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SEMINAR ON KOMATSU SWING YARDER AND LOG YARDER FOR REDUCED IMPACT LOGGING



Picture: Group photo of the participants

A one-day Seminar on Komatsu Swing Yarder and Log Yarder for Reduced Impact Logging was jointly organised by UMW (East Malaysia) Sdn Bhd and Komatsu Asia Pacific Pte Ltd (KAP), with assistance from STA. This Seminar was attended by about 200 STA members and staff, relevant Government agencies, the STA Secretariat and UMW.

Six presentations made were as follows:

1. Sustainable Forest Management Requirements in Sarawak by *Mr Mengga Mikui of Sarawak Forest Corporation*

2. Environmental Impact Assessment requirements for logging and forest plantation by *Mr Paul Chamberlain Bond of Natural Resources and Environment Board*

3. Komatsu PC200 Swing Yarder by *Mr Taufiqulah of Komatsu Indonesia*

4. Komatsu PC300 Swing Yarder by *Mr Taufiqulah of Komatsu Indonesia*

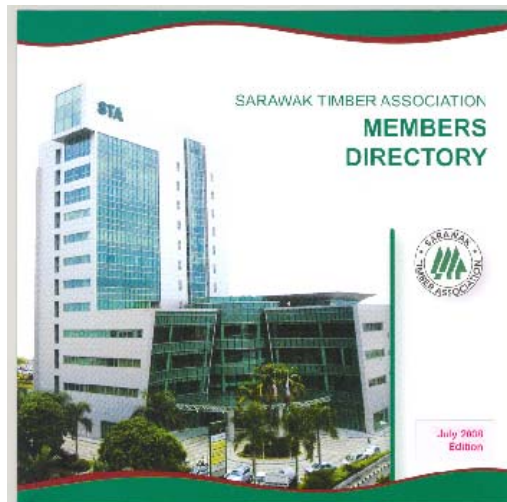
5. PC200 and PC300 – Feature and Benefits by *Mr Yoshimura of Bangkok Komatsu Co. Ltd*

6. KOMTRAX – Komatsu Machine

Tracking System by *Mr Ishihara of KAP Singapore*

There were also two video presentations of the swing yarder and log yarder. The latest PC200-7 swing yarder was on show at the seminar venue. This machine, equipped with a hydraulic excavator attachment and working gear reportedly commands excellent controllability and mobility as well as being highly efficient for timber yarding. The compact winch design makes this machine easy to maintain.

STA MEMBERS DIRECTORY CD-ROM



We are pleased to announce that the STA Members Directory CD-ROM July 2008 Edition is now available at the STA Secretariat. The STA Members Directory is a searchable CD which enables users to search for information on timber products and STA members through a search engine interface. The CD also includes brief information on the Association, related government agencies, maps and other relevant information.

This STA Members Directory CD-ROM 2008 is available for sale at the STA Secretariat. Should there be any enquiries, please contact the STA Secretariat by telephone at 082- 332 222 or by email at sta@sta.org.my

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MALAYSIAN FORESTRY CONFERENCE

The Forest Department Sarawak together with Sarawak Forestry Corporation and STIDC will be hosting the 15th Malaysian Forestry Conference. Details are as below:-

Date: 20 - 23 October 2008;
24 October 2008 (Post-Conference Tour)
Venue: Hotel Hilton Kuching
Registration Fee: RM1,000/participant

The Malaysian Forestry Conference is held triennially in rotation amongst the Forest Departments of Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak to exchange information, ideas and experiences in the administration, management and development of forest in the country.

The conference will be organised under six sub-themes, ie (1) Global Changes & Forestry; (2) Sustainable Forest Management; (3) Deforestation & Forest Degradation; (4) Environmental Services; (5) Forest Plantation; and (6) Forest Product Industry & Trade.

The Post-Conference Tour will be to Semenggoh Wildlife Centre, STIDC Timber Museum and STIDC Furniture Gallery.

For more information and registration, please contact:-

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**Did you know
that...**

India and Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean) have finally concluded a free trade agreement (FTA) on 7 August 2008. Similar FTA negotiations could be concluded with New Zealand and Australia in the coming months. To date, Asean has concluded FTA with South Korea, Japan and China.

Source:
The Sun
8 Aug 2008

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA COURSE



Picture: Group photo of the first batch students with lecturer and FMU staff

The first batch of students of the Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Science (Sustainable Tropical Forest Management) attended their last Module on "Sustainability – Theory and Practice" at the Melatai Camp, Putai

from 25 – 29 August 2008. This Course was conducted by STA in collaboration with Lincoln University of New Zealand. Over the last two years, students had been taught six subjects as follows:

- Forestry in Sarawak

- Tropical Forest Biology and Silviculture
- Tropical Forest Utilisation
- Tropical Forest Planning and Harvesting

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To all our Muslim readers



From: Chairman, Council Members, Members and Staff of STA

Did you also know that...

Taiwan's Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine announced that effective 1 January 2008, wood packaging materials for imported products going into Taiwan need to be heat-treated or fumigated. Written notices will be used by officials at Taiwan's entry ports to notify importers of their non-compliance.

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Picture: (left) Field demonstration of logfisher and (top) Having lessons in classroom

- Forest Economics and Policy Sustainability – Theory and Practice

The last module was conducted both in classroom and in the field by Associate Professor Dr Hugh Bigsby and Mr Gan Boon Keong a technical consultant for Logfisher International Sdn Bhd who

was assisted Mr Mohamed Johari bin Abdul Latif.

The field demonstration involved two harvesting systems i.e conventional tractor logging and cable harvesting using a logfisher. During the field demonstration, the trainers extracted two logs using conventional tractor

logging and another two logs using logfisher. The logfisher system is able to meet Principle 5 (Benefit from the Forest) under Criteria 5.1 and 5.2 as well as Principle 6 (Environmental Impact) under Criteria 6.2, 6.3 and 6.5 of the Malaysian Criteria and Indicator for Forest Management Certification.