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From Longhouse to Capital: Recollections / Leo Moggie
MPH Group Publishing Sdn Bhd., 2018

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1. Leo Moggie, Tan Sri Datuk Amar, 1941 – Biography
2. Politicians – Biography – Sarawak
3. Autobiography
4. Sarawak (Malaysia) – Politics and government

In this personal recollection of the main events in his life, Tan Sri Datuk Amar Leo Moggie brings to life the atmosphere of his early upbringing against a backdrop of nature and subsistence farming in the interior of Sarawak; his formal education in a number of boarding schools in Sarawak's main towns, separated from his family from a young age; his early career as a civil servant in Sarawak; and, after entering politics, his rapid rise to assemblyman, Member of Parliament, Sarawak state minister and federal cabinet minister. Well known for his cool persona—composed, confident and down to earth—Leo Moggie's humble beginnings and his Dayak roots were to influence the way he performed his various roles and duties, initially as the district officer of Kapit where his main means of transport around his district was by longboat up often-treacherous rivers, his keen interest in the welfare of his constituents regardless of their native ethnicity, his loyalty to his political party colleagues and his ability to negotiate the shifting sands of Sarawak politics. In the way that the pages of a history book can never aspire to do, he conjures up the atmosphere and excitement of Sarawakian and federal politics. These recollections also document the incredible changes and challenges that took place during the author's three tenures as Minister of Energy, Telecommunications and Posts (later Multimedia) and Minister of Works, among them the Bakun hydropower scheme, the privatisation of telecommunication services, the construction of the North-South and East-West Highways, the building of the Kuala Lumpur International Airport and the implementation of the Multimedia Super Corridor. The book is enhanced with a collection of photographs illustrating the author's personal and professional journey

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Lineage, Vision, Empire : Don Francisco "Paquito" Ortigas, Jr. / Alfred A. Yuson
Reyes Publishing, Inc., Philippines 2018

176p.
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Before he turned 30 years of age, with the early demise of his father, Paquito took over the responsibility of turning the family's landholdings into a paradigm of success in the real estate business.

Previous to this, he had excelled in sport, and like his father, in oratory, and in the sterling conduct of the legal profession. He also served as a professor of law. Like his father, who had acquired a broad philosophical and cultural background, Paquito entrusted much of his advanced learning to the world of letters.

He read philosophers and poets, and himself rigorously engaged in the craft of the word, habitually putting down his thoughts on paper. While steadily steering the family enterprise of land development into enviable success, he followed his father's footsteps when it came to participating in patriotic efforts at nation-building.

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A Split Second in time : My Life, Times, and Works / Teodulo M. Topacio Jr.

The University of the Philippines Press, Quezon City 2018

xxiv, 412p.

9789715428750

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650 gm.

1.Topacio, Teodulo M., Jr.

2.Veterinarians – Philippines – Biography

A split second in time, but what a split second. You can live a lifetime in a split second. Rapture comes only in a split second as do escaping moonbeams. — Teodoro C. Benigno

A lifetime lived in a split second but what a life it has been. In his engaging autobiography spanning over nine decades, National Scientist for Veterinary Medicine Teodulo M. Topacio Jr. shares his life's journey from his family's roots in history during the Philippine revolution against Spain to his halcyon years as a child growing up in American-era Pasay, to starting college during the tumultuous years of the Japanese occupation, to his days as a scholar abroad, up to his rise as a world-renowned and multiawarded teacher, researcher, and scientist. Written to inspire the youth of the Philippines to pursue the noble profession of veterinary medicine in the service of the nation, it is a tale of passion and hard work, grit and determination, and, above all, love and sacrifice.

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Tan Kai Hee : Soaring Without Fear and Regrets / Tan Yen Fon (Ed) Ong Juat Heng (Translator) CE Wong

Kanyin Publications Sdn Bhd, Malaysia 2019

392p.

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600 gm.

1. Tan, Hai Kee
2. Businessmen – Malaysia
3. Success in Business

Mr. Tan Kai Hee is the Founder and Chairman of Hai O Enterprise Bhd. He started Hai O Enterprise in 1975, from nothing to building the company that offering a wide range of complementary medicines (TCM), medicated tonic as well as wellness, beauty and healthcare products and clinical services. It has a market capitalization of 1.32 billion (as at 20th August 2018)

Hai-O was the first traditional healthcare company listed on Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad since 1996. But Mr. Tan Kai Hee success also lies being the first Malaysian entrepreneur who has pledged to donate all his wealth when the day comes. He took the lead to inspire more families to follow suit so as to avoid the ugly situation of descendants fighting over the wealth left by their predecessors. Mr. Tan led a troubled teenage life. He joined the social movement in his youth; he was poor most of the time and had barely enough to eat. When he finally built a successful business, he remained simple and continues to live a simple life. Most of his assets are the equity held by Hai-O Group, and every year the dividend income would be donated to the needy in society.

