

The discovery of Late Permian (early Changshingian) brachiopods from Penjom, Pahang Darul Makmur

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A brachiopod fauna has been recently discovered in dark grey calcareous shale at Penjom, near Kuala Lipis, Pahang. The fauna consists of *Peltichia kwangtungensis* (Zhan), ?*Peltichia* sp., *Semibrachythyryna rhombiformis* Shen & He, *Semibrachythyryna* sp., ?*Spiriferellina* sp., ?*Anchorhynchia* sp., ?*Acosarina* sp., *Derbyia* sp. and unidentified meekellid, rhynchonellid and productid. The brachiopod faunal assemblage suggests a Late Permian (early Changhsingian) age to the calcareous shale bed and the associated limestone in the block below the Penjom thrust. The brachiopod genus *Peltichia* Jin & Liao is reported for the first time in Malaysia.