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China is the world's biggest market for cigarettes. By 2020, 300 million Chinese will be elderly. By 2010, China will have 7 of the world's biggest shopping malls. This book is an invaluable asset for corporate planners and strategists, futurologists, and anyone developing business in Asia as Backman provides an essential map for Asia's future. From colonialism to independent statehood, the extent of Malaysia's capitalist development has been dramatically limited by its position in the world economy. This book combines macro- and micro-theoretical approaches in analyzing the relationship between capitalist development in Malaysia within a comparative-historical and world-systemic context. 40 or 50 families control the economies of Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines and Indonesia. Their interests range from banking to property, from shipping to sugar, from vice to gambling. 13 of the 50 richest families in the world are in South East Asia yet they are largely unknown outside confined business circles. Often this is because they control the press and television as well as everything else. How do they do it? What are their

secrets? And is it good news or bad for the places where they operate? Joe Studwell explosively lifts the lid on a world of staggering secrecy and shows that the little most people know is almost entirely wrong. This volume addresses the question of the Hadhrami Identity in Southeast Asia from various perspectives, and investigates the patterns of the Hahdrami interaction with diverse cultures, values and beliefs in the region. Special attention is also paid to the Hadhrami local and transnational politics, social stratification and in Southeast Asia. “This timely volume chronicles and analyses the intersection of rice policies and the pandemic through case studies of a diverse range of Southeast Asian countries: rice exporters, rice importers and city-states. There is no group of eminent researchers better suited to carrying out this work, and they conduct the analysis by illuminating the historical context that is essential to an understanding of rice policies in the region. This volume is a must-read for anyone interested in rice policies and politics in contemporary Southeast Asia.”--David Dawe, Former Senior Economist with the International Rice Research Institute and the Food and Agricultural Organization. “This is highly recommended reading for those interested in an up-to-date and in-depth treatment of the political economy of rice policies in five major ASEAN countries, one chapter per country. While the book title indicates a topical focus on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic

on Southeast Asia's rice sector, these chapters are much more than this, giving considerable historical context leading up to the outbreak of the pandemic and looking forward after the pandemic."--Howarth Bouis, Laureate, World Food Prize; Emeritus Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute I am excited and in fact feel provoked, as the book has manifested, that the author had successfully gone through the mysterious "cultural immersion". Upon leading a full life in Uzbekistan and accomplished the mastery of both the Russian and Uzbek languages he was well disposed to manoeuvre the heritage tunnel spinning his head with the multitude of values unbeknown to him. His exploits through the rustic country, rugged mountains and infinite horizon of forest would match with deeper emotion in circumventing the cultural network, passing through the cal de sac of unexplained attributes and reaching the thoughts of real life assurance that have wired him to be "one of us". The subtle and essential values inculcated drove his adrenalin towards the congregation of behaviour, thereby providing an immense source of motivation to be part of the living culture of the country. This is thus a classic case in the study of any melting pot from any continent, whereby mere coexistence would miss out the rich and deep cultural experience.- Dr Yahya Mat Hassan, an academia and a pollster. This book rejects the notion that the 1997-98 Asian economic crisis was further

evidence that ultimately capitalism can only develop within liberal social and political institutions. **Major Players in the Muslim Business World** is a comprehensive guide for businessmen, researchers, and students who aim to learn more about the contemporary Muslim business world. Included are facts about the leading countries, companies and business persons in this world, as well as a brief introduction of Islamic principles related to business. Current information about opportunities and leaders in relatively new industries, such as Islamic Finance, Halal and Takaful sectors is also presented. Instead of the partial overview usually provided in competing guides, **Major Players in the Muslim Business World** offers a complete analysis of the most important topics, including the largest Muslim economies today, Muslim countries with the highest GDP per capita, Muslim companies on the Forbes Global 2000 list and Fortune's Global 500 Companies list, and the Muslim world in contemporary geopolitics. "The Malay/Muslim community is an integral part of the formative years of modern Singapore. The Singapore Malay/Muslim community comprises approximately 13% of Singapore's population of about 5.5 million people. More than 90% of Singaporean Muslims are Malays while the remaining are Indians, Arabs, Chinese and members of other ethnic groups. This book highlights the progress of the community, its contributions, and also the challenges for the last 50 years since 1965"--