Mr. Tan has always been a socialist. To him, Hai-O would never have made it this far nor would he ever have been able to live such a prosperous life without the support of fellow comrades and shareholders. As a sign of gratitude, he has pledged to donate his wealth and managed his wealth as a fund in order to contribute to and benefit society on a long-term basis.

Mr. Tan may not be among the richest Chinese entrepreneurs in our country, but he was named one of Asia's top philanthropists by Forbes in 2017. His philanthropic acts have undoubtedly made him one of top philanthropic entrepreneurs in Malaysia. Read this book to learn more about him.

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Balik Kampung : Memories of Fulbright ETAs in Malaysia /
MACEE, Malaysia 2016

xiv, 186p.

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Accidentally teaching Muslim students how to sing "Three Little Pigs" during school assembly; thinking your neighbor is a stalker; teaching your student, Michael Jordan how to play basketball in Borneo; going to school in a student uniform...as a teacher - All these faux pas colored the lives of American Fulbright English Teaching Assistants in Malaysia. Since the inception of the program in 2006, over 500 young Americans have travelled to Malaysia under the auspices of the Fulbright Program to serve as English Teaching Assistants (ETAs) in public secondary schools. Fulbright is a U.S. State Department funded educational exchange program between the U.S. and over 150 countries around the world that seeks to increase mutual understanding between Americans and the citizens of other countries. The ETA program in Malaysia, administered by a bi-national commission known as the Malaysian-American Commission on Educational Exchange (MACEE), is one of the largest Fulbright programs in the world and has impacted thousands of students, teachers, and ETAs in communities across the country. This compilation of essays, stories, and reflections has been written by present and former ETAs and compiled by MACEE to celebrate the breadth of experiences and depth of connections made possible by this cultural and educational exchange.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421937>

My Chinese Name is Salina / Zalillah Mohd Taib

Pelanduk Publications (M) Sdn Bhd, Malaysia 2018

x, 202p.

9789679789997

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700 gm.

1.Zalillah Mohd Taib – Biography

2.Autobiography

3.Public officers – Biography

4.Women in the civil service – Biography

Zalilah Mohd Taib was a Malay girl learning Mandarin in a Chinese school at a time when it was uncommon to do so. But she was never destined to take the conventional route. She stayed true to her Chinese education, right up to pursuing her degree at the prestigious National Taiwan University. Her mastery of the language led her to meet and work with ministers, dignitaries and even royalty. She welcomed Tunku Abdul Rahman into her home and had tea with Chiang Kai-shek and his wife. Zalilah has worked with the government, RTM, the Film Censorship Board and Film Appeals Board of Malaysia, the Girl Guides movement and Masjid Tun Abdul Aziz. Through those years, she has remained passionate about each chapter of her life. However, her greatest love, and the compass that has kept her in the right direction, has been her family.

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A Collection of Speeches, Sermons, Prayers and Articles = Ol Toktok, Sermons, Prea Mo Atikel / Sethy John Regenvanu

Environmental Defence Society Incorporated 2018

260p. ; 30cm.

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2.Vanuatu – Politics and government

3.Clergy – Vanuatu – Biography

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Miss Frances Lilian Charlton : An Inspirational Pioneer / Suliana Siwatibau (et al.)

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1.Women school principals – Fiji – Biography

2.Adi Cakobau School (Fiji) – History

3.Adi Cakobau School (Fiji) - Anecdotes

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Life on the Run : A Fijian Memoir / Divakar Rao

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1.Educators – Fiji – Biography

2.Anecdotes – Fiji

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My Version : India-Pakistan War 1965 / General (Retd.) Muhammad Musa H. J.

Peace Publications Lahore, Pakistan 2018

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Includes Index ; Maps

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350 gm.

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Reflections of a Concerned Global Citizen / Istiaq Ahmed (Compiled) Dr. Furqa Ali Khan

Fiction House, Lahore 2018

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9789695626573

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General John Jacob : Commandant of the Sind Irregular Horse and Founder of Jacoband / Alexander Innes Shand

Culture, Tourism & Antiquities Department, Government of Sindh, Pakistan 2017

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Made in Pakistan / Lynette Viccaji

Royal Book Company, Karachi 2017

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Part of the first generation to be born in the new state of Pakistan, Lynette Viccaji grew up with her country. Here she recounts some of her life experiences: a childhood in the backwaters of a colony in Gizri, a youth in the heart of her Catholic community, a marriage and a move to Jhelum and Akora Khattak, and finally settling into a villa by the sea. Entertaining stories of amateur theatricals, and adventures with young friends at home, student-life, teaching at various schools, and returning to college to get a B.Ed degree are interwoven with her experiences as a wife and mother to three children and various animals. All of this takes place against the background of the city of Karachi. It is something of a record of changing times and a world that is almost lost.

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