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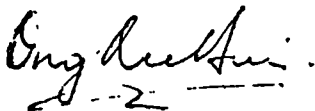
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Preface

This is the 2nd volume of Mr. Ho Ah Chon's book on "Kuching 1950 - 1959 Sir Anthony Abell's Era". This volume contains not only more photographs of Kuching taken during this period but these photographs illustrate the events which mark the social, economic progress of Sarawak while Sir Anthony was Governor until his retirement in November 1959. The articles and reports included in the book are of interest to anyone interested in Sarawak's history.

Mr Ho. Ah Chon has preserved for us in this book pictures of Kuching in the 1950s and various activities and events. For those of us who have lived through these events they bring back many happy memories. Those who do not know Kuching or Sarawak in those days will perhaps be stimulated to find out more. Included in the book are reports compiled from various sources and from these it is evident that considerable development and progress was achieved by Sarawak during this era. Kuching became quite a busy port as can be seen by the boats and ships shown in some of the photographs.

The socio-economic development and the political advancement which occurred during this period are seen in the pictures of new buildings such as the new secretariat, two new cinemas, a new modern hotel (the Aurora), the new museum, science block buildings for the premier schools in Kuching, clubs, Red Cross headquarters, Anti-Tuberculosis Association building and the inauguration of the Kuching Municipal Council and other local authorities in Sibul, Miri, Kapit, and many other events. Of particular interest are reports of speech and political changes which occurred, such as the introduction of elections to local councils and indirect elections to the legislature (Council Negeri) and the executive Council (Supreme Council) toward the end of Sir Anthony's Abell's tenure of office. This book records a rather exciting period of Sarawak's history and to those who know of these events which are depicted in this book it is a valuable memento or souvenir. It should prove a welcome addition to our historical record of Sarawak.



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