007  
104p,; 23cm  
ISBN-13: 9789839736605  
\$ 25.00

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Pop Fiction 22 October – 8 November 2008 / Raja Ahmad Aminullah (Ed)  
Kuala Lumpur: R A Fine Arts, 2008  
37p,; 23cm  
ISBN-13: 9789834405748  
1. R A Fine Arts  
2. Fine Arts – Malaysia, South East Asia  
3. Art and Culture – Malaysia, South East Asia  
\$ 7.00

Exhibition Catalogue

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Wallscapes: The Merdeka Painting / Wang Lan, Wang Xu & Shen Jiawei  
Kuala Lumpur: Galeri Petronas, 2008  
96p,; 21 by 29cm  
ISBN-13: 9789839738735  
\$ 39.50  
Exhibition Catalogue  
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Disclosure / Ahmad Zakii Anwar  
Kuala Lumpur: Galeri Petronas, 2008  
256p,; 36cm  
ISBN-13: 9789839738704(HB)  
\$ 90.00

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Drawing the Line: Sculptures by Amin Gulgee  
Kuala Lumpur: Galeri Petronas, 2008  
96p,; 30cm  
ISBN-13: 9789839738759  
\$ 45.00

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PhotoJournalism and the Imaging of Modern Malaysia 1957-2007  
Kuala Lumpur : Galeri Petronas, 2007  
143p,; 28cm  
ISBN-13: 9789839738582  
\$ 70.00

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Changing Phases / Nguyen Quan, Rifky Effendy et al  
Kuala Lumpur : Galeri Petronas, 2008  
117p,; 26cm  
ISBN-13: 9789839738711(HB)  
\$ 44.00

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Out of the Mould: The Age of Reason ; arts by ten Malaysian new Generation Women Artists  
Kuala Lumpur: Petronas, 2007  
72p,; 23cm  
ISBN-13: 9789839738643  
\$ 40.00

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Imaging Selves: Soraya Yusof Talismail Portraits of Artist / T.K. Sabapathy  
Kuala Lumpur : Galeri Petronas, 2008  
232p,; 34cm  
ISBN-13: 9789839738742  
\$ 75.00

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### **Business**

Glocal Marketing Myth or Reality / Suhaimi Saidin  
Selangor : Proexpo Communications, 2007  
137p,; 23cm  
ISBN-13: 9789834351106  
1. Marketing  
2. Globalization  
\$ 19.95

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## **Communication & Journalism**

Constructing Identities in the Malaysian Media / Ramesh Nair, Mohd Shahriar Haque & Mahmud Hasan Khan (Eds)

Kuala Lumpur: University of Malaya Press, 2008

xi. 165p,; 23cm

Includes Bibliography and index

ISBN-13: 9789831004661

1. Ethnicity – Malaysia
2. Mass media – Social aspects

\$ 25.00

Media literacy has to do with possessing a critical understanding of the nature of media texts. It is about exploring the manner in which representations are normalized in a society. As the chapters in this book illustrate, language plays a crucial role in the construction of reality in media texts. A critical understanding of this is gained by looking at the discourse of media through multiple perspectives. This way of reading media texts encourages reflection and careful consideration.

Researchers, academics and students of media, language and discourse analysis who are interested in studies that uncover hidden meanings in media texts, particularly Malaysian media texts, should find this book of interest.

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## **Economics/Development Studies**

The Politics of Hunger: When Policies and Markets Fail the Poor / Prabhakar Nair

Penang: Pesticide Action Network Asia & The Pacific (PAN-AP), 2008

vii.130p,; 21cm

ISBN-13: 9789839381368

1. Food Supply
2. Food industry and trade

\$ 9.95

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The Straits of Malacca: Knowledge and Diversity / Solvay Gerke, Hans-Dieter Evers, and Anna-Katharina Hornidge (Eds.)

