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### Economics/Development Studies

Agriculture in the Malaysian Region / R.D. Hill

Singapore: NUS Press, 2013

xxi. 347p. ; 23cm.

ISBN–13: 9789971696016

1. Agriculture – Malaysia – History
2. Agriculture – Economic aspects – Malaysia
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4. Agriculture – Singapore – History
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\$ 32.00 / PB

548 gm.

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**Catching the Wind: Penang in a Rising Asia** / edited by Francis E. Hutchinson and Johan Saravanamuttu

Singapore/Penang : ISEAS/Penang Institute, 2013

9789814379878

\$ 24.90 / PB

However impressive the economic success of Penang has been over the past four decades, structural conditions in the region call for a fundamental reconfiguration of this Malaysian state's competitive advantage. In the 1970s, the ageing entrepôt transformed itself into a manufacturing hub for the electronics industry and a well-known tourist site. This outward-looking model of economic growth has underpinned Penang's economic development up until the present. The question that now arises is whether Penang's present mode of development will continue to be effective, or whether it will have to transform itself. First, Malaysia in general, and Penang in particular are caught in a middle-income trap. Second, while the evolving weight of the global economy is shifting towards Asia, many of its emerging powers are competing with Penang in areas where it formerly excelled. Third, Penang is a state within a federation, and its capital, George Town, is a secondary city. Neither can rival Kuala

Lumpur in terms of size or facilities, and thus must offer investors other attributes. Effectively meeting these challenges while retaining Penang's vibrant and living culture are the key issues that are dealt with in this second volume of the Penang Studies Series.

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## **Environment**

Kinabalu / Antony van der Ent

Kota Kinabalu, Sabah: Natural History Publications (Borneo) Sdn. Bhd., 2013  
iv. 152p. ; 29cm.

ISBN-13: 9789838121422

\$ 125.00 / HB

2140 gm.

Mount Kinabalu (4095 m) in the East Malaysian state of Sabah on the island of Borneo is the highest mountain between the Himalayas and the mountains of New Guinea, as well as the most biodiverse place on earth for its size with an unparalleled ecology with many endemic species. Scientific research undertaken over the last 160 years has recorded over 5500 plant species comprising over 200 plant families in an area roughly 30×40 km in size, making it truly a 'pinnacle of biodiversity'.

Mount Kinabalu also has the richest orchid flora in the world. Half of all Borneo's birds, mammals, reptilian species and amphibian species including many rare and endangered species occur on Mount Kinabalu; these include approximately 90 species of lowland mammals and 22 montane mammal species and 326 bird species. The Park was established in 1964, and includes Mount Kinabalu, and the little-known Mount Tambuyukon (2579 m), the highest ultramafic mountain in Asia. As a World Heritage Site, Kinabalu Park is also the most important tourism 'hotspot' in Sabah with close to 500,000 visitors annually, of whom about 10% make it to the highest point in Borneo, a tough 2-day climb.

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A Guide to Orchids of Kinabalu / Jeffrey J. Wood

Kota Kinabalu: Natural History Publications (Borneo) Sdn. Bhd., 2013  
vi. 146p. ; 22cm.

ISBN-13: 9789838121446

\$ 25.00 / PB

344 gm.

This guide presents a selection of 100 species of orchid that can be found growing wild in Kinabalu Park. It is offered in the hope that it will provide a glimpse into this unique natural heritage for the visitor and help in the future protection of the orchids of this unique and fascinating mountain.

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A Guide to Dendrobium of Borneo / Jeffrey J. Wood  
Kota Kinabalu: Natural History Publications (Borneo) Sdn. Bhd., 2013  
vi. 146p. ; 22cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789838121439  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
308 gm.

Dendrobium, with approximately 1580 species, is one of the most diverse genera in the orchid family and the second biggest orchid genus in Southeast Asia after Bulbophyllum.

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## History

Penang Peranakan Chinese and Chinese Muslims : An Historical and Cultural Journey / Sohaimi Abdul Aziz (Editor)

Penang: Persatuan Karyawan Pulau Pinang, 2010  
xxxvi. 244p. ; 21cm.

ISBN-13: 9789834413224

1. Penang Peranakan Chinese and Chinese Muslims
2. History, culture, religion and identity

\$ 15.00 / PB

476 gm.

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Kapitan Chung Keng Kwee's Shen Zhi Jia Shu and Hai Ji Zhan / Tan Yeow Wooi  
Penang: Pinang Peranakan Mansion Sdn. Bhd., 2013  
120p. ; 24cm.

