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Agriculture

Natural Farming in Black Pepper (Piper Nigrum L.) Production / Ahmed Osumanu Haruna & Kevin Muiyang Tawie Anak Sulok
Serdang, Selangor: Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) Press, 2022
xiv, 218p.
Includes Index
9789670035796
\$ 40.00 / PB
398gm.

The content of this book demonstrates how using fermented fruit juice, fermented vegetable juice, compost, and biochar to naturally cultivate black pepper improves this crop's economic yield and soil productivity. This book will be of significant interest to those in the agricultural and environmental sciences, students, research scientists, farmers, stakeholders, industry players, and others.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861045>

Anthropology

Iban Bejalai / Peter M. Kedit
Sarawak: UNIMAS Publishers, 2023
234p.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
9789670054308
\$ 29.00 / PB
340gm.

"Bejalai is an embodiment and enactment of the spirit of adventure by pioneers who not only accepted but energetically sought new experiences. It is this same spirit which presages the successful transition of Iban from traditional and spiritual mobility to a challenging and promising future".

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861046>

Dances of Sabah and Sarawak / Mohamed Ghouse Nasruddin
Serdang, Selangor: Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) Press, 2023
viii, 184p.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
9786297590301
\$ 35.00 / PB
334gm.

Dances of Sabah and Sarawak is an ethnographical study of the structural analysis of the major traditional dances of Sabah and Sarawak which gives a brief cultural/tribal history of the two states of Sabah and Sarawak within the context of Borneo-Indo-Philippines cultural region as well as an account of the aesthetics of East Malaysian dances. The main part of the book delineates the dances and their ritualistic and secular functions followed by a structural analysis of the respective dances, that includes vocabulary and movement characteristics, choreography, costumes and accessories and the musical accompaniment. Unlike Peninsula Malaysia, there was no court system and thus no development of court dances, only tribal and celebratory dances performed as part of a ritual worship of animistic spirits and for social and secular occasions.

In the animistic communities of Sabah and Sarawak, where tribal groups live in [long houses](#), ritualistic dances of worship are an integral part of their lives. These dances serve the pristine function of placating and invoking the spirits, which they believe govern every facet of their lives. They are performed for the following purposes: (i) Blessing ceremonies associated with agricultural activities such as land clearing, planting and harvesting; (ii) Therapeutic healing ceremonies such as exorcism ceremonies to cleanse the village and to treat individual person afflicted with psychosomatic maladies; (iii) Thanks giving ceremonies for a bountiful harvest of crops or for a season's good catch of fish; (iv) Ceremonies of rite de passage (rite of passage) such as births, puberty, weddings and deaths; and (v) Special ceremonies to honor ancestor spirits, the recently departed and the moving of skulls to new locations.

There are also dances performed without any ritualistic intent, but only for celebratory efficacies. They include secularized propitiatory and offertory dances serving mainly as entertainment during wedding festivities, cultural fairs, and welcoming ceremonies and also to celebrate national holidays. Some of these dances have been commercialized and packaged for tourist consumption. For such purpose, the dances have been capsulated to represent a panorama of traditional dances and performed at cultural villages such as in Sarawak and Sabah and also at five-star hotels frequented by tourists. In so doing the original choreography has been altered to accommodate modern tastes and sensibilities. As a result, these commercialized dances have lost their original purity that expresses the soul and spiritual dimensions of the community.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861047>

Architecture

Archicentre+ – Places for People: Selected Works / Robert Powell & Lin Ho (Ed) Dr. Tan Loke Mun (et al.)

Subang Jaya: Atelier International Sdn Bhd, 2023

328p.

Includes Index

9789671636176

\$ 90.00 / HB

1896gm.

The desire to engage in every aspect of design, from architecture, to landscape, to masterplanning and interior design, extending to art works and publications, has been the driving force in the development of Archicentre and subsequently of DTLMG. The core practice engages in architecture and masterplanning while a boutique design studio, DRTAN LM Architect, focuses on single residential projects and interiors. Atelier International is the publishing arm of the conglomerate, while Ur-Mu is an urban museum/gallery in Kuala Lumpur. There is seamless connectivity between the constituent parts with attention increasingly directed towards biophilic design in the tropics. Above all, there is palpable energy, enthusiasm, humour, inventiveness and intensity in the organisation, that is expressed in the diverse products.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861048>

Terrace Transformations in the Tropics, Volume 1 / Robert Powell & Lin Ho (Ed) Dr. Tan Loke Mun (et al.)
Subang Jaya: Atelier International Sdn Bhd, 2021
292p.
Includes Index
9789671636138
\$ 90.00 / HB
1610gm.

Design In Section — Most terrace houses in Malaysia are dark internally and poorly ventilated. How then, given the constraints of the two party walls, can a mid-terrace house be better lighted? How can sunlight be brought into the interior while simultaneously excluding solar gain? How can a mid-terrace house be naturally ventilated so that it is comfortable without air conditioning? How can nature be introduced into the mid-terrace house?

Part of the problem is that architects and designers usually work in plan and developers rarely if ever show a terrace house in section. It is invariably about maximizing square feet. But innovation can only come about by designing in section, particularly in the tropical climate.

All 26 terrace houses in this book exhibit such innovative design in section. The reader is invited to study the sectional drawings and suitably inspired, we can move forward to a new generation of climatically appropriate terrace houses for the tropics.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861049>

New in the Old Chinatown Kuala Lumpur: Design + Architecture Travel Guide / Scarlet Koon, Aw Siew Bee & Robert Powell (Eds) Dr. Tan Loke Mun & Scarlet Koon
Subang Jaya: Atelier International Sdn Bhd, 2022
292p.
Includes Index
9789671636145
\$ 60.00 / PB
674gm.

New in the Old: Chinatown Kuala Lumpur features the rich history and landmarks, alongside the adaptive reuse of old buildings, vibrant culture, and mouth-watering food of Chinatown.

Kuala Lumpur, meaning muddy confluence, was where tin miners landed in 1857. Since then, the city has grown into a major conurbation, spreading across the greater Klang valley. As the city grew and more people moved out into the suburbs, the original city centre diminished in importance and was overshadowed by the new business centres. But the charm of the old city never fades, and a new generation are rediscovering and reviving the old city.

The historic city is also the site of Merdeka 118, the second tallest building in the world. The juxtaposition of the sleek modern skyscraper against the historic shophouses is a reminder of progress and modernism in the ever-changing city. Encompassing Jalan Petaling, Jalan Sultan, Jalan Tun H S Lee and Jalan Panggong, this design and architecture travel guide explores the palimpsest of the old city, revealing memories of history and place. With three walking guides that includes featured locations, historical landmarks and food highlights, the book showcases the new businesses alongside the old landmarks, as well as Merdeka 118, that make up the city. New in the Old will take you into the vibrant and colourful community that is Chinatown Kuala Lumpur.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861051>

Art

Projek Arkib Eric Peris = Eric Peris Archive Project / Eric Peris (Chief Ed) Amerrudin Ahmad

Kuala Lumpur: National Gallery of Malaysia, 2023
116p.
9789670914572
\$ 25.00 / HB
542gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861052>

Jejak Seni Malaya = Malaysia Art Trail / (Chief Ed) Amerrudin Ahmad
Kuala Lumpur: National Gallery of Malaysia, 2023
312p.
In English & Malay
9789670914596
\$ 47.50 / HB
580gm.

