The Malaysian economy has undergone significant structural changes in the last four decades. This has posed numerous challenges to the growth and management of the economy. In this context, trade, finance & monetary management, environmental governance, transportation, labour, productivity and foreign direct investment are key issues that need to be addressed.

The approach taken in this book is to introduce the reader to the key related-issues of the Malaysian economy. Thus, this book is a compilation of various essays in applied economics. The book is a useful reference point for further work on applied research in the field of economics. It is of particular value to readers who are interested in the Malaysian economy. Students will also benefit from this book as the essays can be used for discussion in tutorials and lectures. Besides tightening the teaching-research linkages within the faculty, it is our hope that this publication will provide means for further research collaboration with other researchers alike and policy makers.