Preface: multiple roles of language and linguistics in society Abstract

This volume comprises papers presented at the inaugural International Conference on Languages, Linguistics and Society (ICLALIS) held in Kota Kinabalu from the 22nd to the 24th of October 2013. Organised by the Centre for the Promotion of Knowledge and Language Learning in Universiti Malaysia Sabah, this conference was attended by 220 participants from 25 countries, including those from Asia, Europe and North America.