This book documents experimentation with various policy and governance approaches that produce structural differences in the composition and organisation of Asia's higher education systems. In view of the wide variation in the public and private provision of higher education, it showcases how issues of access, equity and modes of participation are addressed, how institutional and programme quality are managed and how academic labour is treated and developed. The book both maps these differences and analyses the country-level dynamics, policy approaches and the problems faced by a variety of states in Asia in the race to develop competitive higher education systems. Focusing on the intersection of governance and higher education policy, it addresses the challenges facing higher education in Asia and the national responses of governments in terms of the organisation of the sector. Bestselling author Michael Backman here draws upon a wealth of new examples, case studies and anecdotes to provide crucial insights into Asian business themes. This will provide a valuable guide for anybody whose business takes them into Asia and will enable readers to get to grips with Asian business and understand how Asia really works. Knowledge of Asian business is dominated by conventional wisdom, much of which has achieved the status of myth. Bestselling author Michael Backman has researched beneath the surface to reveal the things that you need to know about Asian business and

society. Using a wealth of examples, case studies and anecdotes, he provides a revealing and unconventional picture based around key business themes. Business, business culture and culture are entwined to draw the reader from the outside into becoming an Asian insider. Written in the author's direct, sharp style, The Asian Insider is a fascinating read for anyone wishing to get to grips with Asian business and understand how Asia really works. Mahathir Mohamad turned Malaysia into one of the developing world's most successful economies. He adopted pragmatic economic policies alongside repressive political measures and showed that Islam was compatible with representative government and modernization. He emerged as a Third World champion and Islamic spokesman by standing up to the West. This book considers crucial changes to Malaysian economic areas and social well-being. The chapters cover diverse industries such as IT, green technology, retailing, banking, tourism and hospitality, education, logistics, finance, banking, and many others. This open access book examines Malaysian politics using a linguistic perspective. It explores how language serves to (de)legitimise governance, and its subsequent policies and activities in Malaysia. Grounded in discourse studies, this edited volume presents research on the discourses produced by and on Barisan Nasional, Pakatan Harapan and Perikatan Nasional from 2008 to 2020, studying how political actors (de)legitimise their

governance through discursive means. The thirteen original chapters select spoken, print and digital texts in English, Malay, Mandarin and Tamil, and deploy varied theoretical and methodological approaches. Their linguistic analysis unearths the language features and strategies that facilitate (de)legitimation. It shows how political actors shape the discursive representation and evaluation of multiple concerns in Malaysia. Consequently, Discursive Approaches to Politics in Malaysia: Legitimising Governance improves our understanding of contemporary Malaysian political discourse. It is of interest to graduates and researchers in the field of discourse studies, seeking to understand the discursive contours of politics in this developing Asian country. “Billionaires are a unique fraternity and breed of humans that have excelled in the workforce more productive and creative than the successful entrepreneur, where timing in business supersedes talent and determination, persistence and sheer guts have shadowed and outreached college degrees.” Currently, there are over 2300 billionaires on planet Earth and growing each and every year. These individuals think and act differently thus resulting in extreme capital collections along with owning about 30% of the sports teams and massive collections of art, sacred writings, and toys. The category of women Billionaires seems to be growing fast in the USA, China, and Hong Kong, where most of the world's billionaires operate in the workforce. Although there

may only be a handful of Super-Billionaires who amassed over \$50 Billion Dollars, the playing field is open in the future for many newcomers. What makes them different? What can we learn? Who's next? Study the habits of, "Billionaires On Planet Earth" from 120 of the most successful. They are thrifty and consider basic cost. They are continuing a constant quest for learning the latest information. They know the value of exercise and smart food to secure wellness. They understand the value of rest, meditation and prayer. They start their day early and have a plan ready for action. They see things differently and act on them. They don't understand, "No" as an answer. They are always possibility thinkers and then doers of action. They have learned, the more you give, the more you get in the realm of tithing, philanthropy and just old fashion basic giving back. Featuring multidisciplinary research by an international team of leading scholars, this volume addresses the contested aspects of arabesque while exploring its penchant for crossing artistic and cultural boundaries to create new forms. Enthusiastically imported from its Near Eastern sources by European artists, the freely flowing line known as arabesque is a recognizable motif across the arts of painting, music, dance, and literature. From the German Romantics to the Art Nouveau artists, and from Debussy's compositions to the serpentine choreographies of Loïe Fuller, the chapters in this volume bring together cross-disciplinary perspectives

