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## STA Timber Products Marketing Committee's Marketing Mission to India



Photo: Courtesy call to Mr Sanjay Budhia, the Honorary Consul of Malaysia in Kolkata at his office



Photo: Dialogue session with the Calcutta Timber Merchants Association at its office

The Marketing Mission to New Delhi and Kolkata, India from 3 to 7 December 2017, organised by the STA Timber Products Marketing Committee, was led by its Chairman, Mr Stephen Hii Hium Ung. The objectives of the Mission were to (i) explore and discuss the trade in timber products (ii) understand the requirements of the Indian importers and markets, and (iii) establish network with potential importers from New Delhi and Kolkata, India.

The 7-member delegation visited three (3) major timber product companies to explore trade opportunities as well as to understand their requirements. Two (2) dialogue sessions were also organised with members of (i) the Timber Merchant of New Delhi at the Hyatt Regency New Delhi Hotel, led by its General Secretary, Mr Atul Gard and with (ii) the Calcutta Timber Merchants Association at its office, led by its President, Mr Murarilal Khemka.

The delegation also visited the sawmilling section of Silvertoss Industries Private Limited in Kolkata to see first-hand the different sawn timber sizes that were cut for the different end uses. The delegation also paid a courtesy call to Mr Sanjay Budhia, the Honorary Consul of Malaysia at his office in Kolkata.

Based on feedback from these timber product importers, there is a potential to expand the timber products' market in these 2 cities, especially sawn timber mainly due to the escalating prices as well as the decreasing volume for export of logs from Sarawak.

Preferred species of tropical sawn timber are the red species, such as meranti; hard species like selangan batu and generally, kapur and keruing. These timber products are mainly used in the manufacture of door jams and doors for the local Indian market. Members must explore ways to introduce other species with similar attributes to the current preferred species, to the Indian market.

Members of the Calcutta Timber Merchants Association sought clarification on some issues such as the reasons for the decreasing trend in log production and the status of forest management certification in the State. They also exchanged their views on issues and challenges faced when they import timber from Malaysia, such as lack of networking, issue of quality of timber products supplied,

payment terms and claims. Indian importers are advised to buy only from members of the Association to ensure they are dealing with bona fide timber traders.

本会木材产品行销小组主席許勳文先生于2017年12月3日至7日率领该小组委员前往印度新德里和加尔各答进行营销任务。此营销任务旨在(i)探索和讨论木材产品贸易(ii) 明白印度进口商和市场的要求和 (iii) 与印度新德里和加尔各答潜在进口商建立关系。

根据这些木材产品进口商的反馈，印度这两个城市的木材产品市场有扩大的潜能，特别是锯木。

印度进口商首选热带锯木种类是红柳桉，巴劳，山樟和龙脑香。这些木材产品主要是用于制造印度本地市场使用的门框和门。会员们必须探索向印度市场介绍和目前首选的种类具有相似的属性的其它种类。

Misi Pemasaran ke New Delhi dan Kolkata, India dari 3 hingga 7 Disember 2017 telah dianjurkan oleh Jawatankuasa Pemasaran Produk Kayu STA dan dipimpin oleh Pengerusinya, Encik Stephen Hii Hium Ung. Objektif Misi adalah untuk (i) meneroka dan membincangkan perdagangan produk kayu (ii) memahami keperluan import dan pasaran di India, dan (iii) mewujudkan jalinan rangkaian dengan pengimport yang berpotensi dari New Delhi dan Kolkata, India.

Berdasarkan maklum balas dari pengimport produk kayu, terdapat potensi untuk memperluaskan pasaran produk kayu di 2 bandar raya ini, terutamanya kayu bergergaji.

Spesies kayu bergergaji tropika yang terpilih adalah spesies merah seperti meranti; spesies keras seperti selangan batu dan umumnya, kapur dan keruing. Produk-produk kayu ini digunakan terutamanya dalam pembuatan bahagian pintu dan pintu untuk pasaran tempatan di India. Ahli-ahli mesti meneroka kaedah untuk memperkenalkan spesies-spesies lain yang mempunyai ciri-ciri serupa dengan spesies pilihan sekarang, ke pasaran India.

