

Contents

Foreword	ix
A General Introduction	1
PART A: Ethno- and Socio-Linguistic Issues: An Asian Perspective	
Chapter One. The Oration of the Minangkabau <i>Pasambahan</i> : An Ethno-Linguistic Study <i>Media Sandra Kasih</i>	11
Chapter Two. Responding to the Terrorism Threat: Coverage of the US-Led Anti-Terror Campaign in Pro-Government and Islamic- Based Opposition Newspapers in Malaysia <i>Ezhar Tamam</i>	23
Chapter Three. Power and Politeness in Negotiation Discourse <i>Shamala Paramasivam</i>	37
Chapter Four. The Communicative Sensitivity of Bilingual Societies: Are Malaysia's Globalizing Tendencies Compatible with Her Multicultural Environment? <i>Ain Nadzimah Abdullah</i>	69
Chapter Five. 'Foreign' Languages in the New Wor[l]d Order: Whither Linguistic Symbiosis? <i>Faiz S. Abdullah</i>	77
PART B: The Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages: Malaysian's Second Language Dimension	
Chapter Six. The Acquisition of Gender, Number and Case in English Personal Pronouns <i>Wong Bee Eng and Liu Jan Choo</i>	101

Chapter Seven. Reading Attitude and University Students—A Pilot Study <i>Rosli Talif and Mohamed Abu Bakar.....</i>	121
Chapter Eight. A Survey Study on Writing Needs and Writing Support at Universiti Putra Malaysia <i>Tan Bee Hoon</i>	131
Chapter Nine. The Writing of Research Articles: How Do Native and Non-Native Writers Differ in the Use of Hedges? <i>Helen Tan and Chan Swee Heng</i>	163
Chapter Ten. Gender in Literary Texts: How To Capture Its Symbolism <i>Rosli Talif and Jariah Mohd. Jan.....</i>	179
Bibliography.....	191
List of Contributors.....	199
Index.....	205