

Greater Kuala Lumpur Klang Valley

Every two years, industry leaders and practitioners from around the world gather at the Rapid Excavation and Tunneling Conference (RETC), the authoritative program for the tunneling profession, to learn about the most recent advances and breakthroughs in this unique field. The information presented helps professionals keep pace with the ever-changing and growing tunneling industry. This book includes the full text of 106 papers presented at the 2021 conference. Though the tunneling industry continues to develop both technically and contractually, one notable adaptation of the last two years has been the onset and management of COVID-19. The hallmarks of tunneling professionals include adaptability, resiliency, optimism, and management of change. These are traits that have been recently put to an entirely new challenge over the last year or so. We have truly witnessed why what we do is deemed "essential" infrastructure. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted each of us, personally and professionally, and while times have been hard, we are fortunate to work in a field that is able to meet the challenge and thrive thereafter. Congratulations are in order to everyone in our industry for keeping the planning and development of projects moving forward and for maintaining safe and productive worksites in these challenging times.

Despite being the third largest economy in Southeast Asia, Malaysian entrepreneurial activity is under-reported in the scholarly literature. This book extends such research by examining the impact of entrepreneurship on its economy and evaluating the existing systemic problems. The Malaysian economy has benefited from the density of knowledge-based businesses and utilization of the latest technologies in the manufacturing and digital economies. However, Malaysia faces ongoing challenges, namely concentration of wealth in the city, high regional unemployment and workplace gender inequality. In regional areas, there is an over-reliance on agriculture and necessity based entrepreneurship. Consequently, entrepreneurial activity has been encouraged with the creation of eco-systems, seed corn funding and provision of entrepreneurship education to offer entrepreneurial career choices. Providing recommendations and best practice for driving entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial behaviours, this contributed volume presents the first opportunity to reflect on both the success stories and systemic problems related to effective entrepreneurial behaviour in a South East Asian context. Paul Jones is Professor in Entrepreneurship and Innovation at Swansea University's School of Management, UK. Louisa Huxtable-Thomas is Associate Professor and a founder of the Institute for Entrepreneurial Leadership at Swansea University's School of Management. Combining theories and empirical knowledge from the business, social science, education and psychology disciplines, her work revolves around building resilient leaders and organisations. Syahira Hamidon is Senior Director in the Ministry of Entrepreneur Development, Malaysia. Her role is to formulate, update, implement and coordinate the national entrepreneurship policy of Malaysia. She is also in charge of matters pertaining to social entrepreneurship development, vendor programmes of key public corporations as well as entrepreneur development and capacity building. Paul Hannon is Professor and Director of the Institute for Entrepreneurial Leadership at Swansea University, UK. He has helped shape entrepreneurial development as a Chief Executive, Government Adviser, Academic Director and Professor. Norngaoiny Binti Mohd Tawil is an Associate Professor at Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment, UKM with a PhD in Property Finance from University of Malaya.

This book consists of chapters that review concepts and theories to empirical evidences and case studies of cluster development in five Asian countries – Japan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam. It explores the dynamic of clustering in linking its potential and challenges to economic development, policy making, innovation and social networking in various cluster development projects in different localities and regions. For many years clusters have been touted to have significant economic and strategic advantages to develop potential and successful industrial regions. This book offers a better understanding of rural challenges in cluster development in different localities of Asian countries, which would help in generating new ideas and suggestions in making appropriate recognition to rural agendas in the era of globalization. It is suitable as a reference for university and college students in related fields, as well as for researchers, planners, administrators and the society at large.

Technology in several forms, especially Information Technology (IT), has a strong tendency to converge at varying degrees. This phenomenon of converging innovation is likely to deepen and widen in the future due to intense competition in global markets. Asian manufacturing firms in particular lead the global industrial innovation. Convergent innovation exists as a constant disequilibrium between reference technology and matching technology; innovations of these technologies occur at different degrees to attain an optimal balance. Innovations as a result of convergence are often beneficial, improving welfare and employment. This book sheds light on the little-discussed idea of convergent innovation with examples hailing from Asia. The book also proposes new theories and investigates convergence at the micro level – guaranteed food for thought for academics interested in innovation economics and management.

