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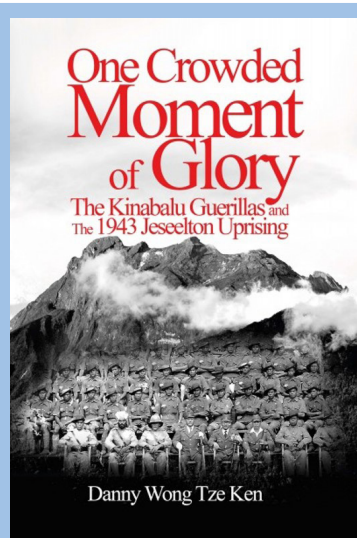
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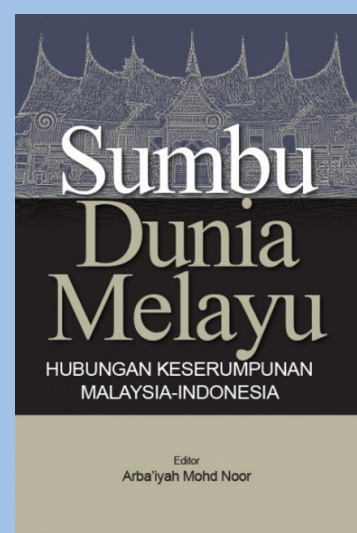
Congratulations on National Book Award



**Datuk Professor Dr.
Danny Wong Tze Ken**

*One Crowded Moment
of Glory : The Kinabalu
Guerillas and The 1943
Jeseelton Uprising*

**Best General Book
Award for History of
Conflict, and
Struggle Category**



**Dr. Arba'iyah Mohd
Noor**

*Sumbu Dunia
Melayu: Hubungan
Kecerumpunan
Malaysia-Indonesia*

**Best General
Book Award for
Heritage
Category**



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Unveiling the History of Natrah

By AP Dr Zulkanain Abdul Rahman

On 23rd March 2019, University of Malaya Historical Society hosted a history forum and a seminar on Natrah. The day's events, which had 120 participants, was opened by Associate Professor Dr. Zulkanain bin Abdul Rahman, Head of History Department, University of Malaya.

The seminar on Natrah, "*Sejarah Natrah: Sejarah Kebangkitan Bela Agama, Maruah Bangsa dan*

Tanah Air", was conducted by Datin Seri Fatini Yaacob, author of *Natrah: Cinta, Rusuhan, Air Mata* (UTM Publisher, 2010). The forum focused on two important topics: the importance of history and finances. This event was attended by student representatives from University of Malaya, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Utara Malaysia, and Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris.

Book Launch & Podcast of *The Principal Girl: Feminist Tales from Asia*

By Dr Sharifah Aishah Osman

Dr. Sharifah Aishah Osman, Senior Lecturer at the Department of English, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences launched her new edited book *The Principal Girl: Feminist Tales from Asia* (co-edited with Tutu Dutta, a Malaysian children's book author) on 17th March 2019. Published by Gerakbudaya and aimed at young adult readers, this volume is a collection of short stories featuring bold, bright, and heroic women and girls from Malaysia, Singapore, and the Asian diaspora, and emphasise female agency and empowerment. The launch was officiated by Ms. Zainah Anwar, a prominent Malaysian feminist activist and the Executive Director of Musawah, the global movement for equality and justice in the Muslim family. Dr. Shalini Nadaswaran, Senior Lecturer at the Department of English, also contributed a story titled "An Epic Misunderstanding" to the collection.

As part of the International Women's Day celebrations, Dr. Sharifah and her co-editor

Tutu Dutta were also invited by BFM 89.9 to talk about the book on the Live and Learn show. The podcast for the show can be accessed at <https://www.bfm.my/11-principal-girl-feminist-tales-from-asia>. *The Principal Girl: Feminist Tales from Asia* was also featured in The Star (<https://www.star2.com/culture/2019/04/02/young-adult-feminist-fiction/>).



