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in Malaysia

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## PREFACE

The genesis of this book was my Ph.D. thesis on "Consociationalism and Coalition Politics in Malaysia" which was completed in 1978. This material has been revised, reduced, and up-dated to include political events through the 1982 General Elections.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

### *POLITICAL PARTIES*

BARJASA	Barisan Ra'ayat Jati Sarawak
Berjasa	Barisan Jemmah Islam Se Malaysia
Berjaya	Bersatu Rakyat Jelata Sabah
Bumiputera	Parti Bumiputera
BUNAP	Borneo Utara National Party
DAP	Democratic Action Party
DP	Democratic Party
Gerakan	Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia
IMP	Independence of Malaya Party
IPPP	Independent People's Progressive Party
Kita	Kesatuan Insaf Tanah Air
LP	Labour Party of Malaya
M.A.P.	Malaysian Alliance Party
MCA	Malaysian Chinese Association
MCP	Malayan Communist Party
MIC	Malaysian Indian Congress
Pajar	Partai Rakyat Jati Sarawak
PANAS	Party Negara Sarawak
PAP	People's Action Party
PAS	Parti Islam Se Malaysia
PBB	Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu
Pekemas	Parti Keadilan Masyarakat Malaysia
Pesaka	Party Pesaka Anak Sarawak
PM	United National Pasok Monogun Party
PMIP	see PAS
PN	Party Negara
PPP	People's Progressive Party
PR	Parti Rakyat; see PSRM
PSRM	Partai Sosialis Rakyat Malaysia
SANAP	Sabah National Party
SAPO	Sarawak People's Organization
SCA	Sabah Chinese Association
SIC	Sabah Indian Congress
SF	Socialist Front

## *POLITICAL PARTIES*

SNAP	Sarawak National Party
SUPP	Sarawak United People's Party
UDP	United Democratic Party
UMNO	United Malays National Organization
UNKO	United National Kadazan Organization
UP	United Party
UPKO	United Pasok-momogun Kadazan Organization
USNO	United Sabah National Organization

## *GOVERNMENT*

CLC	Communities Liaison Committee
ISA	Internal Security Act
NBI	National Bureau of Investigation
NCC	National Consultative Council
NEP	New Economic Policy
NGC	National Goodwill Council
NOC	National Operations Council
SEDCs	State Economic Development Corporations
SOCs	State Operations Committees
TAR	Tunku Abdul Rahman College
TMP	Third Malaysia Plan