Malaysia's natural resources and its well-educated population are some of the many credentials that keep the country in good stead, with priorities centred on preparing for the ASEAN Economic Community in 2015 and steering the policy framework toward more inclusive political representation. The economy is built around global trade, and the government is working to encourage greater private investment. Malaysia's GDP per capita is the highest in South-east Asia, with the exception of smaller countries like Singapore and Brunei Darussalam, \$ reaching 10,548 in 2013 based on a GDP of \$ 307.25bn and a population of almost 30m. The country produces 39% of the world's palm oil and 44% of its exports, and Increasing global demand for the commodity Bodes well for the industry. Malaysia has seen its stock rise in the World was Bank's Annual " the Ease of Doing Business" report, moving up to 6th position in 2014 from 8th the previous year. 's Avatar Recent times have seen the Government push hard for a Greater role for the :

private sector in the country's development, with the various Government Programmes aiming to boost Transparency, accountability and Sustainable Growth. The overall aim of these plans is to elevate Malaysia to become a high -income country by 2020.

In *Planning Asian Cities: Risks and Resilience*, Stephen Hamnett and Dean Forbes have brought together some of the region's most distinguished urbanists to explore the planning history and recent development of Pacific Asia's major cities. They show how globalization, and the competition to achieve global city status, has had a profound effect on all these cities. Tokyo is an archetypal world city. Singapore, Hong Kong and Seoul have acquired world city characteristics. Taipei and Kuala Lumpur have been at the centre of expanding economies in which nationalism and global aspirations have been intertwined and expressed in the built environment. Beijing, Hong Kong and Shanghai have played key, sometimes competing, roles in China's rapid economic growth. Bangkok's amenity economy is currently threatened by political instability, while Jakarta and Manila are the core city-regions of less developed countries with sluggish economies and significant unrealized potential. But how resilient are these cities to the risks that they face? How can they manage continuing pressures for development and growth while reducing their vulnerability to a range of potential crises? How well prepared are they for climate change? How can they build social capital, so important to a city's recovery from shocks and disasters? What forms of governance and planning are appropriate for the vast mega-regions that are emerging? And, given the tradition of top-down, centralized, state-directed planning which drove the economic growth of many of these cities in the last century, what prospects are there of them becoming more inclusive and sensitive to the diverse needs of their populations and to the importance of culture, heritage and local places in creating liveable cities?

The 8th International Conference on Sustainable Development and Planning is part of a series of biennial conferences on the topic of sustainable regional development which began in Greece in 2003. The papers included in these proceedings report on the latest advances from scientists specialising in the range of subjects included within sustainable development and planning. Planners, environmentalists, architects, engineers, policy makers and economists have to work together in order to ensure that planning and development can meet our present needs without compromising the ability of future generations. The use of modern technologies in planning gives us new potential to monitor and prevent environmental degradation. Problems related to development and planning, which affect both rural and urban areas, are present in all regions of the world and accelerated urbanisation has resulted in both the deterioration of the environment and quality of life. Urban development can also intensify problems faced by rural areas such as forests, mountain regions and coastal areas, which urgently require solutions in order to avoid irreversible damage. The papers in the book cover the following topics: City planning; Regional planning; Rural developments; Sustainability and the built environment; Sustainability indicators; Policies and planning; Environmental planning and management; Energy resources; Cultural heritage; Quality of life; Community planning and resilience; Sustainable solutions in emerging countries; Sustainable tourism; Learning from nature; Transportation Social and political issues and Community planning.

This volume showcases selected conference papers addressing the sustainable future of ASEAN from the perspectives of business and social science disciplines. In addressing the 17 Sustainable Developments Goals (SDGs) envisioned by the United Nations in the domains of environment, health and well-being, posing potential means of reducing inequalities globally, the authors target specific issues and challenges confronting the fast-growing region of ASEAN and present suggestions for co-operation and commitment from governments, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and society at large, in line with the ASEAN Vision 2020. Papers are selected from the 3rd International Conference on the Future of ASEAN (ICoFA) 2019, organised by Universiti Teknologi MARA in Malaysia, whose conference theme "Charting the Sustainable Future of ASEAN" enables intellectual discourse on sustainability issues from business and the social sciences, as well as science and technology. The selection of papers is published in two volumes, comprising scholarly and practical insights into sustainability in ASEAN. This first volume of papers from business and social science scholars will be of interest to researchers and policymakers interested in sustainability developments in the ASEAN region.

