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States of Reform: Governing Selangor and Penang / Tricia Yeoh
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This compilation of articles critically examines the policies and programmes of the Pakatan Rakyat state governments in Penang and Selangor from 2008 to 2012. The articles are culled from former Research Officer to the Selangor Menteri Besar Tricia

Yeoh's monthly column in the Penang Economic Monthly magazine (now Penang Monthly), also named 'States of Reform'. A rare comparison between two similar states, the book examines the last four years, worth of programmes and efforts, as the yardstick by which Pakatan Rakyat's potential as a future federal government can be measured.

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Teresa Kok: Partner in Democracy /Roshan Jason
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" Apart from the state's financial support via some of these monetary benefits and gifts that we provide, and the boom in state-investments and employment, what people in Selangor and certainly in Malaysia want to see is a country which is democratic, has integrity, and led by a corrupt-free government. A government that is attentive to the people. Saturdays, Sundays and non-office hours, are prime time slots for me to attend various activities and functions. I make it a point to show up so that the people know, that although I have various duties as a member of the ruling state government, I am also with the rakyat and will not neglect the needs of the constituents." – Teresa Kok

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There are reasons for thinking that this is at last Indonesia's moment on the world stage. Having successfully negotiated its difficult transition to democracy after 1998, Indonesia has held three popular elections with a low level of violence by the standards of southern Asia. Recently its economic growth rate has been high (above 6 per cent a year) and rising, where China's has been dropping and the developed world has been in crisis. Indonesia's admission in 2009 to the G20 club of the world's most influential states seemed to confirm a status implied by its size, as the world's fourth-largest

country by population, and the largest with a Muslim majority. Some international pundits have been declaring that Indonesia is the new star to watch, and that its long-awaited moment in the sun may at last have arrived.

Those who know Indonesia well, like the experts writing in this book, are less easy to convince. In this volume they weigh the economic evidence (Ross Garnaut and M. Chatib Basri); the political equation between democracy and the massive obstacles to progress in corruption, inefficiency and legal inadequacies (Rizal Sukma and Donald K. Emmerson); and Indonesia's unrealized potential as a leader in matters environmental (Frank Jotzo) and Islamic (Martin van Bruinessen). The volume is rounded out by Scott Guggenheim's analysis of the potential for better performance in education, and by the longer-term considerations of Anthony Reid and R.E. Elson. Overall, the conclusion is one of cautious optimism, well aware of past disappointments.

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