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Anthropology/Archaeology

Borneo Cultures Museum: A New Era in the Making / Sarawak Museum Department
Kuching, Sarawak: Sarawak Museum Department, 2022
150p.
9789839468267
\$ 100.00 / PB
670gm.

Borneo Cultures Museum is a symbol of unity, diversity and modernity that shapes the rapid growth of Sarawak especially in the last decade. It represents a new era in the making, an era that will lift Sarawak to a greater height not only in the region but also as a global leader. This book encapsulates the process of building this majestic landmark. It covers the stages involved from ideation to the curation of artefacts, led by the dedicated team at the Sarawak Museum Department. Get a glimpse of the works done behind the scenes as well as the exciting exhibitions that awaits visitors. Borneo Cultures Museum is indeed the pride of Sarawak and Borneo. It looks forward to welcoming visitors from all over the world.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858536>

Bones: The Return / Sarawak Museum Department
Kuching, Sarawak: Sarawak Museum Publisher, Sarawak Museum Department, 2022
1v.
9789839468298
\$ 150.00 / PB
398gm.

In 1891, the second Rajah of Sarawak, Sir Charles Brooke established the Sarawak Museum to house an invaluable collection of zoological specimens as well as ethnological artefacts that reflect Sarawak's biodiversity and ethnic miscellany. One of the most significant discoveries that put Sarawak Museum on the world map in the prehistoric research field, and as one of the most important archaeological sites in Southeast Asia, is the 37,000-year-old Deep Skull excavated by the late Tom Harrisson (former Curator of Archaeology at Sarawak Museum in 1947) from Hell Trench at the West Mouth of Niah Cave in 1958

More excavations were done within the area up until 1967, resulting in more discoveries including the 122 bone fragments from the Neolithic era cemetery that somehow ended up in the United States of America for more than 50 years.

This coffee table books takes a look at the long process of trying to get the 122 bone fragments back home to Sarawak, and the attempts as well as efforts by the Sarawak Government and Sarawak Museum Department to make sure they do get home, where they would eventually form part of the fascinating Niah Cave exhibit at the new Borneo Cultures Museum in Kuching, the capital of Sarawak

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858537>

Rock Art in Sarawak / (Eds) Ipoi Datan & Paul S.C. Tacon
Kuching, Sarawak: Sarawak Museum Publisher, Sarawak Museum Department, 2022
40p.

9789839468274

1. Rock Art – Archaeology – Museum Sarawak.

2. Rock-Art – History – Sarawak.

\$ 20.00 / PB

86gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858538>

The Book of Punan Myths and Legends / Calvin Jemarang
Sarawak: Calvin Jemarang (Self-Published), 2023

590p.

9786299757115

\$ 45.00 / PB

554gm.

"Punan Myths and Legends is a treasure for the Punan people and for anyone interested in Punan culture and history. It contains precious stories and histories of a group often misunderstood by the outsiders organized in a way that brings together disparate tales of Punan history in a single source. Its value as cultural resource is immeasurable and I encourage anyone who thinks they know about the Punan to read it." Dr Alexander David Smith

National University of Singapore (NUS)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858539>

Art

Topeng : Koleksi Topeng Di Muzium Sarawak = Collection of Masks at The Sarawak Museum / Aldrin John Hew (Ed) Mohamad Taufek Zakirah
Kuching, Sarawak: Sarawak Museum Department, 2021

1v.

English & Malay Languages

9789839468212

1. Masks – Malaysia – Sarawak.

2. Dayak (Bornean People) – Social life and customs.

\$ 20.00 / PB

98gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858540>

Biography/Memoirs

Scholar Activist Khoo Khay Jin: Reflections on the Penan Sarawak and Malaysia: An Anthology / Francis Loh Kok Wah

Petaling Jaya/Penang: SIRD-Strategic Information and Research Development Centre & ALIRAN, 2023

xxiv, 348p.

9786297575117

\$ 20.00 / PB

524gm.

Scholar Activist Khoo Khay Jin: Reflections on the Penan Sarawak and Malaysia is a tribute to a towering yet unassuming intellectual, Khoo Khay Jin, one of the best-read scholars of his generation in Malaysia and a brilliant statistician. Undoubtedly, 'Scholar-Activist' is a very appropriate description of the man, Khoo Khay Jin. So too the title of this book. He was never an arm-chair critic confined to providing analytical input from behind a desk as he personally took part in a number of focus group discussions with communities across the two states to obtain and analyse data and input from various stakeholders including grassroots communities and to ensure their voices were heard and taken into consideration in national and state planning. His commitment towards providing a voice to these communities continues to be inspiring and noteworthy for all Malaysian development practitioners.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856702>

LIM KIT SIANG – Malaysian First, Volume Two: Bold to The Last Battle / Kee Thuan Chye

Petaling Jaya: SIRD-Strategic Information and Research Development Centre, 2023

xviii, 550p.