Kuala Lumpur is the capital and largest city of Malaysia. Relatively young by world standards, it was founded in the 1850's by Chinese tin prospectors after the discovery of lucrative tin deposits in the surrounding areas. Today, Kuala Lumpur is a bustling metropolis and one of the most dynamic cities in Asia. The city centre is packed with glittering skyscrapers and gigantic shopping malls, juxtaposed against a backdrop of British colonial buildings, historical landmarks and quaint traditional shophouses. The city is an amazing melting pot of Chinese, Malay, Indian and Arabic cultures with a dash of British influence thrown in. This delightful mix is evident from the numerous temples, mosques and churches of different religions and beliefs dotting the city landscape. The resulting kaleidoscope of cultures also make Kuala Lumpur a gourmet paradise with a bewildering array of eating places offering a vast selection of delicious and exotic food that suit every budget. Don't miss this fascinating destination when you are visiting South East Asia! This book provides a comprehensive guide for visitors to Kuala Lumpur regardless of budget. Full of in-depth and up-to-date information on local customs, sightseeing attractions, accommodation options and transportation tips, it guides you straight to the very best Kuala Lumpur has to offer.

International medical travel (IMT), people crossing national borders in the pursuit of healthcare, has become a growing phenomenon. With many of the countries currently being promoted as IMT destinations located in the 'developing' world, IMT poses a significant challenge to popular assumptions about who provides and receives care since it inverts and diversifies presumed directionalities of care. This book analyses the development of international medical travel in Malaysia, by looking at the benefits and challenges of providing health care to non-Malaysians. It challenges embedded assumptions about the sources, directions and political value of care. The author situates the

Malaysian case study material at the fruitful cross-section of a range of literatures on transnational mobility, hospitality, therapeutic landscapes and medical diplomacy to examine their roles in the construction of national identity. The book thus contributes to wider debates that have emerged around the changing character of global health governance, and is of use to students and scholars of Southeast Asian Studies as well as Politics and Health and Social Care.

This book discusses the concept and practice of a smart metropolitan region, and how smart cities promote healthy economic and spatial development. It highlights how smart metropolitan regional development can energize, reorganize and transform the legacy economy into a smart economy; how it can help embrace Information and Communications Technology (ICT); and how it can foster a shared economy. In addition, it outlines how the five pillars of the third industrial revolution can be achieved by smart communities. In addition, the book draws on 16 in-depth city case studies from ten countries to explore the state of the art regarding the smart economy in smart cities – and to apply the lessons learned to shape smart metropolitan economic and spatial development.

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The last year's Retail Market Study reached 20'000 readers. This year we covered 145 Shopping Cities, 500 Shopping Malls, 750 High Streets, 1'000 Retailers & 2'000 Store Openings on 976 pages.

