

# **The Constitutional Protection of the Malaysia Chinese's Economic Rights and Interests**

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Malaysia had begun the implementation of racial economic measures since the British Colonial era. Such measures have, after the independence of Malaysia, been further legalized, institutionalized and particularized by virtue of constitutional provisions, laws and related economic policies so much so that they have become a means to upgrade social economic status of the Malays. This paper examines the constitutional protection of economic rights and interests of the Chinese and the Malays. Besides expounding the constitutional provisions having not been properly interpreted and utilized, this paper also argues that some affirmative action policies have long violated the constitution which in turn brings to light the dilemma faced by the Chinese in protecting their economic rights and interests under the constitution. On this basis, this paper provides proposals and suggestions on how to safeguard the economic rights and interests of the Malaysia Chinese.