9786297575131

\$ 44.00 / PB

708gm.

In this continuing account of Lim Kit Siang's life and 56-year political career, dramatist-journalist Kee Thuan Chye picks up from the cliffhanger at the end of Volume One to present a story full of intrigue, heart-tugging moments, dramatic twists and turns – and even some laughter and joy.

What comes through unmistakably is Kit Siang's resilience in fighting for his Malaysian Dream – his lifelong vision for a united, democratic and prosperous nation in which all citizens will have the opportunity to achieve success and find fulfilment.

We see in this story how he is able to set aside deep-seated political differences and forgive the political enemies who had unfairly inflicted pain and suffering on him – and his son – for the sake of realising that Dream.

We also see the important role played by Kit Siang's devoted wife and children in giving him the support he needs as he battles the forces set on dividing the nation, stealing from the people and destroying the rule of law.

Malaysia would not be what it is without the political struggles and sacrifices of Lim Kit Siang and his fight for his Malaysian Dream. As this biography shows, he has proven unfailingly throughout his long career that he is not only someone who truly cares for his country and its people, but is also a visionary ahead of his time.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856486>

Ivy On Stone / Matthew Thomas

Petaling Jaya: Matahari Books (Buku Fixi), 2023

240p.

9789670042749

\$ 17.50/ PB

252gm.

The Malaysian lawyer and author Matthew Thomas was introduced by his family to Anne when he was 29. Despite their initial trepidation, they got along very well and within a year they were married. Decades later, she would lie in a coffin at the same church they were married in.

Ivy on Stone is his memoir of their marriage, and of how he has struggled to come to terms with her death. This deeply personal tribute is not only a record of love and grief, but of a humanistic faith that transcends orthodoxy as he recounts the life they had.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=857743>

From the Shadow of the Rising Sun / Jerry Francis

Perak: Jerry Francis (Self-Published), 2023

240p.

9786299802419

\$ 20.00 / PB

356gm.

This autobiography is dedicated to my late mother, who had defied all odds to ensure the survival of her young children through the brutal years of the Japanese Occupation of Malaya and beyond.

Had it not been for her sacrifices and determination, my siblings and I could not have emerged from the Shadow of the Rising Sun.

Many of the things I wrote here had never been told to anyone and I hoped this book would give readers a glimpse into our family and Malaysia's past.

The autobiography is in two parts. Part I traces the trials and tribulations of the Francis family during the Japanese Occupation and the pre-Merdeka period while Part II is about my career as a journalist covering the "Second Insurgency" in Perak and South Thailand.

"I remember how I had to dash through security-sensitive areas to beat the curfew and meet the deadline for my stories in the days before mobile phones and laptops.

"I also recalled the excitement and danger I experienced during my frequent trips into areas known to be infested by communist insurgents, particularly in Betong, South

Thailand, and visits to the security forces' forward bases in the jungle from 1973 till the signing of the Peace Accord with the Communist Party of Malaysia (CPM) in 1989."

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858541>

Anwar Ibrahim: Tenacious in Dissent, Hopeful in Power / Khoo Boo Teik
Petaling Jaya: SIRI-Strategic Information and Research Development Centre, 2023
xx, 440p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9786297575124

\$ 39.00 / PB

658gm.

Over 50 years Anwar Ibrahim was a Malay nationalist student, a motor of Islamic activism, a co-opted rising star in government, an 'anointed successor' to the premiership, a persecuted reformist, and a revitalized Opposition Leader. He disdained comfortable irrelevance to rouse indignant masses against the regimes of five prime ministers. In September 1998 he was a political prisoner with a blackened eye. In November 2023 he became the Prime Minister. In the 21st century his anti-corruption campaigns fought ruling power structures that fused state, regime and party. His politics used his charismatic and chameleonic personality, and his complex ideas on Islam, a humane economy, coalition politics, and a reimagination of society. He outmaneuvered his influential ethno-religious opponents through a parlous condition of Malay politics, and now leads a large Unity Government of which the deposed hegemon, UMNO, is only a subordinate partner. This book explores how a tenacious but hopeful Anwar seeks to transform society at an unsteady moment of Malaysian politics.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856502>

Ecology/Environment

Mollusca – Snail: Gastropoda in Sarawak Museum / Mohamad Taufek Zakirah (Eds)
Awangku Shahrir Naqiuddin & Zakaria Nurul-Zalizahana
Kuching, Sarawak: Sarawak Museum Publisher, Sarawak Museum Department, 2021
42p.

