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## **MALAY AND TAMIL CULTURAL ELEMENTS DEPICTED IN ABDULLAH MUNSYI'S TEXTS**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Malaysia can also be synonym as a multiracial country which is not only has multi cultures and customs but also specific ethnics with own identities and unique. There are more than 80 ethnics in Malaysia and the most popular ethnics are Malays, Chinese and Indians. The largest ethnic group in Malaysia, accounting for more than half of the total population today, is the Malays. Their origin can be traced back to Yunnan China through the Proto-Malays and Deutro-Malays, which belong to the broader-based Malayo-Polynesian group of races. Throughout Southeast Asia, the majority of ethnic Malays live in Malaysia. The Malays are the race of Austronesian people who predominantly inhabit the Malay Peninsular and portions of adjacent islands of Southeast Asia, including the east coast of Sumatera, the coast of Borneo and smaller islands those lay between these areas. The Malay ethnic group is distinct from the concept of a Malay race, encompasses a wider group of people, including most of Indonesia, the Philippines, and Oceania (Kassim Thukiman, 2002).

### **MALAYS**

The Malay language is a member of the Austronesian family of languages. The Malays are well known for gentleness and courtesy. The customs and culture has become the practice of hereditary age inherited from their ancestors. Those certain practices are still being