Malaysia Art Trail - Jejak Seni Malaysia is a special project of the National Art Gallery's initiative to map the art ecosystem throughout the states in Malaysia. Based on the existing art ecosystem, this art mapping also identifies public works, art lanes, associations, communities and art collectives, galleries, studios and residencies. Apart from that, the art ecosystem also identifies the presence of operational and art management services that have been directly and indirectly involved in the country's visual art platform.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861053>

1997 Hyperview / Hasnul Jamal Saidon
Kuala Lumpur: National Gallery of Malaysia, 2023
1v.
9789670226132? ; 97896+70914565?
1. Art and technology – Exhibitions.
2. Art, Malaysian – Exhibitions.
3. Art, Modern – Exhibitions.
\$ 10.00 / PB
114gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861054>

Biography/Memoirs

Dzulkifli Abdul Razak and His Evolving Concepts of Higher Education / Muhammad Haji Salleh
Kuala Lumpur: IIUM Press, 2024
xvi, 208p.
Includes Index
9789674911737
1. Dzulkifli Abdul Razak, Tan Sri, Dato', Prof., 1951-.
2. Educators – Malaysia.
3. Education, Higher – Malaysia.
4. Universities and colleges – Malaysia.
\$ 40.00 / PB
584gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861056>

Stories From Breast Cancer Survivors / See Mee Hong (et al.)
Kuala Lumpur: Universiti Malaya (UM) Press, 2023
xxx, 138p.

9789674882921
\$ 19.00 / PB
236gm.

Pink Agent: Stories from Breast Cancer Survivors shares the narratives of eleven courageous women who speak of their battle with breast cancer. Supported by a dedicated team of medical professionals from the Universiti Malaya Medical Centre, they have proved that breast cancer is a challenge that can be overcome with hope, determination and the support of cutting-edge innovations. This book serves as an invaluable resource for anyone impacted by breast cancer. It covers a multidisciplinary approach to breast cancer management, offering medical insights, evidence-based treatment options, and dietary advice tailored to the needs of Malaysians. Additionally, there are special chapters that focus on the role of exercise as medicine for breast cancer patients and the importance of physiotherapy to support patients throughout their recovery.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861058>

The Life In The Writing: Syed Hussein Alatas / Masturah Alatas
Petaling Jaya: Gerakbudaya Enterprise, 2024
xxx, 242p.
Includes Index
9789670076225
\$ 25.00 / PB
354gm.

The Life in the Writing is the first biography of Malaysian scholar and former National University of Singapore academician, Syed Hussein Alatas (1928-2007). The author has chosen to reconstruct her father's life by focusing on the very activity which brought his learning to the world: writing. Containing previously unpublished material and rare photographs, this biography also reveals for the first time how Syed Hussein Alatas' most famous work, The Myth of the Lazy Native, got published, what his connections to Edward W. Said and Virginia Woolf were, and more. Originally published in 2010, this new edition of The Life in the Writing contains exclusive new content about Alatas and Italy, previously unpublished samples of his poetry and letters, his contributions to the Rukunegara, his thoughts on May 13, censorship, and UFO sightings, and a contribution from Malaysian filmmaker and writer, Amir Muhammad. Masturah Alatas has attempted to portray Syed Hussein Alatas' life through the art of his writings so that readers may know him, and also know what it took for him to become known.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861059>

My Story: The Musings of An Estate Boy / Gobi Nathan
Petaling Jaya: Gobinathan A/L U.K. Raman (Self-Published), 2023
x, 110p.
9786299877004
\$ 15.00 / PB
164gm.

Time can never erase sweet memories. While we age as the years roll on, the memories of beloved people, places and precious experiences remain fresh, enthralling our hearts and minds, with each dear reminiscence. From time to time, cherished memories give rise to deep yearnings to relive the past, impossible though it may be. Yet, they keep springing forth as a fountain of unmistakable warmth radiating with hope and joy. In this account of his childhood, Gobi fondly recalls events and experiences of growing up in a rubber plantation. Born into a large family, with his parents working as rubber tappers, his early days were marked by poverty. Yet, in an unassuming way, he learned to enjoy and savour every

single one of those days. Simplicity and gratitude coloured the lenses through which he viewed his world then. And he is no different today.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861060>

Why Can't We Stay Here Forever: Musings from The Nest / Liew Suet Fun with Frens of The Nest
Perak: Liew Suet Fun (Self-Published), 2023

184p.

9789671968130

\$ 30.00 / HB

308gm.

From October 2016 till March 2023, the author and her husband, Peter took up residence at The Nest, a colonial hill bungalow built in 1887 in Taiping, Malaysia. In the early years until landslides rendered road access impossible, they took in guests to sustain the building and its surroundings. The Nest, located in a remote setting of pristine highland forests, proffered extraordinary experiences of the breathtaking natural world that surrounded them.

This collection of essays, photographs and extracts of sketches and guest notes depicts the various aspects of these experiences; from real and imagined meetings with creatures of the forests, lessons in the cycle of our existence, riveting kitchen visitors to the detailing of building a much-loved dining table. Together, they form a pastiche of recollections that remind us of this intricate web of life of which we are a part. In turns moving, humorous and scientific in detail, Why can't we stay here forever brings together these threads to form a tapestry of what our world is, and can be.

Underlying this collection is a compelling sense of wonder. It is this which spurs us to defend places like The Nest and her setting and leads us to re-imagine a world where we can live peaceably with the Earth and all her creatures, great and small.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861062>

The Illusions of Freedom / Sarah Wijesinghe
Petaling Jaya: Gerakbudaya Enterprise, 2023

xxii, 234p.

9789670076317

\$ 19.00 / PB

268gm.

"Tweet, Tweet, a little birdie told me you got the scholarship"

It all began with hope on a bright sunny day. An email that changed the course of my life. I set foot in the world of academia with a utopic image of it being a place where great minds gathered to understand and better the world. I left having realized everything I thought to be true was an illusion. This is a true story about a young Asian scholar in the highly capitalistic, industrialized, colonial, and patriarchal walls of higher education, that shifts through hope, inner dialogue, challenge, loss, abuse, and letting go. This is a story about a journey that pushed me to realize that freedom, as it is told, is simply an illusion.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861063>

Cinema Studies

Malaysian Cinema and Beyond: Genre, Representation and the Nation / (Ed) Wan Aida Wan Yahaya
Petaling Jaya: SIRD-Strategic Information and Research Development Centre, 2024

xviii, 222p.

9786297575148

\$ 20.00 / PB

360gm.

In exploring the diverse landscape of Malaysian cinema, this book delves into the intricate intersections of genre, representation, and the nation. From the golden era of P Ramlee's musical comedies to contemporary horror, action, and arthouse films, the book charts the evolution of Malaysian cinema and its cultural significance. With a critical lens, it analyses how different genres have been used to express social and political issues, as well as how representations of gender, ethnicity, and religion have shaped the identity of the nation on screen. From the iconic representation of the 'ideal' Malay woman to the subversion of cultural norms in independent films, the book examines the complex negotiations between the local and the global, the traditional and the modern, and the dominant and the marginal. A must-read for anyone interested in Southeast Asian cinema and its cultural politics.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861064>

Ecology/Environment

The Indo-Malayan Stingless Bees of Sekayu: Morphology, Systematic and Biology / Zubaidah Abu Hassan, Shamsul Bahri Abd Razak & Junedah Sanusi

Terengganu: Penerbit UMT, 2023

130p.

9786297625126

\$ 16.00 / PB

242gm.

The Indo-Malayan Stingless Bees of Sekayu: Morphology, Systematic, and Biology is a captivating exploration of the world of stingless bees. The authors delve into the intricate details of this bee's biology, offering valuable insights for researchers, stingless beekeepers, and nature lovers alike. This book covers every aspect of the stingless bee's ultrastructure characteristics, from its unique anatomy to its fascinating morphological features. This includes systematics that reflects current morphological observations using the latest microscopy techniques. With its accessible writing style and rich illustrations, the Indo-Malayan Stingless Bee of Sekayu is a must-read for anyone interested in nature and the wonders of these tiny creatures.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861065>

Modern Trends And Challenges In Research Of Marine Biodiversity Resources / (Eds) Siti Azizah Mohd Nor, Tengku Sifzizul Tengku Muhammad & Thirukanthan Chandra Segaran

Terengganu: Penerbit UMT, 2023

xvi, 194p.

Includes Index

9786297625089

\$ 29.50 / PB

408gm.

