



Book Review 'Negeri Sembilan Dahulu Dan Sekarang' (Malay Version) Kuala Lumpur: Persatuan Muzium Malaysia, 1990. 241 Pp

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Edited by Norazit Selat, this monograph was divided into nine parts. The first part discusses the historical aspects. Prof Khoo Kay Kim has talked about the origin of the name of Negeri Sembilan itself. This is an important contribution because many people do not know that the Negeri Sembilan exists as a political but what are the names of states that have formed the original Negeri Sembilan. Abdullah Zakaria had talked about the customary conflicts that occurred in the Ujong River which showed that although the custom is complete and organized but as long as the human is human, there will also be a dispute. The proud values of the proud are no longer counted. The second part also discusses the ideological or ideological aspects of Perpatih Adat. Norazit Selat tries to link the values found in the Perpatih Adat with self-development and country. This is an effort to highlight the positive aspects found in the Perpatih Adat for the good of all. Durrishah Idrus discusses the relationship between the Perpatih Adat with Islam. He argued that there was no deep contradiction between the Perpatih and Islam Tradition; both are interconnected and complement each other.

The third section deals with the aspects of the Adat Perpatih social system, particularly on the tribal system and inherited inheritance system. As has been stated one of the core of the Perpatih Adat system is the quarter system. In his article Ibrahim Abdullah has described the structure and dynamics of the tribal system in Rembau. Mat Zean Aziz discussed the inherited Land inheritance system in accordance with customary norms. He also described the abuses that occurred in the system. The fourth part discusses aspects of the language. Norazila Alias has elaborated on the lexicon aspects of the Kuala Pilah dialect. These aspects of the lexicon are important because they provide a clearer picture of the societies and cultures of people who speak it. In the fifth section, it is discussed about economic aspects. Azizah Kassim and Nor Halim Hj. Ibrahim has talked about the subject of today's hot topic, the problem of idle land. Azizah Kassim has also deeply identified the problem. He argues that among other government agencies such as FAMA and PPK must also be blamed on the problems faced by farmers. Between the two agencies there is a function of blurring.

The sixth part shows some of the characters who have been honoring the name of Negeri Sembilan. A. Azmi Khalid has not only narrated Dato' Sedia Raja Abdullah bin Dahan, the eighteenth Dato' Undang Rembau's life, but has also fought his struggles to defend the fate of the Malays who were then poor and impoverished. His loud voice was heard at the conferences of the Federal Council. He is also the main critic of his own community. Nor Shuhana Zamhuri discussed the struggle and views of Muhammad Yusof Ahmad, the younger brother of Za'ba, towards the problems faced by the Malays. His views are voiced in his many writings in Teacher Magazine. Like Dato 'Abdullah, he is also aware of the problems faced by his people, which are not limited to the Negeri Sembilan Malays alone. Therefore it is not surprising if Dato 'Abdullah and Muhammad Yusof Ahmad are close friends. Adnan Nawang has developed the Za'ba's life as a child who was written by Za'ba himself. The fragments of this story are even short, at least able to add to the facts about Za'ba. The seventh part

also talks about aspects of customs. Here's Mohd. Redzuan Tumin has recorded in detail the fifteenth corrosion of Undang luak Jelebu, Dato' Mandika Menteri Akhirulzaman, Dato' Musa bin Wahab.

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