This follows on from the very well-received Volume I UNIVER-CITIES: Strategic Implications for Asia — Readings from Cambridge and Berkeley to Singapore edited by Anthony SC Teo and published in 2013. The early discussions on the topic "univer-cities" sparked considerable interest, leading to the Inaugural Univer-Cities Conference 2013. Volume II is the result of papers presented at the Inaugural Univer-Cities Conference 2013. Founded by Anthony SC Teo, the Conference was held under the auspices of Nanyang Technological University and the Lee Foundation in Singapore. The Inaugural Address was delivered by His Royal Highness Raja Dr Nazrin Shah and followed by presentations by eminent scholars and leaders of thought from universities all over the world. Building on the foundation for further research, discussion and input from scholars worldwide and the international community, the next univer-cities conference is planned for 2016. *His Royal Highness Raja Dr Nazrin Shah ascended the Throne as the 35th Sultan of Perak Darul Ridzuan on 29 May 2014. Contents:Foreword (Leszek Borysiewicz>Welcome Address (Bertil Andersson)Univer-Cities: Strategic View of the Future — From Berkeley and Cambridge to Singapore and Rising Asia, Volume II (Anthony SC Teo)Universities and Cities: The Future of Univer-Cities in Asia (*His Royal Highness Raja Dr Nazrin Shah)Berkeley: Campus and Community (Richard Bender, Emily Marthinsen and John Parman)Cambridge: Beyond the Univer-City (Peter Carolin)Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM): East-West Views of Univer-Cities — UKM with Bangi, Kuala Lumpur and Tiger Malaysia (Sharifah Hapsah Syed Hasan Shahabudin)University of Newcastle: Recasting the City of Newcastle as a Univer-City — The Journey from 'Olde' Newcastle-upon-Tyne to the New Silk Road (Nancy Cushing, Katrina Quinn and Caroline McMillen)From Burnaby's Mountain Top to Vancouver and Surrey: The Making of an Engaged University (Andrew Petter, Richard Littlemore and Joanne Curry)Modelling Good Urban (Design) Behaviour: University-led Neighbourhood Development, University of Manitoba (Richard Milgrom, David T Barnard and Michelle Richard)Carleton University: The Architecture of Knowledge and the Knowledge of Architecture (Roseann O'Reilly Runte)KAIST: World-Class Innovations in Top-Notch Research University — Case of the On-Line Electric Vehicle (OLEV) (Nam P Suh)Cambridge: From Medieval Market Town to Univer-City (Gordon Johnson)Tunisian Scientists' Experiences in Singapore: On the New Silk Road? (Lilia Labidi and Anthony SC Teo)Univer-City of Melbourne: Case of Medical Regionality (Shane Huntington and Stephen K Smith) Readership: Campus planners, architects, landscape and lighting consultants, city planners, mayors, futurists, educators. Key Features:This is an artistically-designed compact reader which explains the idea of univer-cities. Prominent authors from Cambridge, Berkeley, Melbourne, and Singapore have contributed four evocative readings that have been written in a conversationally thought-provoking mannerThe challenges that universities face in this day and age are re-defined and they are not presented as pre-defined notionsKeywords:Univer-Cities Continuum Strategy Management;Strategic View of the Future;21st Century Silk Road Redefined;Keystone Innovation Ecosystems;Redefining Core Competency and Innovating

Academic Leadership; Inspired Trans-disciplinary Research and Knowledge Economy; Urban Efficacy and Engines of Growth; Quality Academic Campus and City Life; Next Silicon Valley or Fen; Univer-Cities Too Big to Fail and Addressing Societal Challenges

This edited book assesses the impacts of various extreme weather events on human health and development from a global perspective, and includes several case studies in various geographical regions around the globe. Covering all continents, it describes the impact of extreme weather conditions such as flash floods, heatwaves, cold waves, droughts, forest fires, strong winds and storms in both developing and developed countries. The contributing authors also investigate the spread of diseases and the risk to food security caused by drought and flooding. Further, the book discusses the economic damage resulting from natural disasters including hurricanes. It has been estimated that in 2017 natural disasters and climate change resulted in economic losses of 309 billion US dollars. Scientists also predict that if nothing is done to curb the effects of climate change, in Europe the death toll due to weather disasters could rise 50-fold by the end of the 21st century, with extreme heat alone causing more than 150,000 deaths a year, as the report on global warming of 1.5°C warns that China, Russia and Canada's current climate policies would steer the world above a catastrophic 5°C of warming by the end of 2100. As such, the book highlights how the wellbeing of different populations is threatened by extreme events now and in the foreseeable future.

This handbook presents precise yet accessible up-to-date information about the geography, history, culture, politics, and economy of 49 Asian states, ranging from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, and China to India, Russia, and Yemen. The targeted readership consists primarily of scholars, students, teachers, journalists, and other mediators of political education as well as anyone interested in politics. It is a basic work that contributes to comparative assessments of this hugely important and diverse region.