This book is aimed at sharing our experiences and research activities at the Institute of Climate Adaptation and Marine Biotechnology (ICAMB), Universiti Malaysia Terengganu. Through targeted sampling of our natural biodiversity, intensive laboratory and rigorous statistical analyses we share a glimpse of the vast potential of our biological resources in supporting our wellbeing, from food security to health. Unfortunately, our biological resources are negatively impacted by severe anthropogenic and climatic disturbances. Here, we also introduce basic molecular concepts in population genetics and molecular taxonomy (DNA Barcoding) that are critical knowledge in addressing some of these challenges to ensure the survival of these resources.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861066>

Bungo Range: Biodiversity and Community / (Eds) Gabriel Tonga Noweg, Faisal Ali Anwarali Khan & Jongkar Grinang
Sarawak: UNIMAS Publishers, 2023
264p.
Includes Index
9789670054445
\$ 47.50 / PB
344gm.

This book highlights the significant findings from the Multidisciplinary Expedition in Bungo Range conducted on 5-10 December 2017. The expedition was organized by the Institute of Biodiversity and Environmental Conservation, UNIMAS with support from the Forest Department Sarawak. This volume is illustrated in 24 chapters covering the historical exploration of Bungo Range, a geological feature of the mountain, water resources, aquatic biodiversity, floristics, mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, insects, and health and socio-economics of the Tringgus community. It is reported herewith in the book that there are a total of 313 species of plants mainly orchids and zingers, and 298 species of wildlife, among them 105 birds, 39 mammals, 92 insects, 27 reptiles, 17 amphibians, and 59 aquatic lives. Additionally, the use of natural resources by the local community in Tringgus is also presented. This book can serve as a useful reference for the development and management of Bungo Range National Park, and the communities living surrounding the area.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861068>

Economics

E-Commerce and Circular Economy Adoption in ASEAN SMEs: Challenges and Opportunities / Muhammad Mehedi Masud, Noor Azrina Ismail & Baskaran Angathevar
Kuala Lumpur: Universiti Malaya (UM) Press, 2023
xx, 230p.
Includes Index
9789674882891
\$ 30.00 / PB
364gm.

This book addresses several important issues such as e-commerce adoption, cross-border e-commerce, e-commerce regulations and policies, Internet connectivity, as well as circular economy and digitalisation technologies challenges and opportunities for ASEAN SMEs. The Circular Economy strives to restore capital—whether financial, manufactured, human, social, or ecological—and provides opportunities and solutions to all organisations. This book is the ideal introduction for anybody looking to gain insights rapidly into critical issues related to the Circular Economy transition. It establishes a new framework for refining the notion of a Circular Economy and its application at the industrial level. This book will appeal to entrepreneurs, sustainability practitioners, business and economics academics, policymakers, as well as students.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861069>

Managing Innovation of Sustainability Issues and Applications / (Eds) Shafini Mohd Shafie & Suria Musa
Kedah: UUM Press, 2023
xiv, 164p.
Includes Index
9786297582351

\$ 17.50 / PB
400gm.

This book contains eight chapters and provides a holistic view of the area of sustainability. Sustainable development is a development that meets the needs of the present without endangering the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Sustainability aims to benefit industries, businesses, and the environment by improving productivity and efficiency through embedding sustainable operations, environmental monitoring and technology, and competitive systems and practices. We hope that after reading this book, more individuals will be interested and encouraged to do research and writing pertaining to sustainability issues.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861071>

Social Return On Investment: The Agenda For Sustainable Development / (Ed) Lily Julienti Abu Bakar, Nur Naha Abu Mansor & Zarina Abdul Salam

Kedah: UUM Press, 2023

xii, 152p.

Includes Index

9786297582672

\$ 22.50 / PB

256gm.

Social Return on Investment (SROI): The Agenda for Sustainable Development is a spellbinding blend of academics and general knowledge, exploring themes of social responsibility and its relation with Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). With each page, readers will be drawn deeper into a world of social responsibility, humanity and mankind. As readers turn the pages, they embark on a journey into a world where these themes are not merely abstract concepts but living, breathing elements of the narrative. This book consists of seven chapters. This book is targeted at three groups of readers.

First, this book will benefit the academia of various academic backgrounds, particularly the humanities, accounting, finance, education and entrepreneurship as it has been written with this particular audience in mind throughout. The second group are readers from the industry and government agencies and the third group of readers comprise the general public, including students. This book will help them gain a better understanding of SROI and SDGs, and will create awareness among the public on the importance of safeguarding people, the planet, prosperity, peace, and partnership in sustaining the global ecosystem.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861072>

Advancing Financial Literacy and Resilience in Post-Pandemic Malaysia / (Eds) Siew-Voon-Soon, Chee-Wooi Hooy & Kim Leng Yeah

Kuala Lumpur: Universiti Malaya (UM) Press, 2023

xxiv, 264p.

Includes Index

9789674882860

\$ 35.00 / PB

418gm.

While Malaysia has made significant strides in promoting financial inclusion and financial literacy in recent years, there remain several challenges still require attention. The COVID-19 crisis has triggered substantial economic disruptions, leading to job losses, decreased income, and financial instability for numerous individuals. This situation has underscored the significance of emergency savings and preparedness to handle unexpected crises, as well as heightened reliance on credit and loans. Furthermore, the adoption of digital financial services such as online banking, mobile payments, and digital investments has accelerated, alongside a surge in financial scams targeting

vulnerable individuals. Concerns also arise from the high levels of household debt fueled by easy credit access and a consumerist culture.

Addressing these issues necessitates sufficient knowledge, skills, and comprehension of financial concepts, products, and services, along with equitable access to a diverse range of financial services, particularly in marginalized communities and rural areas. The current uncertainties surrounding economic recovery further emphasize the need to enhance financial literacy, empowering individuals to navigate these challenges effectively. Strengthening financial literacy equips individuals with the tools to make informed financial decisions, manage their finances effectively, and utilize financial services responsibly.

In *Advancing Financial Literacy and Resilience in Post-Pandemic Malaysia*, the latest research consolidates critical aspects of financial inclusion and financial literacy. Divided into three sections, this edited volume— based on selected papers delivered at the Financial Education Network (FEN)'s National Financial Literacy Symposium 2022 (NFLS2022)— engages in discussions about financial literacy, financial behaviour, financial attitude, and the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the financial well-being of Malaysian households and individuals. Additionally, it addresses instruments and policies pertaining to financial literacy. By equipping individuals with the requisite knowledge and skills through the enhancement and improvement of financial literacy, this edited volume aims to foster greater financial resilience and empower individuals to make informed decisions concerning their financial well-being. *Advancing Financial Literacy and Resilience in Post-Pandemic Malaysia* is a valuable resource for those seeking to deepen their understanding of the current state of empirical research and analysis on a subject that the government has prioritized to enhance the financial well-being, competencies, and capabilities of all segments of the Malaysian population.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861073>

Public Sector Financial Accounting and Reporting Practiced in Malaysia / Engku Ismail Engku Ali
Kedah: UUM Press, 2023
xii, 362p.
Includes Bibliography
9789670031903
\$ 22.50 / PB
556gm.

This book attempts to facilitate and help the peoples especially the university students who taken the paper of Public Sector Accounting in understanding the conceptual and technical aspects of the public sector financial management in Malaysia. This book contains of five chapters that comprise of the financial accounting, financial reporting, auditing, financial management accountability and performance measurement chapters.

The inadequate and lack of materials and references related with the public sector financial management in Malaysia environment have motivated the author to take the initiative to produce this book with the hope to be a great help to those interested in understanding the public sector financial management.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861077>

Islamic Banking: Prospects, Risks and Challenges in Fintech Era / (Eds) Norhaziah Nawai & Safeza Mohd Saipan
Negeri Sembilan: USIM Press, 2023
184p.
Includes Index
9789670001722

1. Banks and banking – Religious aspects – Islam.
2. Finance – Religious aspects – Islam.

\$ 23.00 / PB
272gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861084>

Water For All: A Tribute to Prof. Dr. Haji. Ismail Abustan / (Eds) Nabsiah Abdul Wahid, Mohd Remy Rozainy Mohd Arif Zainol & Khai Lin Chong

Kedah: UUM Press, 2022

xxvi, 302p.

