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Traditional Burial Traditions of
the Indigenous Communities of
Sarawak Until the Year 2000

Thesis Outline

This qualitative ethnoarchaeological study explores traditional burial practices of Sarawak's indigenous communities, highlighting their belief in the afterlife and shared philosophy of preparing for existence in the realm of the dead.

Supervisors & Institutions

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Adnan Bin Jusoh
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Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ben Shaw
Australian National University

Future Goals

The AMVPIP was a key milestone in my academic journey, offering exposure to international research. Moving forward, I aim to publish my work, pursue global collaborations, and advocate for the preservation of indigenous burial heritage in Sarawak.

AMVPIP Experience

The program was a valuable experience that connected me with global experts in archaeology. It broadened my knowledge, expanded my network, and led to collaboration with Dr. Ben Shaw and Mr. Simon Coxe. Their insights into burial traditions and archaeological methods inspired new directions in my research on Sarawak. We are co-authoring a paper. I'm grateful to the Australian High Commission for this enriching opportunity.

Key Takeaways

- 1) Valuable academic networking & collaboration
- 2) Enhanced research perspective & methodology
- 3) Opportunities for long-term academic growth