Berlin: LIT Verlag, 2008

xii. 203p,; 21cm

ISBN-13: 9783825813533

\$ 29.50

The Straits of Malacca are one of the world's most important shipping lanes connecting Europe, the Middle East and East und Southeast Asia. This volume throws new light on the Straits of Malacca region by highlighting its cultural and bio-diversity, knowledge-based development and economic hazards and opportunities.

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Managing Financial Instability in Emerging Markets: A Keynesian Perspective / Yilmaz Akyuz

Penang: Third World Network, 2008

39p,; 21cm

ISBN-13: 9789832729440

TWN Global Economy Series 12

\$ 5.00

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Enduring Farms: Climate Change, Smallholders and Traditional Farming Communities / Miguel A Altieri & Parviz Koohafkan  
Penang: Third World Network, 2008  
63p,; 21cm  
ISBN-13: 9789832729556  
Environment & Development Series 6  
\$ 6.00

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Is Industrial Policy Relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? / Mehdi Shafaeddin  
Penang: Third World Network, 2008  
70p,; 21cm  
ISBN-13: 9789832729334  
TWN Trade & Development Series 36  
\$ 7.00

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Land to Till: The Chinese in the Agricultural Economy of Malaysia / Tan Pek Leng  
Kuala Lumpur: Centre for Malaysian Chinese Studies, 2008  
285p,; 24cm  
Includes bibliography and index  
ISBN-13: 9789833908142  
1. Chinese – Agriculture – Malaysia  
2. Chinese – Malaysia – Economic conditions  
\$ 29.95

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Chinese planters, farmers, and labourers have left an indelible imprint on Malaysia's agricultural economy. With great effort and creativity, they opened jungles, converted disused mining land, and transformed the wilderness into rich farms and plantations that grew every crop of economic and social importance. Complementing their efforts, Chinese traders, industrialists and researchers linked agriculture to commerce and agro-based industry. In the process, the Chinese agriculturists and their trading and manufacturing counterparts made valuable contributions not only to national but world development. This book covers all areas of their pursuits, from lowland rice planting to highland flower farming, from small vegetable gardens to large rubber and oil palm plantations, and from trading to downstream agro-based activities. The book combines historical information with original insights from personal interviews to produce a captivating 200-year chronicle of the lives and work of generations of Chinese who tilled the land and used its produce to admirable success.

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## **Environment**

Winging the Bornean Skies: A Photographic Journey among the Birds of Brunei, Sabah & Sarawak / Mark Hessels  
Kota Kinabalu: Natural History Publications (Borneo) Sdn Bhd., 2008  
ix.135p,; 23cm  
ISBN-13: 9789838121279  
\$ 26.00

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Butterflies: Selected collections from H.R.M. Storey / Farizawati Sabri & Nur Azura Adam  
Kuala Lumpur : Department of Museums Malaysia, 2007  
361p,; 24cm

ISBN-13: 9789679935837(HB)

1. Storey, H,R.M – Butterflies collections –Catalogs
2. Butterflies – Catalogs and collections

\$ 80.00

This catalogue was published to specially compiled 437 selected species of butterflies from five different families namely Papilionidae, Nymphalidae, Hesperidae, Lycaenidae and Pieridae, Each has a picture and brief information attached including systematic taxonomy classification, range, habitat, food plant and total specimen for each species.

All butterflies were collected of the late H.R.M Storey and donated to Department of Museums Malaysia after he passed away in 2001.

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Some Key Issues for the Post –Bali Climate Process / Martin Khor  
Penang: Third World Network, 2008

64p,; 24cm

ISBN-13: 9789832729471

TWN Climate Change Series 1

\$ 6.00

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Tabin: Sabah's Greatest Wildlife Sanctuary / Wendy Hutton  
Kota Kinabalu: Tabin Wildlife Holidays Sdn Bhd., 2008

vii. 113p,; 22cm

ISBN-13: 9789834427009

\$ 12.00

## History

Malaya's First Year at the United Nations: As Reflected in Dr Ismail's Reports Home to  
Tunku Abdul Rahman / Tawfik Ismail & Ooi Kee Beng

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing, 2009

xx. 130p,; 24cm

ISBN-13: 9789812309020

\$ 25.00 (HB)

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A History of the Development of Baram River Basin in Sarawak  
/ Fong Hon Kah; Julitta Lim Shau Hua (Translator)

Kuching, Sarawak : Julitta Lim, 2008

vi, 654p.; ill. (some Col.) ; 21 cm.