9789670031491

1. Water-supply – Management – Malaysia.
2. Water utilities – Malaysia.

\$ 55.00 / PB

492gm.

Water is an essential element in maintaining life and is needed for all social and economic endeavours. It is impossible to overstate the importance of water in our daily lives. It is a vital element of nearly all aspects of human existence from sustenance, sanitation, and health, to basic human security. However, the increase in world population and rapid socio-economic development amongst other reasons impose high pressure on water resources around the world.

Therefore, water security is a global concern today. *Water for All: A Tribute to Prof. Dr. Ismail Abustan*, presents an adaptive approach on various aspects on water and its management. In Malaysia's context, this approach is very useful in trying to achieve and promote economic and social development without jeopardizing the sustainability of the ecosystem. This book highlights various studies and perspectives by a group of researchers on water and its management within the context of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) that they have worked on with the late Prof. Dr. Ismail Abustan.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861085>

Education

Integrating High Impact Educational Practices for Malaysia: A Handbook of Reflective Practice and Professional Development / (Eds) Rosna Awang-Hashim & Mohammad Noman

Kedah: UUM Press, 2023

xviii, 286p.

9789670031712

\$ 25.00 / PB

454gm.

High Impact Educational Practices (HIEPs) have been extensively tested as compelling pedagogies for university students from an array of backgrounds, especially for the underprepared, and those with limited opportunity for high-impact learning experiences.

This handbook is written with our firm belief that while higher education practitioners around the world are focused on improving student outcomes, not many have access to a better understanding of the conceptual foundations, empirical research and best practices in student engagement and high impact educational pedagogies. In this book, we unpack the essential conceptual constructs around the notions of student engagement to encourage readers to purposefully add HIEPs to their pedagogical repertoire and engage in Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) practices.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861087>

MOOC Implementation in Malaysian Higher Education: Challenges, Strategies, and Implications for Sustainability / Wong Sue Yue & Simin Ghavifekr

Kuala Lumpur: Universiti Malaya (UM) Press, 2023

x, 90p.
Includes Index
9789674882877
\$ 24.00 / PB
158gm.

The latest disruptive innovation that has brought a potential change and revolution in the existing higher education system is Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC). MOOC is one of the acceptances and advantages of OER activity in Malaysia. Students can select what they want to learn, like customized learning. They attend their class at home, by watching videos, answering questions, quizzes via online learning. Hence, MOOC is a new form of online learning with technology enhancement that provides open training and instruction to all global students without charges and is recently a new trend of personalized learning situations either at colleges or higher education institutions. The instantaneous development of MOOC offers universities a platform to deliver learning content with innovation and explore new pedagogical experiences and flexible learning paths in Malaysia.

This book mainly provides key success factors, management strategies, and sustainable development of MOOC implementation in Malaysia. The book also introduces the higher education system in Malaysia, including online learning, distance learning, and electronic learning which are integrated and implemented in the higher education institutions. Through discussions of online learning and MOOC implementation worldwide instead of in Malaysia, the book navigates the key success factors, issues, and challenges of MOOC implementation.

The book also describes the MOOC initiatives and status of implementation from multiple case studies and scholarly reports. By analyzing the MOOC initiative in Malaysia, the book offers insights into government policies, and management strategies for a successful MOOC implementation. The chapters also offer the theoretical and practical implications of MOOC implementation in the Malaysian higher education system. The valuable contributions of other scholars' studies will be described and MOOC implementation toward sustainability development for the globalized Malaysian education system will be discussed.

This book may represent limiting but important factors for the implementation of MOOC in Malaysian universities. The MOOC providers and senior management team may gain some valuable insights to manage, organize, and think carefully to provide appropriate and good quality MOOCs in Malaysian universities as it will be used by students globally.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861088>

Leaving No One Behind: Asean Inclusive Learning Environment / (Ed) Melasutra Md. Dali (et al.)
Kuala Lumpur: Universiti Malaya (UM) Press, 2023

xxviii, 230p.
Includes Index
9789674882792
\$ 36.00 / PB
374gm.

Building upon the groundwork laid by its predecessor, "The Policy, Legal and Institutional Framework of Inclusive Higher Education," the eagerly anticipated second volume, "Leaving No One Behind: ASEAN Inclusive Learning Environment," delves even deeper into the realization of inclusive frameworks within university campuses across the ASEAN region. Within the pages of this transformative publication, the focus shifts from theoretical analysis to the tangible manifestation of inclusive policies and frameworks on the studied university campuses. Drawing from comprehensive case studies conducted in Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines, and Vietnam, this book meticulously assesses the current practices of these universities, particularly with regard to addressing the diverse needs of students with disabilities (SWDs).

Structured along three fundamental dimensions, this book pioneers a rigorous examination of the inclusivity landscape within ASEAN universities. First, three critical assessment criteria are employed: physical access needs, teaching and learning needs, and campus experiences. These criteria serve as a holistic framework to evaluate the efficacy of existing practices in fostering an inclusive learning environment.

Furthermore, the book delves into four distinct categories of disabilities, namely, learning disability, visual impairment, hearing impairment, and mobility impairment. By shining a light on the challenges faced by SWDs across these diverse disability types, the authors uncover crucial insights into the areas that demand immediate attention and improvement.

Grounded in meticulous research and empirical evidence, the book seeks to inform and empower university administrators, policymakers, and educators to enact positive change. By providing a comprehensive analysis of the current landscape and highlighting areas for growth, this book aims to drive the development of inclusive policies and guidelines tailored specifically to the unique needs of SWDs in ASEAN universities.

Prepare to embark on an enlightening journey that challenges conventional notions of education and paves the way for a truly inclusive future. With its valuable recommendations, this seminal work promises to shape the way we approach higher education, fostering an environment where all students, regardless of ability, can thrive and excel.

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Health & Medicine

Essential Notes for Undergraduate Surgical OSCE / Kyi Kyi Win, Thaung Htike & Sim Sze Kiat
Sarawak: UNIMAS Publishers, 2023

336p.

Includes Index

9789670054384

\$ 35.00 / PB

484gm.

This book is aimed to serve as a guide for the undergraduate medical students who are studying surgery and preparing for the undergraduate surgery OSCE examination. Although this book is not intended to replace any prescribed surgical textbook, but it would be a complementary book to the students who study in surgery and, it will help in understanding of the subject without difficulty. We made effort to set out writing this book from within the context of the examination format. We have tried our best to cover the OSCE stations on Surgical Photos, Surgical Tubes & Drains, Data Interpretations, Surgical Instruments, Basic Surgical X-rays, Surgical Procedural Skills, Informed Consent, and Neurological Surgery which have been discussed among surgeons to acquire the standardization of surgical teaching.

We hope that this book will help undergraduate medical students to gain the essential surgical knowledge.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861090>

History

Non-Muslims in Makkah and Madinah 1503-1853 / Spahic Omer
Kuala Lumpur: IIUM Press, 2024

xvi, 228p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9789674913380

\$ 40.00 / PB

360gm.

This book investigates the accounts of six European non-Muslims who managed to secretly visit the cities of Makkah and Madinah and to record their travels as well as impressions. The protagonists were Ludovico di Varthema from Italy, Vincent le Blanc from France, Joseph Pitts from England, Ali Bey el Abbassi (Domenec Francesc Jordi Badia i Lebllich) from Spain, John Lewis Burckhardt from Switzerland, and Richard Francis Burton from England. The six men performed their feats in their capacities as adventurers, explorers, soldiers, and spies. One yet was a slave. The visits spanned a period of three and a half centuries, from 1503 as the time of the first visit by Ludovico di Varthema, to 1853 as the time of the visit by Richard Francis Burton. The period covered was perhaps one of the most dramatic periods in the history of the Hijaz region in particular, and also in the history of Islam-West (Orient-Occident) relations, in general. The visits and the travellers' accounts reveal much about challenges faced by Islamic culture and civilization in early modern times. Those challenges pertained to the rise of Western civilization and its imperialistic tendencies, modernization, radical anti-Islamic polemics, the waning of Islamic civilization, and Muslim schism. Travels had to be secret, meticulously planned, and perfectly executed. One ostensibly had to embrace the religion of Islam and to live like a Muslim. The pilgrimage (hajj) season was the most conducive circumstance for the purpose on account of the vast and varied multitudes that visited Makkah and Madinah, "exposing the traveller only to stand the buffet with knaves who smell of sweat". Hence, not too many people embarked on the mission. The places were holy and exclusive, so, attempting to succeed entailed myriads of monumental challenges and life-threatening dangers. The matter, by no means, was for the faint-hearted.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861092>

Law

Family Law Non-Muslim in Malaysia / Norliah Ibrahim (et al.)

