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### Economics/Development Studies

Malaysia@50 : Economic Development, Distribution, Disparities / Jomo Kwame  
Sundaram & Wee Chong Hui  
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2014  
xvi. 198p. ; 23cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789814571388  
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524 gm.

Malaysia has grown and changed a great deal since it was formed on 16 September 1963. It was then seen as an unlikely nation hastily put together as a federation of British controlled territories in the region. Brunei's refusal to join at the eleventh hour and Singapore's secession before its second birthday only seemed to confirm such doubts.

Yet, it has not only survived, but even thrived, often cited as a developing country worthy of emulation. Ruled by the same ruling coalition since the mid-

1950s, it has been tempting to emphasize continuities, and there certainly have been many.

Looking back at its last half century, this volume first considers changes in development policy in response to national as well as international developments. The remaining three parts consider how public policy has been influenced by and has, in turn, influenced economic distribution, public finance and economic federalism.

Besides the familiar focus on ethnic disparities, regional and other distribution issues are considered. The discussion of government taxation as well as spending also focuses on distribution implications. Although constitutionally a federation, Malaysia has been more centralized than most federal states.

The way forward requires greater sensitivity to the complex political economy of Malaysia's unlikely, but nonetheless resilient federation and ruling coalition.

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## History

Journey Towards Progress Society (1962 – 2002) / Liman Anak Numpang Sarawak: Liman Anak Numpang, 2012

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No Other Way Out : A Biography of Ong Seok Kim : A Pioneer in Chinese Education in Malaysia, Social Worker and Philanthropist / Wang Jianshi, Ong Eng-Joo, Consultant and Editor; Lena Khaw

Malaysia : Strategic Information and Research Development Centre, 2013

Xvii, 215p.; References 20p.

9789675832956

1. Ong, Seok Kim, 1884-1964
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## Literature

Abraham's Children / Heather Stroud  
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ISBN-13: 9789839541823

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## Politics

The Malay Rulers : Regression or Reform? / Syed Husin Ali  
Petaling Jaya: Strategic Information and Research Development Centre (SIRD),  
2013

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## Religion

In the Spirit of St. Francis & The Sultan : Catholics and Muslims Working  
Together for the Common Good / George Dardess & Marvin L Krier Mich  
Petaling Jaya: The Other Press Sdn. Bhd., 2013

xviii. ; 205p. ; 22cm.

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Gay is OK! : A Christian Perspective / Ngeo Boon Lin  
Malaysia : Gerakbudaya Enterprise, 2013  
Xii, 226p.

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## Sociology

Migrating to Australia : Good Meh??? / Ken Soong & Michael Soong  
Malaysia : Gerakbudaya Enterprise, 2013  
Xiv, 144p.

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*Migrating to Australia, Good Meh?* by Michael and Ken Soong, two brothers that have been living in Australia for quite some time. This book presents the bitter sweet (and sour) truth based on the authors' experiences as Malaysian migrants living in Australia - from the perspectives of not only Malaysians but also South East Asians; about the so called more 'equal' opportunities, advanced, liberal, democratic, laissez-faire ways of life in the land of Australia which supposed to be better than Malaysia in any way and every respect! Is Australia all rosy, nice, and dandy? The short answer is 'yes' and 'no'. The long answer is not too long either as you can see the book is not a thick one at all. While this book is not some sort of a 'one size fits all' instruction manual of migrating and living in Australia, the authors do believe it contains some noteworthy discussions and anecdotal accounts that can shed light on the dilemmas, ironies, opportunities, challenges, hopes, despair, frustration, excitements, and emotions.

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