to understand the arabesque across both art historical and musicological discourses. Asia's powerful networks tying together business and politicians threaten risk derailing Asia's claim to the 21st century. This book analyzes the relationship between political power and the media in a range of nation states in East and Southeast Asia, focusing in particular on the place of the media in authoritarian and post-authoritarian regimes. It discusses the centrality of media in sustaining repressive regimes, and the key role of the media in the transformation and collapse of such regimes. It questions in particular the widely held beliefs, that the state can have complete control over the media consumption of its citizens, that commercialization of the media necessarily leads to democratization, and that the transnational, liberal dimensions of western media are crucial for democratic movements in Asia. Countries covered include Burma, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines and Vietnam. Mahathir Mohamad's legacy as Malaysia's longest serving prime minister (1981–2003) is deeply controversial. His engagement with Islam, the religion of just over half Malaysia's population, has often been dismissed as partisan maneuvering. Yet his willingness to countenance a more prominent place for Islam in government and society is what distinguished him from other modernist politicians, and his instinct to set Malaysian politics against the backdrop of the wider Muslim world was

politically astute. Author Sven Schottmann argues that Mahathir's transformative effect on Malaysia can only be fully appreciated if we also take him seriously as one of the postcolonial Muslim world's most significant political thought leaders. Schottmann sees Mahathir's representations of Islam as a relatively coherent discourse that can legitimately be described as "Mahathir's Islam." This discourse contains Mahathir's assessment of the economic, political, and sociocultural problems facing the contemporary Muslim world and the range of solutions and corrective measures that he proposed Muslims should adopt. His ideas are fraught with flaws and contradictions. On the one hand, he emphasized the individualistic, egalitarian, pluralistic, democratic, and dynamic qualities of Islam. On the other, his government enacted legislation and acquiesced in the activities of religious bodies that curtailed religious freedoms of both Muslims and non-Muslims. His ideas contributed to Malaysia's worsening state of interethnic relations, yet his insistence that every Muslim had the right to speak for Islam may have, paradoxically, prepared the ground for a future democratization of Malaysian politics. Mahathir's Islam is based on rigorous analysis of Mahathir's speeches, interviews, and writings, which the author is able to link to parallel processes elsewhere in the Muslim world—Indonesia, the Middle East, Pakistan, Turkey, and diaspora communities in the West. Mahathir's Islamic discourse, Schottmann

suggests, must be read against the wider late twentieth-century resurgence of religion in general, and the post-1970s Islamic revival in particular. Balanced in approach and engagingly written, this book will be of interest to scholars and students of political science, religious studies, and others interested in Malaysia, Southeast Asia, or Mahathir himself. “Lim and Hunter’s prolific writings shed light on the resultant effects of macro and micro-policies that have shaped Malaysia. Their analyses touch especially on the key actors—individuals and organisations—that have played a catalytic role in misshaping the nation’s development. Both their opinions and reflections on the issues written here have their foundation in fundamental economics, and rightly so. Civilisational progress or regression can be seen to be closely aligned to the foundational economics of society. The end of the crisis and the dark forces will come. The question is only when and how and whether we, the people, can rise to save what is rightfully ours.” Siti Z Kasim Lawyer and activist “Can Malaysia return to the nation-building principles our forefathers agreed to—constitutional monarchy, separation of powers, rule of law, democracy, good governance and a plural society? Lim and Hunter have grappled with these issues which will decide the future of Malaysia.” Lim Kit Siang MP for Iskandar Puteri and former leader of the opposition “Lim and Hunter take on the daunting task of unravelling the complexities of the Malaysian

journey since independence. They have dared to touch on all the issues that really matter which have been bullied out of the public space for being ‘sensitive’ and therefore off-limits to any reasonable discussion. Yet discuss them we must. Through the years, Malaysia, or rather her politicians, have woven a tangled web of power, race, religion and corruption that seems impenetrable. These power dynamics have brought us to our current sorry state. This book helps us to take that crucial first step of looking at ourselves honestly and critically. If we can all put the nation first and do just that, we have a chance of the Malaysia we dreamed of. This book is essential reading for all Malaysians who believe this is yet possible.” Ambiga Sreenevasan Lawyer and human rights advocate