2nd Ed.

Kuala Lumpur: IIUM Press, 2024

lii, 504p.

Includes Index

9789674913175

\$ 35.00 / PB

808gm.

The second edition of Family Law (Non-Muslims) in Malaysia is generally an improved version from the first edition which was published ten years ago and heavily referred to by Law students as a textbook. It discusses the substantive family laws related to the non-Muslims in Malaysia which are based on the Law Reform (Marriage and Divorce) Act 1976 and several other supplementary statutes. The recent amendment of the LRA in 2017 has been incorporated with an update on the statutory provisions and decided cases.

Besides updating the previous chapters on family law matters, the book updates the global concern on the appropriate law when dealing with family related disputes in the 21st century. The new topics on reconciliation and mediation are incorporated to emphasise the need for therapeutic intervention when dealing with personal relationships and encourage kindness even in the most difficult of circumstances which can have significant longer-term consequences and lead to higher levels of considerate behaviour. The philosophy of family, love and kindness must be well embraced by family law lawyers, judges and administrators of family law in the adjudication process.

The book is jointly authored by family law lecturers at the Ahmad Ibrahim Kulliyah of Laws, International Islamic University Malaysia. It provides valuable sources of information that highlight all relevant topics of family law under one publication. It will benefit not only students, academics

and practitioners, but also those in the legal fraternity and those who have interest in non-Muslims' family law in Malaysia. Finally, this book could not have been published without a great deal of help and encouragement from many sources.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861093>

A Practical Guide to Personal Data Protection / Adlin Abdul Majid (Author), Eleena Abd Wahab (Author), Arissa Ahrom (Author)

Malaysia: Lexis Nexis, 2023

1v.

9789672702061

\$ 140.00 / PB

Although the Personal Data Protection Act 2010 was enforced almost ten years ago in November 2013, implementing this law in day-to-day activities and operations remains a challenge for organisations and individuals alike. This book offers guidance in navigating compliance with the PDPA 2010 and seeks to provide practical solutions to common issues faced when balancing the right to privacy, the protection and security of personal data and the needs and operations of businesses.

This book explores the key concepts of the PDPA 2010, as well as other crucial aspects of personal data processing. These include:

Data protection principles;

Sector specific requirements applicable to the utilities, private healthcare, banking and insurance, and telecommunications industries;

Processing personal data in the context of employment;

Powers of the Personal Data Protection Commissioner;

Managing data breaches;

Implications of the European Union General Data Protection Regulation on Malaysian organisations; and

Proposed amendments to the PDPA 2010.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861094>

A Practical Handbook on Criminal Proceedings in Malaysia, Fourth Edition / Teo Say Eng (Author)

Malaysia: Lexis Nexis, 2023

1v

9789672701941

\$ 200.00 / PB

This practical Handbook is prepared primarily for those conducting the prosecution or the defence, as the case maybe, in the Subordinate Courts as well as the High Courts in Malaysia. This is an updated version of an earlier edition (Third Edition) which was published in 2006. The title of the handbook has been amended to cover all aspects of criminal litigations in Courts. A new chapter on sentencing has been added and several chapters have been usefully expanded to keep abreast with the latest development of the law and all the case law updated to make the handbook more complete.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=850489>

The Law on Dangerous Drugs in Malaysia (Dangerous Drugs Act, Special Preventive Measures & Forfeiture of Property) / Rahmat Hazlan (Author) , Luqman Bin Mazlan (Author)

Malaysia: Lexis Nexis, 2023

1v.

9789672702023

\$ 180.00 /PB

This book offers a comprehensive and accessible guide to the law of dangerous drugs in Malaysia. It not only covers the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952 but also delves into the Dangerous Drugs (Special Preventive Measures) Act 1985 and the Dangerous Drugs (Forfeiture of Property) Act 1988. Incorporating the latest developments to the law as well as time-honoured authoritative precedents, this book offers a detailed practical analysis on the law for legal practitioners and law students.

This book provides an overview of the law related to dangerous drugs in Malaysia, covering key legislation and cases.

The book outlines the law governing the various offences on dangerous drugs such as possession (Chapter 2), trafficking (Chapter 3) and self-administration and consumption (Chapter 6). In Chapter 7, the book details common evidential issues faced in a drug case such as the material witness, information leading to discovery, admission of statement in evidence as well as agent provocateurs and informers.

In Chapter 8 – Constitutional Issues, the book delves into the many facets of the right to a fair trial, a principle that has constantly developed over the years. This Chapter also explores the various constitutional challenges such as the constitutionality of the death penalty and the landmark case of *Alma Nudo Atenza v PP* [2019] 4 MLJ 1.

In Chapter 9 – Dangerous Drugs (Special Preventive Measures) Act 1985, the book examines the entire process of preventive detention concerning drug offences.

In Chapter 10 – Dangerous Drugs (Forfeiture of Property) Act 1988, the book covers property forfeiture laws pertaining to dangerous drugs, shedding light on the legal framework to combat drug-related financial crimes.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861096>

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW IN MALAYSIA / Sheila Ramalingam

Malaysia: Sweet & Maxwell, 2023

598p.

9786297527482

\$ 80.00 / PB

Environmental law encompasses the study of the laws that regulate the impact of human activities on the environment. As we continually seek to protect the earth we live on, the ideal is to find ways of conducting human activity which do not destroy the environment. The study of environmental law is necessarily multi-faceted, more so in Malaysia where environmental law is made more complex as it involves constitutional and administrative law, federal and state laws, common law, subsidiary legislation, policies, guidelines and human rights. It is a dynamic area of the law with changes occurring rapidly.

This book comprehensively covers key areas of environmental law in Malaysia. Beginning with an overview of the sources of law, both local and international, the book moves on to survey the very topical concern of climate change before considering the important relationship between the Federal Constitution and the environment. A chapter is specifically devoted towards the prosecution and enforcement of environmental law.

The key applicable statute – the Environmental Quality Act 1974 – is given detailed analysis and study to cover its general administration, its regulation of pollution and the conduct of environmental impact assessments. The subjects of waste, forestry and wildlife are carefully discussed as these constitute significant aspects of the environment. Closing the comprehensive coverage of this book is the survey of human rights and the environment, a topic of current focus which has generated landmark cases that have reached the Federal Court.

This up-to-date treatment of the applicable laws provides a valuable compendium of statutory and case law which seek to protect, preserve and promote the environment in Malaysia.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861097>

THE PRACTITIONER'S GUIDE TO DEFAMATION LAW / Harish Nair, Amanda Loh

Malaysia: Sweet & Maxwell, 2023

DUo (Hardback+Proview ebook), 612p.

9786297527451

\$ 160.00/ HB

This publication sets out all the relevant law and procedure pertaining to an action for defamation in court along with practical guidance on reputation management. It is a practical guide towards both the prevention of and the cure for defamation cases. Templates and sample documents add value to the explanation of legal principles covered in this book.

Laid out in a practical and structured manner, this book clearly explains (a) the parties that may sue and be sued in defamation; (b) the elements that make up a claim; (c) the defences that may be relied on by publishers; (d) the remedies that are available to a successful litigant; and (e) the procedural aspects relevant to pursuing or defending an action.

