

## **BOOK REVIEW**

### **Striving for inclusive development: from Pangkor to a modern Malaysian state,**

Written by Sultan Nazrin Shah, Oxford University Press (South East Asia), 2020,  
xxi + 532 pp., RRP £28.00 (hardcover), ISBN 978-9-834-72976-9

For a relatively successful development model, one would have assumed that there will be enough works to exhaust the political economy of Malaysia. However, this book by Sultan Nazrin Shah surprises me as it not only has added incisively to a cogent historical economic account of colonial Malaya, it offers readers a rigorously constructed historical data series, which for the first time allows a robust analysis of economic transformation of the country over more than a century. The research behind the book is not only meticulous; it also covers in detail a wide range of topics that constitute the political economy of Malaysia. Presented in ten chapters, this book provides an excellent analysis of Malaysia's political economy history over the period 1874-2017.

*For further reading of this review: [www.tandfonline.com](http://www.tandfonline.com)  
*Asia Pacific Business Review*, Volume 27, Issue 1 (2021)*