In 1990, the Malaysian state of Johor—along with Singapore and the Indonesian island of Batam—launched the Growth Triangle to attract foreign direct investment. For Johor, this drive was very successful, transforming its economy and driving up income levels. Today, Johor is one of Malaysia’s “developed” states, housing large clusters of electrical and electronics, food processing, and furniture producing firms. While welcome, this structural transformation has also entailed important challenges and strategic choices. After three decades, Johor’s manufacture-for-export model is under question, as it faces increasing competition and flat-lining technological capabilities. In response, the state has

sought to diversify its economy through strategic investments in new, mostly service-based activities. Yet, Johor retains pockets of excellence in traditional sectors that also require support and policy attention. The state's economic transformation has also been accompanied by far-reaching political, social, and environmental change. Not least, Johor's growing population has generated demand for affordable housing and put pressure on public services. The strain has been exacerbated by workers from other states and overseas. These demographic factors and large-scale projects have, in turn, put stress on the environment. These economic and social changes have also had political ramifications. While Johor is a bastion of two of the country's oldest and most established political parties, the state's large, urban and connected electorate has made it hospitable terrain for new political organisations. Beyond electoral politics, Johor is also the home of a powerful and influential royal family, with very specific ideas about its role in the state's political life. Building on earlier work by the ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute on the Singapore-Johor-Riau Islands Cross-border Region, this book focuses on this important Malaysian state, as it deals with important domestic challenges on one hand and strives to engage with international markets on the other. "I have always felt that there are many more complementarities possible between Singapore and Johor. This would be to the benefit of both

economies, but the political division between the two was just too great. The two economies lived adjacent but separate lives—Singapore looking out to the world and Johor looking north—until initiatives such as the Iskandar Malaysia development corridor began to change things significantly. The concern now is that the pendulum may have swung too much the other way, driven by the huge income and price differentials as well as Singapore’s global city status. Francis and Serina’s compilation is a welcomed attempt at understanding Johor in a much more comprehensive manner; not just its changing economy but how its politics and society have been impacted by these changes – which is a more endogenized view of economic integration.” — Dr Nungsari Ahmad Radhi, former MP Balik Palau and Executive Director, Khazanah Nasional “Drawing on the expertise of internationally known specialists, this insightful collection explores the multiple ways in which Johor’s economic development has influenced the contemporary political scene, and the effects on local society and the environment. Skillfully edited and meticulously researched, *Johor: Abode of Development?* is not merely required reading for anyone interested in contemporary Malaysia, but will be of immense value to historians of the future.”—Barbara Watson Andaya, Professor of Asian Studies, University of Hawai’i • questions from top schools & colleges since 2001 • conform to latest MOE

syllabus • Complete edition and concise edition eBooks available This volume presents a selection of articles aimed at introducing the field of local knowledge to a local and international audience. Based upon the theme “Retracing Tradition for a Sustainable Future,” the articles detail local practices that reflect local wisdom in various domains of knowledge such as literature, architecture, water management, tourism, dance and drama. This collection of articles embodies an important, tangible initiative by Universiti Sains Malaysia Local Knowledge Secretariat to identify and retrace indigenous local knowledge, besides documenting and conserving local wisdom for future generations. It presents an important resource for researchers and students interested in exploring the under-researched area of local knowledge and indigenous science in the Malaysian context. In *Entrepreneurship and Sustainability* the editors and contributors challenge the notion that not-for-profit social entrepreneurship is the only sort that can lead to the alleviation of poverty. Entrepreneurship for profit is not just about the entrepreneur doing well. Entrepreneurs worldwide are leading successful for-profit ventures which contribute to poverty alleviation in their communities. With the challenge of global poverty before them, entrepreneurs continue to develop innovative, business-oriented ventures that deliver promising solutions to this complex and urgent agenda. This book explores how to bring commercial