9789839468236

1. Mollusk – Malaysia – Sarawak.
2. Snails – Malaysia – Sarawak.
3. Gastropoda – Malaysia – Sarawak.
4. Government Publications – Malaysia.

\$ 20.00 / PB

70gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858542>

History

Legendary Chinese Festivals / Joey Yap
Malaysia: Joey Yap Research Group Sdn Bhd., 2021
76p. ; 9x6inch.
9789671739112
\$ 30.00 / PB

Chinese culture and heritage is rich and runs across a time frame of five thousand years. It was during this time that a variety of unique and varied celebrations began to grow roots. Despite China's many changes Chinese festivals are deeply rooted in popular tradition. China amasses a vast area and consists of a number of ethnic groups that all come together as part of a vibrant cultural experience. Some of these festivals have developed into popular celebrations that are not only practiced in China, but also in many Chinese communities throughout the world.

Much of the customs and traditions of its people vary by geography and ethnicity yet remain firmly established as part of the country's vibrant culture. Over the years much of the festivals have evolved with the changes in the development of the Chinese civilisation and as a consequence have become an integral part of the Chinese culture.

As with time's progression and the advent of science, technology and rapid globalisation many Chinese are no longer able to tell how their festivals originated which has in turn seen the gradual shedding of ethnic traditions for modern and universal ways. This is especially true of Chinese communities outside their homeland.

Legendary Chinese Festivals will help reader to;

- Go back to the origins of the festivals and popular stories associated with them.
- Trace the history and development of various festivals celebrated in China.
- Look at current practices in a modern light and lessons we can still learn today.
- Immerse in the selection of these celebrated traditions with full colour illustrations while appreciating the diversity and development of traditional Chinese culture.
- Appreciate how the celebration of these festivals acted as a social glue in bringing the people together.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856707>

Microphone Republic: Propaganda and Indoctrination In Guided Democracy Indonesia / Sahul HM

Perak: Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI Press), 2023

xiv, 366p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9786297524306

\$ 25.00 / PB

556gm.

This book uncovers the truth behind Sukarno's Guided Democracy in Indonesia, the cult of personality and the role of propaganda in maintaining his power.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856699>

Penang Hill Railway: 100 Years of Transformation 1923 – 2023 / Koay Su Lyn (Ed-in-Chief & Photographer) David ST Loh

Penang: Elaton Publishing, 2023

88p.

9789671716465

\$ 40.00 / HB

724gm.

This pictorial book tells the tale of the Penang Hill railway and its transformation over 100 years and highlights the crucial milestones in this unfading icon of Penang.

The initial scheme in 1905 failed, but the second system designed by colonial engineer A.R. Johnson was a spectacular success. Launched in 1923, the Penang Hill Railway was an engineering feat that transformed the hill and the surrounding areas of Air Itam.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=857708>

Numismatics Transoxania : From 9th to 13th Century / Elena Davidovich (Ed) Tatiana Denisova (Translator) Katherine Judelson

Kuantan: Al-Sultan Abdullah History & Civilisation Research Centre (Al-Asar), 2023

xxvi, 814p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9789832456490

1. Numismatics – History.
2. Islamic numismatics – History.
3. Transoxiana – History.

\$ 200.00 / HB

1328gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=857703>

Numismatics: Sarawak Museum Department Numismatics Collections / Aldrin John Hew (Ed) Zakirah Binti Mohamad Taufek & Muhammad Adib Bin Yusuf

Kuching, Sarawak: Sarawak Museum Department, 2023

60p.

Includes Bibliography

9789839468335

\$ 20.00/ PB

156gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858543>

Malaysia at Random: Magic, Myths and Milestones

New and Updated Edition

Singapore: Talisman Publishing Pte Ltd, 2024

164p.

Includes Index

9789811884634

\$ 16.00 / PB
318gm.

An illustrated collection of Malaysian trivia, Malaysia at Random is filled with anecdotes, statistics, quotations, diagrams, facts, recipes, advice, folklore and other unusual and often useful tidbits. This veritable treasure trove of information on Malaysia is arranged, as the title suggests, randomly, so that readers will come to expect the unexpected on each and every page. Designed in a charmingly classic style and peppered with attractive illustrations, Malaysia at Random is a quirky and irresistible celebration of everything you didn't know you wanted to know about this diverse country.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858544>

The Sarawak Museum Journal, Vol. LXXXV, No. 106, 2022 / (Ed-in-Chief) Dayang Morzanah Awang Haddy

Kuching, Sarawak: Sarawak Museum Department, 2022

228p.