By providing various fascinating first-hand accounts of how citizens negotiate their rights in the context of weak state institutions, *Citizenship and Democratization in Southeast Asia* offers a unique bottom-up perspective on the evolving character of public life in democratizing Southeast Asia.

Urbanization occurs in tandem with development. Countries in Southeast Asia need to build - individually and collectively - the capacity of their cities and towns to promote economic growth and development, to make urban development more sustainable, to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and to ensure that all groups in society share in the development. This book is a result of a series of regional discussions by experts and practitioners involved in the urban and planning of their countries. It highlights urbanization issues that have implications for regional - including ASEAN - cooperation, and provides practical recommendations for policymakers. It is a first step towards assisting governments in the region to take advantage of existing collaborative partnerships to address the urban transformation that Southeast Asia is experiencing today.

Are you a CEO, consultant or entrepreneur interested in entering or expanding your activity in Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia's market? Then this book is for you! The main objective of this book is to provide you with basic knowledge about Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia; an overview of their economy, business culture, potential opportunities and an introduction to other relevant issues. Novice exporters, in particular will find it a useful starting point. Singapore's historic role as trans-shipment centre for the south east Asia region has traditionally created opportunities across a broad spectrum of sectors. This globally connected, multi-cultural and cosmopolitan city state offers a conducive environment, especially to creative and knowledge-driven businesses. On the other hand today, Malaysia is the world's largest producer of computer disk drives and rubber and one of the largest producers of timber; while Indonesia is not the easiest place in the world in which to do business.

Asia has witnessed a proliferation of free trade agreements (FTAs) since the turn of the millennium. The first regional agreement - the ASEAN FTA - was transformed into the ASEAN Economic Community at the end of 2015. In the meantime, ASEAN forged five ASEAN+1 FTAs and began to negotiate a sixteen-member Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement. In parallel, the U.S.-led Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), supporting U.S. foreign policy of "Pivot to Asia", was broadly agreed in October 2015. The RCEP and the TPP are accompanied by other mega-regional integration processes developing elsewhere in the world, including the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership for the European Union and the United States, and the Pacific Alliance among four Latin American member states. Meanwhile, APEC is also striving to meet its Bogor Goal targets and create a Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific. Each of these mega-regionals aims to achieve greater trade and investment liberalization and facilitation and more harmonized trade and investment rules so that all member economies can participate in the global value chain of production. Instead of undermining, these regional exercises can be building blocks for a more liberal global trading system supported by the World Trade Organization. This book ruminates on these regional agreements, their economic and strategic rationales and challenges during negotiations and afterwards. The book brings together eminent scholars and experts to deepen our understanding of the complex nature of the mega-regional trade agreements and their implications. It is useful both for the academic and research community and for policymakers who focus on trade and economic cooperation issues.

The Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Malaysia offers a broad, analytical survey of Malaysia. It provides a comprehensive survey of significant topics in Malaysian politics, economy, and society today, focussing on issues, institutions, and trends. It is divided into four thematic sections, which are all introduced by the editor: • Domestic politics • Economics • Social policy and social development • International relations and security. The volume brings together an international team of experts: an interdisciplinary mix of forty contributors from Malaysia and elsewhere, including many of the leading specialists on Malaysian affairs. The chapters included in the volume form an accessible and fascinating window onto contemporary Malaysia. They each introduce a different aspect of the Malaysian polity, economy, or society, offering both historical perspective and a current assessment or investigation. Designed for general readers and specialists alike, chapters may be read individually -- each stands on its own -- or conjointly. Up-to-date, interdisciplinary, and academically rigorous, the Handbook will be of interest to students, academics, policymakers, and others in search of reliable information on Malaysian politics, economics, and society.

The first Worldwide Retail Market Study carried out by the Location Group examined the 65 most noteworthy international fashion capitals, together with Switzerland, Germany and Austria on 500 pages. As part of this study, 850 retailers, 600 High Streets and 450 shopping centres were put under the microscope. 53 newcomers to Zurich's Bahnhofstrasse were described in the 10-year report.

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