This book is invaluable in handling any defamation litigation, providing clear guidance on the procedural aspects relevant to pursuing or defending an action. Substantiated views are given on the more uncertain areas of the law. In-depth analysis is made on the Malaysian position on the Derbyshire principle, following three judgments of the Federal Court (Chong Chieng Jen v Government of State of Sarawak, Lim Guan Eng v Ruslan bin Kassim and Lim Lip Eng v Ong Ka Chuan) which consider whether a government body should be allowed to sue in defamation. The position of the defence of reportage in Malaysian law which is of topical interest is surveyed through the consideration of the Federal Court's decision in Mkini Dotcom v Raub Australian Gold Mining.

Well-researched and comprehensive, this is an indispensable guide for the successful conduct of defamation matters.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861098>

CIVIL AND CRIMINAL APPEALS IN MALAYSIA (FOURTH EDITION) / Tan Kee Heng

4th Ed.

Malaysia: Sweet & Maxwell, 2023

1206p.

DUO (Hardback + ProView eBook)

9786297527413

\$ 250.00 / HB

This publication provides comprehensive and detailed exposition of the law governing the conduct of appeals in civil and criminal matters. It considers all practical issues faced by the litigator in conducting an appeal. The procedural requirements are analysed in depth to clarify the multitude of technicalities inherent in appellate practice. An essential reference for both civil and criminal appellate practice in Malaysia, it provides thorough and well-researched guidance for successful practice in appellate litigation.

This edition has been extensively revised and updated to include the recent statutory amendments to the Rules of Court 2012, the Rules of the Court of Appeal 1994, the Rules of the Federal Court 1995, the Courts of Judicature Act 1964 and the Criminal Procedure Code as well as case law relevant to appeals over the past seven years since the third edition.

This is the one and only book in Malaysia which covers the appellate practice and procedure in both civil and criminal appeals annexed with relevant ancillary materials for the handy reference of busy court advocates.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861099>

BULLEN & LEAKE & JACOB'S MALAYSIAN PRECEDENTS OF PLEADINGS, THIRD EDITION / Justice Nallini Pathmanathan

Malaysia: Sweet & Maxwell, 2023

2282p.

Duo (Hardback + ProView ebook)

9786297527390

\$ 320.00 / HB

As accurate pleadings underpin a successful claim brought to court, this home-grown encyclopaedia presents a comprehensive compendium of precedents to support the preparation of pleadings and other related court documents that are comprehensive and sound. Each topic begins with a commentary which provides a succinct account of the applicable principles of law and, where relevant, specific guidelines on pleading. The clear understanding of the applicable law afforded by the commentaries greatly enhances the drafting exercise based on the multitude of precedents available in the publication.

In this edition, the commentaries have been updated to take account of case law and legislative developments, and the precedents revised where necessary. The scope of coverage has been expanded to cover four new topics: Economic Torts, Landlord and Tenant, Limitation Ordinances of Sabah and Sarawak, and Native Customary Rights.

Modelled on the well-regarded UK Bullen & Leake & Jacob's Precedents of Pleadings, this publication has established itself as the first point of reference for civil practitioners in the drafting of pleadings. It houses the combined expertise of more than 50 experienced practitioners across both mainstream and specialist areas of practice and is undoubtedly the most sought-after guide on pleading for all Malaysian practitioners.

Whether you are looking for a statement of claim, defence, reply, affidavit-in-support, consent order or other court document necessary for your conduct of a case in court, look no further than Bullen & Leake & Jacob's Malaysian Precedents of Pleadings for reliable and well-drafted sample precedents

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861100>

PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW: A PRACTICAL APPROACH, FIFTH EDITION / Abdul Ghafur Hamid

Malaysia: Sweet & Maxwell, 2023

660p.

Duo (Paperback + ProView ebook)

9786297527307

\$ 65.00 / PB

This fifth edition of Public International Law: A Practical Approach offers a thorough exploration of the evolving landscape of international law, incorporating the latest developments, landmark decisions and scholarly contributions. Keeping pace with the dynamic nature of international law, this book of 16 comprehensive chapters includes the latest landmark decisions of the International Court of Justice ("ICJ") and other international courts and tribunals, along with newly adopted international conventions.

Each chapter includes topical discussions supplemented by authoritative treaties or conventions and brief facts for leading cases, enabling readers to grasp the context surrounding key decisions.

The text has been meticulously reviewed for clarity and precision, besides making sure the most up-to-date and relevant information is delivered concisely. The footnotes and bibliography have been updated to include the most recent scholarly writings, reflecting the current authoritative references.

An important addition to this edition is a new Chapter 16 which delves into the topic of international criminal law. This new chapter caters to the growing interest in the complex realm of public international law. This edition takes into account the current and ever-changing geopolitical situations, exploring recent international affairs such as the rise of China as an emerging superpower, the South China Sea disputes, the rivalry between the US and China, the assertiveness of Russia, the ongoing Ukrainian conflict, the Syrian crisis, and the Rohingya Genocide Case before the ICJ.

With its practical approach and updated content, this edition is sure to be an invaluable resource serving as a comprehensive text on public international law for students, scholars and practitioners alike.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861101>

THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE: A COMMENTARY WITH APPELLATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE (3RD EDITION) / Srimurugan Alagan
Malaysia: Sweet & Maxwell, 2023
1250p.
Duo (Hardback + ProView ebook)
9786297527284
\$ 200.00 / HB

Written by an experienced criminal law practitioner, the latest edition of this book makes available clear and detailed section-by-section commentary on the Criminal Procedure Code. The principles of law developed through cases over the years are carefully distilled and summarised for the easy guidance of users.

The provisions of the Code are fully up-to-date and cross-references guide users through the intricacies of the working of the Code. The commentary is presented in a readable manner and contains significant recent court decisions and new legislative developments, incorporating amendments to the Courts of Judicature Act 1964, the Criminal Procedure Code and the Penal Code. The effect of the Abolition of Mandatory Death Penalty Act 2023 has been duly considered.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861102>

THE PENAL CODE: A COMMENTARY / Srimurugan Alagan
Malaysia: Sweet & Maxwell, 2023
1200p.
Duo (Hardback + ProView ebook)
9786297527260
\$ 200.00 / HB

Written by an experienced criminal law practitioner, this book offers clear and detailed section-by-section commentary on the Penal Code. The principles of law developed through cases over the years are carefully distilled and summarised for the easy guidance of users.

The provisions of the Code are fully up-to-date and cross-references guide users through the intricacies of the working of the Code. The commentary is presented in a readable manner and contains significant recent court decisions and new legislative development, incorporating changes made by the Penal Code (Amendment) Act 2023 (Act A1681), the Penal Code (Amendment) (No 2)

Act 2023 and the Abolition of Mandatory Death Penalty Act 2023 (Act 846). The distillation of principles from the case law of India and Singapore provides valuable depth to the commentary.

This comprehensive volume includes coverage of the new offence of stalking and the implementation of the abolition of the mandatory death sentence.

In addition to the incisive analysis of key phrases and terms in each section of the Code, the commentary usefully highlights elements of the offence set up by each section, states the practice and procedure in respect of each offence, and provides a sample charge for each offence.

This is a much-needed commentary to add to the research armoury of every lawyer, prosecutor, judge and judicial officer when handling criminal matters.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861104>

Linguistics

A Sociolinguistic Perspective on Some Ethnic Minorities in Sarawak / Caesar Dealwis & Maya

Khemlani David

Sarawak: UNIMAS Publishers, 2023

272p.

Includes Index

9789670054407

\$ 34.00 / PB

342gm.

His much-needed book focusses on language choice and identity in the context of many multiracial, multi-ethnic peoples of Sarawak, East Malaysia. The language and cultural diversity of this largest state in Malaysia make it academically vibrant for research in sociolinguistics. Taken together, the ten research chapters give a rare insight into the formation of identity and language choice of the younger generation of Bidayuh, the Tamil, the Punjabi, the Telegu and other communities in Sarawak. They cover a wide and surprising range of topics—from performativity and identity of the Hindu Tamils, language choice of the Dayak Bidayuh undergraduates to the use of translanguaging in a school in rural Sarawak. They offer major considerations of how culture, religion, and economic needs impact different generations' language choice and identity across different communities in Sarawak. 'Language choice and Identity in Sarawak' is helpful to both sociolinguists, applied linguists and postgraduate students in these disciplines.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861105>

Literature

The Sum of Our Follies / Shih-Li Know

Petaling Jaya: Fixi Novo, 2023

296p.