ISSN: 0375-3050

\$ 90.00 / PB

620gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=857977>

Official Publications

Jadual Hayat Ringkas 2021-2023 = Abridged Life Tables 2021-2023 [Malaysia]

Putrajaya: Department of Statistics Malaysia, 2023

1v.

ISSN: 0128-0007

\$ 30.00 / PB

976gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856805>

Laporan Survei Gaji dan Upah 2022 = Salaries and Wages Survey Report 2022 [Malaysia]

Putrajaya: Department of Statistics Malaysia, 2023

1v.

ISSN: 2600-9579

\$ 15.00 / PB

362gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856808>

Akaun Satelit Pelancongan 2022 = Tourism Satellite Account 2022 [Malaysia]

Putrajaya: Department of Statistics Malaysia, 2023

1v.

ISSN: 2232-0237; 9772232023003

\$ 25.00 / PB

256gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856809>

Perangkaan Penting 2023 = Vital Statistics 2023 [Malaysia]
Putrajaya: Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia = Department of Statistics, 2023
1v.
English & Malay Languages
ISSN: 0127-466X
\$ 35.00 / PB
946gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=857655>

Buku Tahunan Perangkaan Malaysia 2022 = Statistics Yearbook Malaysia 2022 / Dato' Sri
Dr.Mohd Uzir Mahidin
Putrajaya: Department of Statistics, Malaysia, 2023
1v.
ISSN: 0127-2624
\$ 120.00 / PB
686gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=857886>

Perangkaan Sebab Kematian 2023 = Statistics on Causes of Death 2023 [Malaysia]/ Dato'
Sri Dr.Mohd Uzir Mahidin
Putrajaya: Department of Statistics, Malaysia, 2023
1v.
ISSN: 2462-2044; 9772462204005
\$ 60.00 / PB
1470gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=857888>

Politics/Current Affairs

The Middle East and the Malay World: Contemporary Issues and Future Challenges / (Eds)
Abdolreza Alami & Muna H. Bilgrami
Petaling Jaya: Gerakbudaya Enterprise, 2023
xiv, 298p.
9789670076263
\$ 24.00 / PB
440gm.

The strong links between the Malay world and the Middle East have been shaped by interweaving forces, foremost among them the historical role of the spread of Islam, the modern colonizing forces of Europe, and more latterly the contemporary interests of World Powers. To bring focus to these relationships, a Two-day International Conference on 'The Middle East and Malay World: Contemporary Issues and Future Challenges' was jointly held in Kuala Lumpur in October 2022 by AsiaWE, AMEC, Bait Al Amanah, Academy of

Malay Studies, University Malaya, with an emphasis on History, Politics, Culture, and Finance. Contributions centered around three areas: relations of the Muslim Malay Archipelago with the Middle East, the influence of the World Powers of the United States and China, and the position of Malaysia and Indonesia on Palestine.

The chapters collected in this volume reveal to us these often hidden, historical landscapes of regional connections, reflecting ground-level intermarriages of a vibrant trade and knowledge culture, the legacies of colonialism, and giving attention to the shifting axes of power in the 21st century. Tensions generated by intersecting forces of competing interests within these relationships are nowhere more visible than in the matter of Palestine. Several of these chapters highlight the opportunities that await judicious and wise working partnerships between the two regions.

Readers and fellow researchers are invited to gain further insight and understanding so as to build wholistic policies and ethical governance, honoring a common heritage inspired by the love of higher principles of life.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856501>

Understanding Terrorism: Concepts, Theories, and Causes / Yaser Esmailzadeh
Petaling Jaya: Gerakbudaya Enterprise, 2023
xiv, 154p.

Includes Bibliography

9789670076256

\$ 19.00 / PB

246gm.

Terrorism is a relentless phenomenon that continues to haunt the human race, affecting societies across the world. While the world continues to interconnect with one another, terrorism too, continues to evolve, adapting to the changing contours of political, social, and economic landscapes.

This book focuses on the political, economic, psychological, social, and cultural factors that underpin terrorism, shedding light on the conditions and motivations that give rise to such acts. As such, the book aims to equip readers with the necessary knowledge and tools to comprehend this complex phenomenon, as well as providing the necessary knowledge to contribute to informed debates on counter-terrorism.

The case studies that are written in this book will help readers understand the complex dynamics at play, as well as the many different concepts of terrorism itself. With this, it is with hope that future generations may use this book as a basis to explore the potential emergence of other waves of terrorism, and to develop advanced prospects for effective counterterrorism in the face of these evolving challenges.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=857715>
