

## BACKGROUND

The forest products sector is a major player in Malaysia's economic growth and this is reflected in the country's exports performance. From a mere RM4.3 billion achieved in 1980, the forest products grew to RM23.4 billion in 2006, accounting for 4% of the country's total export earnings. The sector supports a total employment of about 338,000 employees, accounting for 3.5% of the labour force. The rapid growth of the sector has brought about new challenges both domestically and internationally. Declining raw materials supply, labour shortage, and lack of modern technology for timber processing are some of the issues confronting the timber industry. On the international front, market competition, increasing environmental pressures, stringent standards and regulations are among the common issues. For the forest products sector to remain competitive and sustainable, concerted efforts are very much needed to tackle these issues effectively.

This National Conference on Forest Products (NCFP) with the theme "Towards Competitiveness and Sustainability" is designed to disseminate the latest R&D findings in forest products to the private sector, researchers, academicians, industrialists, and policy makers.

## TOPICS OF INTERESTS

Supply and demand of forest resources • New processing technologies • Wood protection and quality • Furniture design and high-end products • Reconstituted wood products • Pulp, paper and energy from biomass • Agriculture and wood biomass utilisations • Product certification and quality assurance • Branding, marketing and trade

## OBJECTIVES

1. To discuss issues affecting forest products sectors such as technology, environmental and trade
2. To explore, exchange and update scientific and technological findings and information related to wood based industries
3. To provide a forum for forest products researchers to present their results and findings, state-of-the-art technologies, products and services

## YOU SHOULD ATTEND IF YOU ARE

Forest industries personnel, Researchers, Academicians, Policy makers, Foresters, members of NGOs, exporters, importers, planters, entrepreneurs, wood-based industries personnel, and individuals involved in regulating, processing, trading and/or using forest products.

## CALL FOR PAPERS/POSTERS

Those interested in presenting papers or posters at the Conference are required to send in their abstracts first. Important due dates are as follows:

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| <b>1 June 2008</b>      | <b>Submission of abstracts</b>         |
| <b>1 July 2008</b>      | <b>Notification of accepted papers</b> |
| <b>1 September 2008</b> | <b>Submission of full papers</b>       |

## ABSTRACTS & PAPERS

Abstracts and full papers shall be written in English. Please submit abstracts and full papers to the secretariat at the address as shown or by e-mail to [necfp2008@frim.gov.my](mailto:necfp2008@frim.gov.my)

## Important instructions:

*(for both oral and poster presentations)*

- Prepare in Microsoft Word in Times New Roman font
- Title — bold, 14 pt and in upper case letters
- Author's name(s) — bold and 12 pt
- Author's address(es) — 10 pt, no abbreviation, if more than one author indicate address of each author numerically in superscript. Include fax number(s) and email address(es) of the main author for corresponding purposes.
- Text of abstract — 10 pt, no abbreviations, no references, one paragraph, less than 250 words long. Scientific names should be in italics or underlined. Use standard symbols for measurement and the International System (S.I.) for units.
- Keywords — provide maximum 5 important keywords at the bottom of abstracts.

## THE FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The final announcement, containing the programme, registration form, instructions for paper/poster preparation and other details, will be circulated in August 2008, and send to those who have notified us of their interest to participate.

## LANGUAGE

The official language of the Conference is English.

## ACCOMMODATION

Participants should make their own hotel reservations. Details on the venue will be included in the final announcement.

## INDICATION OF INTEREST

(To receive the Final Announcement for the Conference, return this form to the Secretariat)

Name: (Prof./Dr./Mr./Ms): \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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- I am interested to attend the Conference  
 I wish to present a Paper/Poster  
 I wish to exhibit my product(s)  
 I wish to participate in post-conference tour

Title of Paper/Poster: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach this form and mail or fax to:

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## VENUE

The Conference will be held at one of the leading hotels in Kuala Lumpur.

## REGISTRATION FEES

The Conference fees, which cover a full set of papers/ proceedings, tea/coffee breaks, lunches, and conference bag are as follows:

Full Fee	RM600
Students	RM350

Group registration from the same organisation (3 or more): RM550 per person

Proof of student status should be provided e.g. university student ID card.

## POST-CONFERENCE TOUR

One day post-conference tour is being planned for registered participants for a fee of RM50 per person (including lunch & refreshment). Detailed information will be included in the final announcement.

## ENQUIRIES

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