9789839906813 (pbk.)

1. Sarawak History
2. Sarawak Social life and customs
3. Sarawak Description and travel

\$ 39.99

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Indonesian Confrontation and Sarawak Communist Insurgency 1963-1966 - Experiences of  
a Local Reporter / Gabriel Tan

Kuching, Sarawak : Penerbitan Sehati Sdn. Bhd., 2008

xviii, 290p.; 23cm.

9789834403003

1. History - Malaysia - Sarawak

\$ 25.00

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The Residency Years: Tunku Abdul Rahman : A Special Tribute by Syed Abdullah Barakhbah / Mansor Bin Puteh (Text)  
Malaysia : R A Fine Arts, 2008  
225p,; 22 x 30cm  
ISBN-13: 9789834405755(HB)  
\$ 69.50  
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The Turbulent Years in Perak: A Memoir / Jerry Francis  
Selangor: Alpha Sigma Sdn Bhd., 2008  
240p,; 23cm  
ISBN-13: 9789830562391  
\$ 19.95

This book is a compilation of some of the events and actions, involving the members of security forces, civilians and communist terrorists, encountered by the press team through the passage of the Turbulent Years in Perak.

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Taib Andak : In a Class of his Own/Kalsom Taib  
Selangor : MPH Group Publishing Sdn Bhd., 2009  
230p,; 25cm  
Bibliography: p. 218-220  
ISBN-13: 9789675222078(HB)  
1. Taib Haji Andak, Tan Sri  
2. Executives – Malaysia – Biography  
3. Malaysia – Officials and Employees – Biography  
\$ 39.95  
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Selfless Warrior: A Tribute to the Late Mr. Lloyd Tan Pao Chan / Chew Nee Kong  
Malaysia: Negeri Sembilan Parkinson's Society, 2008  
449p,; 22 by 31cm  
ISBN-13: 9789834398903(HB)  
1. Tan, Pao Chan, 1935-2007  
2. Parkinson's disease – Patients – Malaysia – Biography  
\$ 90.00  
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In Pursuit of Fair Play: Reminiscence of a Malaysian Trade Unionist / K. George  
Selangor: Strategic Information & Research Development Centre (SIRD), 2009  
xix.197p,; 23cm  
ISBN-13: 9789833782635  
1. Trade- union – Malaysia  
\$ 18.00

In Pursuit of Fair Play is a passionate plea for fairness and justice in human relations between individuals, between communities, between the employers and the employees and between the ruler and the ruled. The author was speaking from his lifetime experiences of more than seven decades as a young soldier, migrant worker and trade union activist. In this book he brings out his innermost thoughts on every topic that we are immediately concerned with: Labour, economy, race, politics and religion. This is a book for everyone who has any concern for his fellow human beings.

Jungles Are Never Neutral: The Bahru war-time diaries of Bro Patricius O'Donovan fsc  
Perak: Media Masters Publishing Sdn Bhd, 2008

136p,; 23cm

ISBN-13: 9789810813055

An Extraordinary story of exile and survival : The Diaries of Brother Patricius O'Donovan fsc  
\$ 19.95

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Kinabalu: The Haunted Mountain of Borneo / C M Enriquez

Reprint (First Published in 1927)

