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*For my wife, Kim Idris, and my daughter,  
Jacqueline 'Ai-syah Idris, with love.*

## FOREWORD

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THIS is a timely publication. This book reviews the general pattern of economic development in Malaysia from 1950 to 1995 as a backdrop to the overall study. Regional disparities and income inequalities have been identified as the fundamental issues necessitating a more intense pace of development in Malaysia. National economic development as reflected in the various government programmes and strategies in Malaysia has been designed to achieve national unity and balanced economic growth.

The Malaysian Government, through the Langkawi Development Authority, has invested and will continue to invest in developing the rural economy of Langkawi and its surrounding environs into a major international destination for tourism and related services while broadening and diversifying its economic infrastructure.

This book outlines and explains the efforts of the Malaysian Government, and offers an analysis of various measures employed to attain national unity, economic growth and increased prosperity in the context of policies which encourage the economic development of Langkawi.