ISBN-13: 9789671069011

1. Chung, Keng Kwee
2. Heroes - Perak
3. Ethnic architecture - Pulau Pinang

Bilingual English and Chinese language

\$ 35.00 / HB

660 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=151202>

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Historical Tombstones and Graves at St Paul's Hill Malacca / Dennis De Witt  
Malaysia: Nutmeg Publishing, 2013

64p. ; 21cm.

Bibliography: p. 63

ISBN-13: 9789834351946

1. Tombs - Melaka - History
2. Sepulchral monuments - Melaka - History

\$ 12.00 / PB

90 gm.

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My Days in the Sun : A Memoir / Mark Yoi Sun Soo

Penang: Areca Books, 2013

xvii. 202p. ; 24cm.

ISBN-13: 9789675719080

1. Soo, Mark Yoi Sun, 1933-
2. Radiologists - Biography

\$ 22.00 / HB

470 gm.

In 'My Days in the Sun', a distinguished radiologist presents a candid self-portrait of his first 40 years. Mark Y.S. Soo was born in 1933 into a Cantonese family who divided their time between business interests in Malaya and Hong Kong. As a precocious child, the Japanese occupation of Malaya and the post-war trauma of the late 1940s.

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Mission Schools of Malaya / Keith Tan

Reprint

Selangor: Taylor's Press, 2012

184p. ; 26cm.

ISBN-13: 9789670193054

\$ 45.00 / PB

676 gm.

Spanning two hundred years of history, the story of the Mission Schools of Malaysia and Singapore is finally told in this seminal publications. Containing some two hundred images documenting the existing condition of the schools and archival pictures covering a colourful and even-filled history, this book seeks to shed light on what were once the most famous places of learning in the two countries.

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**India and Malaysia: Intertwined Strands / Veena Sikri**

Singapore/New Delhi : ISEAS /Manohar, 2013

978981414500

\$ 54.90 / HB

This book offers a panoramic yet in-depth historical analysis of the inter-linkages between India and Malaysia, which are a microcosm of the much larger relationship between South Asia and Southeast Asia, as these have evolved for more than two millennia. Both regions shared rich traditions, first of their Hindu and Buddhist, and later of their Islamic heritage. Till the arrival of European colonialists about five hundred years ago, the people of South and Southeast Asia interacted freely and peaceably. Trade, religion and culture were the leitmotifs of this interaction, and technological prowess in shipbuilding its mainstay. By the end of the eighteenth century, colonial machinations, including the forced demise of India's shipbuilding industry, had impoverished large swathes of people across South and Southeast Asia, and severely restricted their interaction. Indentured labour and convicts, overseers and foremen, railway workers and members of the police force: these were the categories that served the interests of the colonial power. The book documents in chilling detail the tribulations faced by the enormous movement of manpower between India and Malaysia. The book brings out the role played by Jawaharlal Nehru, Rabindranath Tagore and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, among others, in shaping the relationship between India and Malaysia in the twentieth century. The book details the intricacies of the negotiations in the run-up to Malaya's independence, together with the key issues of cooperation between Indian and Malaysian leaders, including Mahathir Mohamad, Abdullah Badawi and Najib Razak.

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**Literature**

**JeBe the Super-Morpher / Azizi Ali**

Malaysia: Angun Publishing, 2013

223p. ; 19cm.

ISBN-13: 9789674160203

1. Malaysian fiction (English)

\$ 12.50 / PB

206 gm.

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**A History of Classical Malay Literature** / Liaw Yock Fang;  
Translated by Razif Bahari and Harry Aveling  
Singapore/Jakarta : ISEAS/YAYASAN OBOR INDONESIA, 2013  
9789814459884  
\$ 49.90 / PB

This is a detailed, narrative-based history of Classical Malay Literature. It covers a wide range of Malay texts, including folk literature; the influence of the Indian epics and shadow theatre literature; Panji tales; the transition from Hindu to Muslim literary models; Muslim literature; framed tales; theological literature; historical literature; legal codes; and the dominant forms of poetry, the pantun and syair.

The author describes the background to each of these particular literary periods. He engages in depth with specific texts, their various manuscripts, and their contents. In so doing, he draws attention to the historical complexity of traditional Malay society, its worldviews, and its place within the wider framework of human experience.

Dr Liaw's *A History of Classical Malay Literature* will be of benefit to beginning students of Malay Literature and to established scholars alike. It can also be read with benefit by those with a wider interest in Comparative Literature and in Southeast Asian culture in general.

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