Kota Kinabalu: Opus Publications Sdn Bhd., 2008

xiv. 95p,; 22cm

ISBN-13: 9789833987252

\$ 8.00

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### **Linguistics**

Penang Hokkien Dialect for Penangites & Tourists / Tan Choon Hoe

Penang: Tan Choon Hoe, 2008

xiv. 136p,; 19cm

ISBN-13: 9789834077433

\$ 12.00

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### **Literature**

Dusun Riddles of Sabah / Roziah Uji Razalie

Kota Kinabalu: Opus Publications Sdn Bhd., 2008

ix. 183p,; 15cm

ISBN-13: 9789833987269

\$ 9.00

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Lost in KL : 13 All-New Stories / Bernice Chauly

Malaysia: Oxygen, 2008

63p,; 15cm

\$ 7.00

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No Intention to Kill: A True Story / Vijayandran Thanigasalam

Kuala Lumpur: Vijayandran Thanigasalam, 2008

273p,; 17cm

ISBN-13: 9789834394103

\$ 9.95

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The Crescent - The Star - The Stripes / Bernice Narayanan

Kuala Lumpur: BN Communications Sdn Bhd., 2008

144p,; 26cm

ISBN-13: 9789834150556(HB)

\$ 49.50

The Crescent, The Star, The Stripes features this 'independence of sorts' depicted in quotations from our great leaders, thoughts by ordinary men and women, and poems inspired by love.

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Fatimah's Kampung / Iain Buchanan  
Penang : Consumers Association of Penang, 2008  
120p,; 21 by 30cm  
ISBN-13: 9789833083701  
\$ 35.00

Fatimah's kampung was the last kampung the city consumed. It was a small kampung, which Fatimah's moyang had begun when he built a house from the forest. Nearby was the keramat, with its doves and its sacred tree. And on the hill was the last patch of forest, where great rattans grew and tigers hid.

For generations, the keramat had kept the kampung and its forest safe from Development. Everywhere else, villages had been flattened, precious landmarks destroyed. But Fatimah had been blessed: she still lived in the house her moyang had built, and she could still hear the banana leaves clatter in the rain outside her window. She could explore the keramat, talk to the doves ... and still walk in the shade of ancient trees.

Then Development came. The forest was cut down, the kampung demolished, and a great factory went up. But it was not the end of the house that Fatimah's moyang had built. And it was not the end for the doves in the keramat, when their home too was finally flattened ... or for the tiger that had haunted Fatimah's thoughts for so long.

Fatimah's story is a parable, for children and adults, about a fast-changing world. It is a reminder of how wonderful the world can be, and a warning of how barren we can let it become.

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Peeing in the Bush: The Misadventures of two Asian girls in Zambia / Adeline Loh  
Selangor: MPH Group Sdn Bhd., 2009  
231p,; 20cm  
ISBN-13: 9789833698608  
1. Women travelers  
2. Voyages and travels  
3. Travelers' writings  
\$ 18.00

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Life is an Open Secret: Think about it -18 Inspirational Stories from Ordinary Life Experiences / Zabrina A Bakar  
Kuala Lumpur: Wise Words Publishing, 2007  
xxiii. 173p,; 18cm  
ISBN-13: 9789834353803  
1. Inspiration – Anecdotes  
2. Motivation – Anecdotes  
\$ 12.00

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Life is an Open Secret: You, Me and We – 18 Inspirational Stories from Ordinary Life Experiences / Zabrina A. Bakar  
Kuala Lumpur: Wise Words Publishing, 2008  
xxiv. 219p,; 18cm  
ISBN-13: 9789834353834  
1. Inspiration – Anecdotes  
2. Motivational (Psychology) – Anecdotes  
\$ 12.00  
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Devil's Place / Brian Gomez  
Malaysia: Idle Minds Book, 2008  
349p,; 18cm  
ISBN-13: 9789834398507  
\$ 19.90

A novel about terrorism, prostitution, politics and other funny stuff

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Cultural Encounter and Religious Engagement in Nurturing World Peace: Lessons from Selected Literary Works and Authors / Md. Salleh Yaapar  
Kuala Lumpur: Centre for Civilisational Dialogue University of Malaya, 2008  
vii. 23p,; 20cm  
ISBN-13: 9789833070190  
Monograph Series Center for Civilisational Dialogue No.13, 2007  
1. Religion and literature  
2. Literature – History and criticism  
\$ 7.00