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\$ 14.00 / PB

242gm.

The Sum of Our Follies is a novel set in Lubok Sayong, an imaginary Malaysian town. Two narrators describe Lubok Sayong and its community of quirky inhabitants. The first is Auyong, a retiree from the city who operates a lychee factory in Lubok Sayong. The other is eleven-year-old Mary Anne, an orphan who is taken in by an irascible woman in charge of the Big House.

Through anecdotes and gentle humour, the two narrators observe the events that change the town and their lives as modernity sets in and Mary Anne grows up.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861106>

Ripples and Other Stories / Shih-Li Know

Petaling Jaya: Fixi Novo, 2023

264p.

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\$ 14.00 / PB

214gm.

This polyphonic collection of twenty-five stories presents a multitude of Malaysian perspectives spanning age, gender, and class. Yow char kwai hawkers compete for customers on a busy city street. Marital dynamics unfurl at an abortion clinic. On an island, a man's infatuation with a veiled woman takes a supernatural turn. A woman writes to her brother about their dead cat. Characters in these stories connect through chance encounters and fateful events. Their narratives are inevitably coloured by the social tension and occasional absurdities of a multicultural society.

Shortlisted for the 2009 Frank O'Connor International Short Story Prize.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861108>

Bone Weight and Other Stories / Shih-Li Know

Petaling Jaya: Fixi Novo, 2023

256p.

9789670042886

\$ 14.00 / PB

212gm.

This cross-genre collection of twenty-five short stories and flash fiction pieces explores relationships and periods of transition. A mother questions the limits of her responsibility to her husband and son. A man operates a leaf blower during Chinese New Year, leading to tragic consequences. In speculative stories, a demolition worker dreams of clean air while Kuala Lumpur decays, and a cooking robot attempts to perfect its fried rice for a grieving family. These characters navigate displacement and uncertainties in pursuit of better lives.

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The Modern Nyonya / Pepper Lim

Petaling Jaya: Pepper Lim (Self-Published), 2023

160p.

9786299877202

\$ 17.00 / PB

216gm.

Follow the life of a young Nyonya growing up in the 70s in Penang, Malaysia.

You will love the antics of this young girl and her mother because she wants to be fresh and hip while her mother is traditional and old fashioned.

The Modern Nyonya has to learn how to be a proper Peranakan girl from her mother. There is so much to learn about being a Peranakan, the traditions and culture, while being influenced by modernisation. Penang, the old Pearl of The Orient, was just turning into an industrial hub in the 1970s with new businesses from all over the world.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861110>

Personae: Early Poems / Zakaria Ali

Kelantan: Kedai Hitam Putih, 2023

146p.
9789671872253
\$ 17.50 / PB
138gm.

"Is Zak still osculating between hesitancy and resolution, like the persona he played 50 years ago? How does he feel about Personae now? When he was sojourning in America, he wrote to his mother about monchaghi dighi nan sojati/looking to find out who or what he was. Has he found his true self? Only Zak can try to answer that" - Aisyah Rais
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861112>

Bidayuh Dondan: Stories From Our Ancestors / (Ed & Translator) Yvonne M. Campbell (Illustrator) Havela D.
Sarawak: UNIMAS Publishers, 2023
68p.
9789670054414
\$ 17.00 / PB
172gm.

Why is it forbidden to refuse a child food? Why do we only hear the Argus Pheasants in the distance on the mountain tops? Why does the nightingale and the cricket call out to the moon? Who is Konang and what is its role? These are some of the questions related to the indigenous beliefs of the Bidayuh. In the olden days, Bidayuh children in the longhouse would gather around after dinner to listen to dondan or stories about great Bidayuh warriors, clever animals and spiritual beings. It was a form of entertainment for the children and a way to pass on traditional beliefs and moral values.

In this collection of folktales or dondan as it is known among the Bidayuh Bau-Jagoi community, we 'listen' to the stories as told by the elder folks of the community. This collection contains four dondan the adventure of Ronai and her son to visit the Moon King, how Konang, the bird spirit helped Lomow, Sikau Bunga's trip to visit his grandparents and a mother's love which is never ending.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861113>

Official Publications

Statistik Ekonomi Tahunan = Annual Economic Statistics 2022: Statistik Pekerja Dan Gaji & Upah = Employment and Salaries & Wages Statistics
Putrajaya: Department of Statistics, Malaysia, 2023
1v.
ISSN: 2710-7345
\$ 30.00 / PB
300gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861115>

Malaysia 2022: Statistik Ekonomi Tahunan: Keseluruhan Sektor = Annual Economic Statistics: All Sectors
Putrajaya: Department of Statistics Malaysia, 2023
1v.
English & Malay Languages
ISSN 2682-8308; 9772682830008
\$ 40.00 / PB
304gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858863>

Politics/Current Affairs

The End of the Nineteen Nineties / Hafiz Noor Shams
Petaling Jaya: Matahari Books, 2023
360p.
9789670042657
\$ 20.00 / PB
292gm.

When Malaysia won the Thomas Cup in 1992, the whole nation celebrated as one. And for most of that decade, we did seem to have reasons to celebrate: We had a national car, a national goal in the form of Wawasan 2020, and the future seemed as bright as KLCC lights. The economist Hafiz Noor Shams belongs to that generation that sang the Wawasan 2020 song in school assemblies. And he asks: What has happened to us since then? The End of the Nineteen-Nineties places the decade within the context of our pre-colonial and post-colonial history, underscoring that brief, bright spark of optimism in the Malaysian journey. It also mourns the apparent collapse of the incipient Bangsa Malaysia ideal, which has since given way to ethnocentric silos. In weaving together personal, national and global events to contextualize and understand tensions that exist within Malaysian society, he asks: Do we still have a chance?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861116>

Youth Wave: Young People and Politics in Malaysia / Norhafiza Mohd Hed
Kuala Lumpur: Universiti Malaya (UM) Press, 2023
xviii, 276p.
Includes Index
9789674882822
\$ 35.00 / PB
430gm.

Youth Wave: Young People and Politics In Malaysia explores the diverging patterns of youth political participation in Malaysia and finds that young people are not apathetic towards politics, preferring instead, low-risk, more diffused forms of everyday engagement like online activism, political discussions, etc. The book also sheds light on whether patterns of youth political participation in Malaysia are similar to those in established democracies. Young Malaysians tend to participate in both conventional and unconventional forms of participation less than their older counterparts, and the findings from the interviews complement these insights, as young people explain and make sense of their participation in politics.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860861>

Does Democracy Have A Future: Selected Cases From Southeast Asia / (Ed) Linda A. Lumayag (et al.)
Sarawak: UNIMAS Publishers, 2023
198p.
Includes Index
9789670054346
\$ 34.50 / PB
244gm.

Democracy has gained currency as reflected by the people's wishes the world over to participate more actively in governance and to voice their views on issues that matter to them. People yearn

to speak openly, give comments on public affairs, and criticise their government. However, how far have thinkers, practitioners, and even supporters of democracy succeeded in promoting and putting democratic principles into practice? Has democracy thrived or declined?

The book is a compilation of selected papers presented at the Third International Conference on Elections and Democracy (E&D) on April 19-20, 2017, in Kuching, Sarawak with the theme "Does Democracy Have a Future?" organised by the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, UNIMAS. The seven papers selected in this book merit a closer look. They were written by academics and political observers based in Indonesia, the Philippines, and Malaysia.

This conference was made possible through the support of UNIMAS, Sarawak Convention Bureau, Better Nation Institute, and Society Empowerment and Economic Development of Sabah (SEEDS).

