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## Preface

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The indigenous peoples in Malaysia consist of the Orang Asli ethnic groups living in Peninsular Malaysia and the Natives in Sabah and Sarawak, known as the "Anak Negeri" of Sabah and Sarawak. All over the world, every State has an indigenous population, most of whom are forced to firmly demand that their rights be recognized by the government in their respective States. Their demands were heard by the United Nations through the recognition of the principle of Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) in their affairs through the Universal Declaration on the Rights of the Indigenous Peoples. However, the question studied through the writing of this book is the extent to which States adopt this principle in their respective domestic legislation and the extent to which this principle is implemented in matters related to indigenous peoples in the State. The 12 chapters in this book examine the recognition of FPIC and its application in 10 selected States: Malaysia, Philippines, India, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United States of America, Finland, Finland, and Brazil.

The discussion and analysis contained in this book are part of the authors' research entitled Implementation of the Principle of Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) as a Platform for the Social and Economic Transformation of the Orang Asli in Malaysia and students' assignment for the Indigenous Peoples and International Laws course at the UKM's Faculty of Law. The authors of each chapter here are the researchers of the FPIC research project and the students of the course.

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