KS Maniam's Writing: A Celebration

By AP Dr Carol Leon & Dr Shalini Nadaswaran

On 9th March 2019, members of the English Department, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences attended the book launch of *KS Maniam: Selected Works*, a compilation of the author's best writings, ranging from novels and short stories to plays and poetry. Formerly a lecturer, and head of, the English Department, FASS, Maniam is a local literary giant who is widely recognized as one of the pioneers of Malaysian literature in English.

Dr. Leonard Jeyam from our English Department gave a reading from Maniam's well-known short story, "Haunting the Tiger" at the event. Our Head of Department, Assoc. Prof Dr. Susan Philip, was part of the book project and instrumental in picking the selection of plays

included in the collection.



A few prominent Malaysian writers writing in English paid tribute to Maniam and his long-standing literary career, including Wong Phui Nam, Muhammad Haji Salleh, Professor Shirley Lim and Preeta Samarasan. The highlight of the event was the interview conducted by Professor

Malachi Edwin Vethamani in which Maniam regaled the audience with stories about his past, the Indian diasporic heritage in Malaysia and his writing processes.

Organized by University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus, this event was held at the KL Teaching Centre, Nottingham University Malaysia, Jalan Conlay, Kuala Lumpur. It was attended by approximately 70 people and featured in The Star newspaper (<https://www.star2.com/culture/2019/03/17/ks-maniam-literature/>).



Dean's List Awards Semester I 2018/2019

By Alex Yap Wen Kang & Nadwah Tul Iman

The Dean's List Award ceremony for Semester I 2018/2019 was held on 22nd March 2019. It was organised by the faculty to celebrate the academic achievements of students who obtained a GPA of 3.70 and above.

Of the 299 recipients, 18 had obtained a GPA of 4.00 and 9 also received certificates of appointment to the Global Network Club (GNC). The ceremony was attended by heads of department, lecturers, and the recipients and their parents.

Among the sponsors for this event was Malaysian Youth Community (MYC).



Malaysian Literature in Taiwan

By Prof. Dr. Sharmani Gabriel



Professor Dr. Sharmani Gabriel of the English Department, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences presented the Keynote Lecture at a research workshop on "Trans/national Literature, Memory, and Childhood in Asia" organised by the National Cheng Kung University (NCKU) on 16th March 2019. The project was funded by the Ministry of Education, Taiwan.

While in Taiwan, Professor Gabriel was also invited to deliver a public lecture titled "Trans/National Malaysian Literature: Anglophone and Sinophone Cultural Politics" at the Department of Taiwanese Literature, NCKU on 15th March 2019.

TV Documentary Shot in Pulau Perhentian

A total of 28 students from the Department of Media and Communication Studies and their instructor Dr. Mohd Amir Mat Omar explored Pulau Perhentian from 29th to 31st March 2019 for the production of two TV documentaries as part of their AKEA 2326 TV Production course. The two documentaries titled 'The Life of Boatmen' and 'Mysteries of Pulau Perhentian', were directed by Fairuz Farhanah Abd Razal and Nur Syahirah Marzellan, respectively. Filming took place at multiple locations, including Kampung Pulau Perhentian, Long Beach, Coral Bay and snorkeling areas surrounding the island. The documentaries were screened on 24th April 2019 at Studio Penggambaran, Department of Media and Communication Studies at 9am.

Bidding Farewell

By Nur Afiqah Rosden



The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences held a farewell party on 19th March 2019 for academic and administrative staff who will be retiring soon. Among these are Professor Dr. Jamilah Mohamad (Geography), Associate Professor Dr. Kumaran Suberamanian (Indian Studies), Ms Asiah Long (English), Ms Faridah Hanum Mohd Yusoff (Anthropology and Sociology), and Ms Hasimah Hamidun (Southeast Asian Studies). The Faculty thanks them for their years of service.

A Glimpse of History

HRH Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, Prime Minister of Malaya and Chancellor of University of Malaya, greeted by Professor Alexander Oppenheim, Vice Chancellor when he visited the Faculty of Arts. The Vice Chancellor's Office was then situated at Faculty of Arts.



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