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861117>

A Global Pandemic: Ripple Effects of COVID-19 / (Eds) Mansoureh Ebrahimi & Uygur Aydemir
Kota Kinabalu, Sabah: Universiti Malaysia Sabah, 2022

xiv, 166p.

Includes Index

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1. COVID-19 (Disease) – Social aspects.
2. COVID19 Pandemic 2020.
3. Coronavirus infections.

\$ 22.50 / PB

272gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861119>

Religion-Islam

Research Report Conceptualization of Benefidonors Model for Social Innovation in Waqf / Fauzias
Mat Nor (et al.)

Negeri Sembilan: Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM Press), 2023

128p.

Includes Index

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This book aims to conceptualize Benefidonors Model, as the concept suggests the transformational impacts of the components of the stakeholders within the movement. Benefidonors is a hybrid word that is derived from the words, "Beneficiaries" and "Donors". The Benefidonors promote share more, use more and donate more for waqf ecosystem using the concept of prosumer and consumermerchant.

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Kalam and its Relevance in Muslim Scholarship of Religion: An Integrated Approach / (Ed) Haslina
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"Islamic Kalam tradition since its inception during the 2nd and 3rd centuries of Islam had been known to engage with the study of other religions, beliefs and sects. This tradition had produced the paradigmatic and exemplary intellectual genre better known as al-Mikal wal-Nihal and al-Farq bayn al-Firaq. This work by a group of dedicated young Muslim tradition in the contemporary scholarship of religion. These scholar firmly believes that having deep appreciation with their own and indigenous Kalam tradition of studying other religions will provide a way forward for better understanding of religious dialogue without being apologetics about their own religion in today's post-modern relativism that permeates in the intellectual and political world. This pioneering work of connecting contemporary comparative religion with the Islamic Kalam tradition should be a model to follow for the future integrative study in this challenging and important field in our lives in order to preserve peaceful co-existence among different religious adherents and communities.

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Wise Leadership Vision, Mission and Agenda in Civilization Building and Managing Globalization Era / Mustaffa Kamil Ayub

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To act as the vicegerent (khalifah) of Allah on earth means we have to be members of the ummah and work together as an organ for the success of our mission entrusted to us by Allah. In order to fulfil this mission, we have to struggle for the development of Islamic personality (shakhsiyyah), Islamic family, Islamic society, Islamic state and Islamic new world order.

The book WISE LEADERSHIP: Vision, Mission and Agenda in Civilization Building and Managing Globalization Era is published to share some of the ideas especially with the young generation who will be the future leaders of the ummah in building the future civilization of Muslims. This book is actually a collection of speeches and working papers presented by the author in various occasions with some modifications.

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Islam: The Covenants Fulfilled / Syed Muhammad Naquib Al-Attas

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The title of this book refers to the fulfillment of the two Covenants: the Covenant of the Children of Adam and their descendants with God acknowledging His Lordship over them; and the Covenant of the Prophets, i.e. of Nuh, of Ibrahim, of Musa, and of Isa with God. They were asked to acknowledge the coming of a Messenger after them who would confirm whatever was with them of the Scripture and the wisdom that God gave them, and to believe in him and give him their support. They acknowledged it. Then the Messenger who would come after them, i.e. the Prophet Muhammad, would come in time and take his turn to confirm for himself whatever was with the Prophets by incorporating them with what was with him, i.e. the Quran, into the universal religion of Islam that he brought. Thus, the Prophet Muhammad fulfilled both primordial Covenants. This book is written as a discourse intended for those of discernment among my friends and students familiar with my writings and my method of reasoning.

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Sufism and the 19th Century Reform Movement in West Africa: A Case Study of al-Hajj 'Umar al-Futi's Philosophy of Reform / Omar Jah
Kuala Lumpur: RZS-CASIS & HAKIM, 2023
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This book examines the nature and development of al-Hajj 'Umar's reform movement in the Western Sudan (1830-1864). The outburst of militant reform movement in the area during the 19th century has attracted the attention of several scholars in the field of African studies. The movement is traced from its peaceful religious beginnings to its final militant conclusion. Today, one can speak of three types of reform or resistance against the Western colonial domination in Western Sudan:

- (1) hard or militant;
- (2) soft, but confrontational; and
- (3) soft, reconciliatory, but highly intellectual.

All these types of reform hinge on the legacy and the role of al-Hajj 'Umar's Sufi orientation. His role in initiating and conducting the reform as well as its socio-economic circumstances under which the movement took place are given special consideration in the study. The purpose of the book is to provide a balanced perspective of al-Hajj 'Umar's style of reform. This is conducted through al-Hajj 'Umar's own writings and actions alongside those of his contemporaries. Thus, we are able to establish the link between his Sufi beliefs, practices and the subsequent militant reforms in the area.

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Case Studies in Contemporary Medical Fiqh: Issues and Ethics, Volume 1 / (Eds) Nurul Azmawati Mohamed, Wan Shahida Wan Sulaiman & Khadijah Hasanah Abang Abdullah
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The combination of Medical Ethics and Islamic Fiqh concerns distinguishes this book from the other. This book discusses five interesting topics, including the termination of a pregnancy in a mentally ill patient, the usage of ruqyah in medicine, an HIV patient's autonomy, the COVID-19 epidemic, and the role of money in medical therapy. Each topic elaborates medical ethics and fiqh issues in the context of simulated real-life events. This book is appropriate for medical students, medical lecturer, medical practitioner and even members of the general public interested in learning more about medical ethics from an Islamic perspective.

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Sociology

Revisiting COVID-19 in Malaysia: Plight and Perseverance / (Eds) Vilashini Somiah & Nur Dayana Mohamed Ariffin
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While the Covid-19 pandemic begins to slowly glide past the horizon, it continues to remind us of its pervasive, enduring existence in our everyday lives in many other ways. Its long reach into the present and future of Malaysia has impacted education, governance, and vulnerable people in the country. In an original and reflective look back at what Malaysia has endured, this book compiles works from diverse scholars in the social sciences and humanities, in an attempt to articulate the many pandemic-related pressing matters that have yet to be addressed.

Through the lenses of social scientists and humanities scholars, the chapters of this book delve into underrepresented issues pertaining to Covid-19 that lie beyond the scope of medicine and public health, altogether unpacking, problematising and investigating the lived realities of other forgotten centres in Malaysia. This is a book that is recommended to scholars, students, and the curious public eager to learn more about the many lesser-known impacts of Covid-19, and how the social sciences and humanities can help us understand social issues that are consequential to security and healthcare.

In a series of insightful, bold, and at times heartbreaking discussions into life at the time of Corona, "Revisiting Covid-19 in Malaysia" offers new and important ways people and states react and adapt to life and what they must do to survive.

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Women in 4IR: Gender Inclusivity in Malaysia / (Eds) Norizan Abdul Razak & Helen Tan Sui Hong
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Women in 4IR Gender Inclusivity in Malaysia delves into three key themes revolving around the role of women in the context of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR). Firstly, it explores the multifaceted dimensions of women's leadership, offering a holistic perspective. Secondly, it explores the realms of gender equality and equity within decision-making and national policy making processes. Thirdly, it examines women's health and their involvement in the world of business and the economy. In many ways, the 4IR and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) exert a profound influence on the lives of women and girls.

The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated inclusivity through the utilization of technology. However, the unprecedented digital transformation also introduces new challenges for women and girls, who encounter a diverse array of difficulties in engaging with the digital economy across different geographical contexts. Thus, their active participation in the economy and leadership roles, along with their health and well-being warrant comprehensive attention. Empowering them is imperative in strengthening the ecosystem and dismantling gender barriers to accelerate their progress in shaping the futures. As the country rides the waves of 4IR, it is incumbent upon the nation to seize the opportunity to foster greater workplace diversity and nurture a profoundly inclusive digital society.

The book is research-oriented and highlights a wide spectrum of issues related to women in general. It aims to ignite dialogue on achieving equality in opportunity regardless of gender, recognizing technology as the medium that can bridge economic disparities and digital divide, which are the imperatives of gender inclusivity.

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