

BOOK REVIEW

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

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The book begins with a chapter delving into the history of the Malaysian peninsula and its geographical entities with regards to their economic importance and governance structures, and their development throughout British colonialism to independence and the formation of Malaysia in 1963. Notably, the importance of the Pangkor Engagement of 1874, the first of such treaties that officially led to its imperial presence, is highlighted as the beginning of the legitimation and justification of British control over the Malay rulers. The historical background is vital in providing the context of Malaysia's economic, social and political development.

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