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Preface

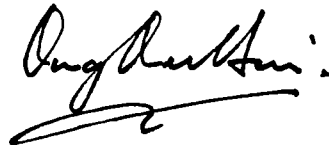
Badminton is one of the most popular game in Malaysia. It was a game played in all the states in the Peninsula and in Sabah and Sarawak before the Formation of Malaysia. In villages, kampongs and towns throughout the country, the game was played in open air courts. It was popular because of the small space required and comparatively low cost of equipment needed and it attracted many participants from boys and girls in both the urban and rural area. It was therefore not strange that newly independent state, the Federation of Malaya, should dominate in this game in the 1940s when Sir George Thomas donated the Thomas Cup for International Team Competition for men. In the first International competition held in November 1948, the Federation of Malaya became the world champion playing against participating countries at that time such as United Kingdom, Denmark, U.S.A. and India.

In this book, Mr. Ho Ah Chon has compiled press reports and articles, and many photographs mostly taken by himself on events concerning badminton in Sarawak occurring in 1952-1964.

Mr. Ho Ah Chon was during this period personally involved with badminton in Sarawak. He was a player and good exponent of this game. He was an active participant in the development of this game in the state. He was Honorary Treasurer in 1952 and held that post until he took over as Chairman of the Kuching Badminton Association and in that capacity a Vice-President of the Sarawak Badminton Association of which the late Datuk Teo Kui Seng was President.

Badminton fans will find much of interest in this book. It contains not only pictures of events but also photographs of many well known players and local personalities such as Kho Kui Leong, Ismail Hassan, Ibrahim Tambi, Lim Khiok Seng, Lau Han Choon and many others including V.I.Ps who officiated in various events. Two well known badminton Malaysian badminton players, Wong Peng Soon and Ong Poh Lim (a Sarawakian who migrated to Malaya), who helped Malaya in winning the Thomas Cup, are also featured in this book.

As one interested in the game, I find it of much interest and I commend it to all those interested in the development of this game in this country.



Tan Sri Datuk Ong Kee Hui

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