



Press Release

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Daily wage for General Workers from Indonesia

Sarawak Timber Association (STA) has been constantly engaged with the Consulate General's office of the Republic Indonesia in Kuching to discuss an appropriate daily wage for Indonesian general workers employed in the Forestry Industry in Sarawak, particularly for those employed in veneer and plywood mills.

STA and the Acting Consul General of the Consulate General of the Republic Indonesia in Kuching, Bapak Rafail Walingitan had on 31 March 2010 reached a mutual agreement for an independent study to be carried out on the existing remuneration of the Indonesian workers. The independent study shall cover Sarawak, Sabah and West Malaysia and it will be conducted by a renowned local university. The result of the study will provide a valid reference to both parties to establish appropriate and equitable remuneration for Indonesian workers. In view of the importance of the study and in order to ensure the reliability and dependability of the study, the independent study will require six (6) months from 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010 to complete.

In the meantime, members of STA has decided to provide a daily wage of RM12 per day to the Indonesian general workers beginning 1 July 2010 until the completion of the study.

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