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### **Official Publications**

Sarawak: Perangkaan Perdagangan Luar Negeri Jadual-Jadual & Ringkasan 2005 = External Trade Statistics Tables & Summaries 2005  
Sarawak: Department of Statistics Malaysia, 2008  
160p,; 30cm  
ISSN: 01270451  
\$ 40.00

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Jadual Hayat Ringkas Malaysia 2004-2006 = Abridged Life Tables Malaysia 2004-2006  
Putrajaya: Department of Statistics, Malaysia, 2008  
xi. 82p,; 30cm  
ISSN: 01280007  
\$ 15.00

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Perangkaan Penting Malaysia 2007 = Vital Statistics Malaysia 2007  
Putrajaya: Department of Statistics, Malaysia, 2008  
xvi. 316p,; 29cm  
ISSN: 0127466X  
\$ 25.00

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Perangkaan Tahunan Perikanan 2006 (jilid 1) = Annual Fisheries Statistics 2006 (volume 1)  
Putrajaya: Jabatan Perikanan Malaysia, 2008  
xxi. 283p,; 30cm  
\$ 25.00

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Malaysia: Perangkaan Petroleum dan Gas Asli 2007 = Petroleum and Natural Gas Statistics 2007  
Putrajaya: Department of Statistics, Malaysia  
v. 43p,; 30cm  
ISSN: 16757432  
\$ 12.00

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Buku Maklumat Penerangan Malaysia 2008 = Statistics Handbook Malaysia 2008  
Malaysia: Department of Statistics Malaysia, 2008  
xx. 77p,; 14cm  
ISSN: 01274643  
\$ 5.00

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### **Performing Arts**

Stirring Odissi  
Kuala Lumpur : Galeri Petronas, 2008  
142p,; 26cm  
ISBN-13: 9789839738674  
\$ 45.00

Galeri Petronas in association with Sutra Dance Theatre present Stirring Odissi, an exhibition of drawings, paintings and photographs inspired by the timeless beauty of Odissi. This exhibition is held in conjunction with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Malaysia-India Relations and Sutra Dance Theatre's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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### **Politics**

Selak : Bersih's Journey towards Clean and Fair Elections / Medaline Chang (Ed)  
Kuala Lumpur : Research for Social Advancement (REFSA), 2008  
71p,; 22 by 31cm  
ISBN-13: 9789834372217(HB)  
\$ 29.95

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March 8: Eclipsing May 13 / Ooi Kee Beng, Johan Saravanamuttu & Lee Hock Guan  
Singapore: ISEAS Publishing, 2009  
xv. 131p,; 23cm  
ISBN-13: 9789812308962  
1. Malaysia – Parliament – Elections, 2008  
2. Elections – Malaysia  
3. Malaysia – Politics and Government  
\$ 24.90 (HB)

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Protest and Possibilities: Civil Society and Coalitions for Political Change in Malaysia / Meredith L Weiss  
California: Stanford Universities Press, 2006  
xiii. 324p,; 23cm  
Includes bibliographical references and index  
ISBN-13: 9780804752954  
1. Political culture – Malaysia  
2. Malaysia – Politics and government  
3. Civil society – Malaysia  
4. Political participation – Malaysia  
5. Social movements – Malaysia  
6. Indonesia – Politics and government  
7. Social movements – Indonesia  
\$ 28.00

The study considers the roles of civil society agents (CSAs) in promoting alternative (especially noncommunal) political norms and helping to find common ground among opposition political actors and compares recent reformist initiatives with past political trajectories.

