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## *Preface*

THIS is the second of a series of three volumes designed to serve as an introduction to the history of modern South-East Asia for students at pre-University level and beyond, as well as for the general reader. The series itself is presented not as a history of South-East Asia as a whole, but as a study of the modernization of South-East Asia as a result of the impact of the Western world. Within this context, this volume deals with various aspects of the economic and social impact of the spread of Western political power and modern trade and technology on the region. The emphasis here is on the economic effects and some of the immediate social consequences. At the same time, other social aspects, in particular that concerning education, are not dealt with here but appear in the third volume which primarily treats of the South-East Asian reaction to the West, or in other words the rise and development of nationalism throughout the region and its ultimate triumph.

The volumes of this series cannot, of course, lay claim to be free from bias, but it has been consciously written with the intention of avoiding the rival camps of Asian and Euro-centrism. The aim has been to try and present developments as they happened, bearing in mind the varying outlooks and interests of all parties involved. However the series does have a Malaysian bent, having been written in that country and with an eye for what would appear to have more immediate bearing and interest for Malaysians. The footnotes are designed hopefully as a useful supplement to the main text, with suggestions where further material on topics touched upon may be found.

This series can lay no claim to originality. It is almost wholly derived from secondary sources and in fact represents the cullings of many scholars of different backgrounds and differing outlooks. I gratefully acknowledge the great debt I owe to the researches and writings on South-East Asian history by a whole host of distinguished men and women, some of whose works are to be found quoted in the lists and articles at the end of each section.

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