



Ford Foundation records, International Division, South and Southeast Asia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Field Office Files

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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Ford Foundation's office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia operated from between 1962 and 1976. It was responsible for overseeing grants for the countries of Malaysia and Singapore. These grants primarily focused on agricultural and industrial development, higher education and research, management and administration, and population and family planning.

The Ford Foundation established its Kuala Lumpur office in 1962 as part of its efforts to expand its overseas development program in Southeast Asia. The Malay peninsula was considered vital to the long term political and economic development of the region. Before the Malaysia office was opened, the Foundation's Asia program consisted of four country programs in India, Pakistan, Indonesia, and Burma (Myanmar). The Kuala Lumpur Office opened shortly before the Foundation closed its Rangoon, Burma office. Burma Representative Walter A. Rudlin relocated to Malaysia.

In 1968, the Foundation's Malaysia and Singapore programs became absorbed under the Ford Foundation Southeast Asia Regional Office in Bangkok, Thailand. The Kuala Lumpur office later closed in 1976. Several significant events in the history of Malaysia occurred during the time the Foundation had its

office there such as the formation of Malaysia from the union of Malaya, North Borneo, Sarawak, and Singapore in 1963, Singapore leaving Malaysia in 1965, and the May 1969 race riots in Kuala Lumpur.

- Information taken from The Ford Foundation in Malaysia information paper, Ford Foundation records, Catalogued Reports, Reports 1-3254 (FA739A), Report 002088

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Scope and Contents

Contains administrative files and subject files.

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Arrangement

Arranged in 2 series by file type.

Collection arrangement is as follows:

Series I. Administrative Files, 1962-1976

Series II. Subject Files, 1959-1975

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Administrative Information

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Processing Information

Level 1 Minimal Processing has been conducted to establish basic intellectual and physical control of the material and assess immediate preservation and conservation needs. Material remains as received, in original folders and storage boxes.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Ford Foundation archive was deposited at RAC in 2011. Ford Foundation records, correspondence, reports, program files and officers papers were transferred to, and accessioned by, RAC beginning in 2011. Accessions continue as necessary.

Conditions Governing Access

Records more than 10 years old are open for research with select materials restricted as noted. Brittle or damaged items are available at the discretion of RAC.

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