investors together with those who are best placed to reach the poorest customers. With case studies from around the World, the focus of the contributions is on the new breed of entrepreneurs who are blending a profit motive with a desire to make a difference in their communities and beyond borders. A number of the contributions here also recognize that whilst much research has been devoted to poverty alleviation in developing countries, this is only part of the story. Studies in this volume also focus upon enterprise solutions to poverty in pockets of significant deprivation in high-income countries, such as the Appalachia region of the US, in parts of Europe, and the richer Asian countries. Much has been written about the achievements of socially orientated non-profit microfinance institutions. This valuable, academically rigorous but accessible book will help academics, policy makers, and business people consider what the next generation of more commercially orientated banks for the 'bottom billion' might look like. This book examines state-state relations and new forms of state business relations that have emerged with an increase in China's foreign direct investments in Malaysia. Focusing on investments in the industrial sector and through in-depth case studies, this book adopts a novel framework to analyse these different types of state-business relations. These new forms of state-business relations are created from the different modes of

negotiations between different key actors in each of the cases. Diverse outcomes were found, reflecting the disparate forms of power relationships and state cohesiveness with unique institutional architectures formed in each case. The book identifies a major shift in structural power in these new forms of state-business relations as China's large multinational state-owned enterprises increasingly invest in Malaysia. A well-constructed institutional architecture is needed, not just in Malaysia but for other Southeast Asian countries, if foreign investments are to be harnessed to promote effective industrial development. Dr. Saad al Barrak is no ordinary businessman. His approach to business comes from the souks of his native Kuwait, but is also shaped by an American and British education, occupation and war, and his own warm and human leadership style. In just seven years (2002-2009), al Barrak transformed a moribund, ex-stateowned telecoms operator with a base of 500,000 customers in Kuwait, into the international giant Zain, a company with over 72 million customers across twenty-two countries. Over the same period, revenues leapt from \$570 million to a staggering \$8 billion. Saad al Barrak's respect for the human dimension in business dealings shines through this insightful and entertaining book. His call to 'be bold, be daring, be different', has revolutionised the business models of companies such as McKinsey. This book examines the various economic, political and developmental policy

challenges that Malaysia faces in her shift from a middle income to high-income economy. This issue is of great interest to academics, policy makers and development practitioners in the developing world, particularly in middle-income economies where there is a widespread concern about the challenges of managing such a transition. Malaysia is one of the developing world's greatest success stories. The book argues that as one of the developing world's most open economies, with a reputation for prudent macroeconomic management, Malaysia has achieved consistent growth since independence. It has moved from a largely resource-based economy to a multinational-led, export-oriented, industrial economy. Despite this success, Malaysia, like other developing countries, is currently at a crossroads in its development strategy; it is in danger of being unable to graduate to the level of more advanced economies - such as Korea, Taiwan and Singapore - but with the basis of its success at risk from competition from efficient, lower-wage countries - such as China, India and Vietnam. Moreover, there are new threats to the political stability and affirmative action programmes which have successfully held together a very racially diverse population. Being stuck in the middle between the finest nations and the hardly surviving ones is not easy. Hence, the next step forward is to move ahead and fly even higher rather than to be trapped forever or slipping backward into the past. Yet the greatest

challenge of an emerging economy in this twenty-first century is to create, and then maintain, that critical leap to a world-class economy. This book discusses such a stage of consistent struggle through a focus toward sustainable development. Numerous books delved into emerging economies, yet none concentrates on Malaysia. This particular nation provides a unique trajectory for growth that calls for comparison and contrast with other nations that experience growth. Each chapter of the book offers grounds to the development of a framework for progress and sustainability. This book drops the complacency of past wins of the nation and openly addresses the critical issues surrounding the emphasis for growth from different industry contexts. As the book is fundamentally based on theory and research, it practically lends a resourceful ground for academia as well as postgraduate students who are searching for current and relevant literature on development studies, emerging economies, and management of organizations. This is a study of Malaysia's new political economy, with a focus on ownership and control of the corporate sector. It offers a pioneering assessment of government-linked investment companies (GLICs), a type of state-owned institution that has long prevailed in the corporate sector but has not been analysed. Malaysia's history of government-business ties is unique, while the nature of the nexuses between the state and the corporate sector has