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Blogging to Unblock = Blog Merentas Halangan / Mahathir Mohamad  
Kuala Lumpur: Berita Publishing Sdn Bhd, 2008  
xiii. 153p,; 21cm  
ISBN-13: 9789679695892  
Bilingual English –Malay  
\$ 14.95

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The Cries of Sabah / Lim Kit Siang  
Selangor: Democratic Action Party (DAP), 2008  
63p,; 21cm  
ISBN-10: 9839820263  
1. Sabah – Politics and government  
2. Sabah – Economic conditions  
3. Sabah – Social conditions  
\$ 9.00

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China in the World: Contemporary Issues and Perspectives / Emile Kok-Kheng Yeoh & Joanne Hoi-Lee Loh (Eds.)  
Kuala Lumpur : Institute of China Studies, 2008  
xii. 276p,; 23cm  
Includes index  
1. China – Foreign Relations  
2. China – Economic Conditions  
ISBN-13: 9789675148071  
\$ 19.95

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Nation Before Self: And values that do not die / Yuen Yuet Leng  
Selangor: Yuen Yuet Leng, 2008  
xiv. 522p,; 22cm  
ISBN-13: 9789834427702  
1. Malaysia – Social conditions  
2. Malaysia – Politics and government  
\$ 22.00

Yuen Yuet Leng is an intrepid survivor of Malaysia's life-and-death struggle against the Communist Party of Malaya (CPM) during the turbulent 1<sup>st</sup> Malayan Emergency (1948-1960) and subsequent emergency years till 1989. Initially a resolute, compassionate and courageous paramilitary platoon commander in a police jungle company, he was a soldier's soldier and was greatly admired by his men. He led from the front and was twice wounded in action. He thereafter distinguished himself similarly in 20 long years in the Special Branch in secret and delicate operations. He was both a strategist and tactician. Grudgingly respected and feared, he was targeted for assassination during numerous failed communist operations. An apolitical and yet politically conscious senior police commander, he had from youth believed, fought and almost died for a multiracial Malaysia with justice and equity to all communities without any prejudice to Bumiputras.

'Islam and the West' Dialogue What Achievements? What New Effective Methods? /  
Shireen M Mazari  
Kuala Lumpur: Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia, 2008  
16p,; 21cm  
ISBN-10: 9679472998  
The Asia-Pacific Roundtable Series  
\$ 4.00

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APEC and East Asian Co-operation Prospects for Constructive Co-existence / Andrew  
Elek  
Kuala Lumpur: Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia, 2008  
20p,; 21cm  
ISBN-10: 9679472967  
The Asia-Pacific Roundtable Series  
\$ 4.00

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ASEAN at 40 Reinvention, Challenges and Prospects / Philip Bowring  
Kuala Lumpur: Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia, 2008  
12p,; 21cm  
ISBN-10: 9679472950  
The Asia-Pacific Roundtable Series  
\$ 4.00

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Putting all the Cards on the Table : Trust as a Factor in the War Against Terror / Bahtiar  
Effendy  
Kuala Lumpur: Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia, 2008  
15p,; 21cm  
ISBN-10: 9679472974  
The Asia-Pacific Roundtable Series  
\$ 4.00

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Constructing the Social ASEAN / M C Abad Jr  
Kuala Lumpur: Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia, 2008  
23p,; 21cm  
ISBN-10: 9679472936  
The Asia-Pacific Roundtable Series  
\$ 4.00

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Climate Change and Security in Asia / Simon S C Tay  
Kuala Lumpur: Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia, 2008  
26p,; 21cm  
ISBN-10: 9679473001  
The Asia-Pacific Roundtable Series  
\$ 4.00

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The Geopolitics of Energy Insecurity / Mohan Malik  
Kuala Lumpur: Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia, 2008  
31p,; 21cm  
ISBN-10: 9679472943  
The Asia-Pacific Roundtable Series  
\$ 4.00

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Japan as a 'Normal' State Implications for the Region / Brad Glosserman  
Kuala Lumpur: Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia, 2008  
16p,; 21cm  
ISBN-10: 9679472981  
The Asia-Pacific Roundtable Series  
\$ 4.00

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### **Religion – Islam**

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Kelantan: Syed Akbar Ali, 2008  
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