undergone major transitions. Corporate power has shifted from the hands of foreign firms to the state to the ruling party, and well-connected businessmen, and back to the state. Corporate wealth is now heavily situated in the leading publicly-listed government-linked companies (GLCs), controlled through block shareholdings by a mere seven GLICs under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Finance. To indicate why these GLICs are important actors in Corporate Malaysia, this study provides a deep assessment of their ownership and control of Bursa Malaysia's top 100 publicly-listed enterprises. A much-needed examination of the impact of neo-liberalism in East Asia in the years since the 1997 to 1998 Asian Economic Crisis. These leading contributors tackle the nature of neo-liberalism, and the forces and institutions driving it. With fresh case studies of Indonesia, Thailand, South Korea, Malaysia, China and Vietnam, showing how domestic elites are critical to the ways in which the neo-liberal agenda is manifested, modified and rejected. They also engage with the key question of why there has been a dramatic restructuring of state and economic power, with some elements of domestic elites having been decimated, others reinventing themselves, while important new elements have been constituted. This book was previously published as a special issue of the leading Journal of Development Studies. In this book scholars specializing in the Middle East and Central Asia provide fresh analysis and

cutting-edge critique of phenomena and events across the region. Authors draw on multiple disciplinary traditions and cover a broad geography, in order to challenge understandings and propose new forms of scholarly engagement. The compass to the world of champions. Full of life-changing principles and inspiring success stories, *Unbeatable Winning Ways* is a motivational and uplifting book, designed to help readers reach their full potential. In this resource, intriguing case studies of great champions are incorporated to demonstrate how they worked their way up from ground zero. Unleash the champion in you. In a world where people are unhappy and striving to succeed, *Unbeatable Winning Ways* includes the principles and practices to help readers become highly efficient and successful, using some of the best techniques from around the world. Dapo Abe's easy to follow, step-by-step guide will change readers' lives for the better, forever. Hope is restored, courage boosted, willingness renewed and fulfilment made possible. Dapo combines old wisdom with innovative and new ideas to ensure readers' total liberation. Unlike so many other self-help books, *Unbeatable Winning Ways* not only offers an insight into how to achieve career success, but also as to how these principles can be incorporated into other facets of everyday life. This book documents the trends and challenges that are taking place in various sectors in Malaysia. The chapters, written by specialists with an intimate

knowledge of the country, cover many of the major issues concerning Malaysia, a country undergoing significant changes and challenges. 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 oil palm industry has transformed rural livelihoods and landscapes across

wide swathes of Indonesia and Malaysia, generating wealth along with economic, social, and environmental controversy. Who benefits and who loses from oil palm development? Can oil palm development provide a basis for inclusive and sustainable rural development? Based on detailed studies of specific communities and plantations and an analysis of the regional political economy of oil palm, this book unpicks the dominant policy narratives, business strategies, models of land acquisition, and labour-processes. It presents the oil palm industry in Malaysia and Indonesia as a complex system in which land, labour and capital are closely interconnected. Understanding this complex is a prerequisite to developing better strategies to harness the oil palm boom for a more equitable and sustainable pattern of rural development. “A good read for anyone who wants to understand what actually determines whether a developing economy will succeed.” —Bill Gates, “Top 5 Books of the Year” An Economist Best Book of the Year from a reporter who has spent two decades in the region, and who the Financial Times said “should be named chief myth-buster for Asian business.” In How Asia Works, Joe Studwell distills his extensive research into the economies of nine countries—Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam, and China—into an accessible, readable narrative that debunks Western misconceptions, shows what really happened in Asia and why, and for once makes clear

why some countries have boomed while others have languished. Studwell's in-depth analysis focuses on three main areas: land policy, manufacturing, and finance. Land reform has been essential to the success of Asian economies, giving a kick-start to development by utilizing a large workforce and providing capital for growth. With manufacturing, industrial development alone is not sufficient, Studwell argues. Instead, countries need "export discipline," a government that forces companies to compete on the global scale. And in finance, effective regulation is essential for fostering, and sustaining growth. To explore all of these subjects, Studwell journeys far and wide, drawing on fascinating examples from a Philippine sugar baron's stifling of reform to the explosive growth at a Korean steel mill. "Provocative . . . How Asia Works is a striking and enlightening book . . . A lively mix of scholarship, reporting and polemic." —The Economist

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