## STA Forest Plantation Committee Meeting No 4/2017



Photo: Meeting in progress

The STA Forest Plantation Committee Meeting No 4/2017 was held on 12 December 2017 at Wisma STA, Kuching. The Meeting was chaired by its Chairman, Mr Peter Ling Kwong Hung.

The Meeting had a post-mortem session on the Southern China Trip which was held from 11 to 18 November 2017. The members who joined the trip shared their experiences and knowledge learnt from the trip.

The Meeting was updated on the progress of the research and development (R&D) projects funded by STA, i.e. Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) Discovery Research, Biofertiliser Formulation Research, *Falcataria moluccana* Genetic Improvement Research and *Neolamarckia cadamba* Tissue Culture Research.

The Meeting also discussed the results of the weight to volume conversion factor studies for planted tree species, i.e. *Neolamarckia cadamba*, *Eucalyptus pellita* and *Falcataria moluccana*.

Other matters/issues that were deliberated during the meeting included forest plantation certification, expected volume production of planted logs, status of the revised planted forest policy and etc.

本会人工造林小组委员会于2017年12月12日假古晋STA大厦召开本年度第四次会议。会议由本会人工造林小组委员会主席林光訓先生主持。

会议检讨于2017年11月11日至18日举办的中国南部人工造林考察行程。

会议接纳由本会所资助的研究与发展 (R&D) 项目的进展报告, 并讨论种植树种重量转为体积研究的结果。

Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Ladang Hutan STA Bil. 4/2017 telah diadakan pada 12 Disember 2017 di Wisma STA, Kuching. Mesyuarat dipengerusikan oleh Pengerusi, Encik Peter Ling Kwong Hung.

Mesyuarat mengadakan sesi perbincangan mengenai Lawatan ke Selatan China yang diadakan dari 11 hingga 18 November 2017.

Mesyuarat telah dikemaskini mengenai kemajuan projek penyelidikan dan pembangunan (R&D) yang dibiayai oleh STA serta membincangkan hasil kajian kadar penukaran berat ke isipadu untuk spesies pokok ladang.

The STA Panel Products Committee Meeting No 3/2017 was held on 29 December 2017 at Wisma STA, Kuching. The Meeting was presided over by its Vice Chairman, Dato Wong Kuo Hea.

The Meeting deliberated on several agenda including the current plywood market situation and the plywood production for the past three (3) quarters. The Meeting was informed on the proposition to adopt the Supplier's Declaration of Conformity

本会合板/人造板小组于2017年12月29日假古晋STA大厦召开本年度第三次会议。会议由本会合板/人造板小组副主席拿督黄国惠主持。

会议审议多项议题, 包括胶合板市场的现状和过去3个季度的胶合板产量。会议获悉胶合板生产商采纳“供应商符合性声明”(SDOC)的提议。SDOC将基于标准中所规定的要求。

## Technical and In

A group of eight (8) delegates from the Wood Industry Skills Development Centre (WISDEC) visited Sarawak Timber Association (STA) on 21 December 2017 at Wisma STA, Kuching. The main objectives of the visit were to have a better understanding on the structure of the timber industries and training in Sarawak as well as to share experiences on training between WISDEC and STA.

WISDEC is a training centre established under the Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) with the objectives to (i) provide an industry-oriented skills training; (ii) produce adequate skilled manpower for the wood-based industry; (iii) expedite technology transfer through technical training; and (iv) provide technical advisory services in furniture manufacturing.

Dr Peter Kho, General Manager of STA welcomed and delivered a brief presentation on the background of STA and its subsidiary companies. The group was later given a tour to STA Exhibition Centre, which showcased information pertaining to the industry through interactive touch



## A Panel Products Committee Meeting No 3/2017

(SDOC) by plywood manufacturers. The SDOC will be based on the specified requirements stated in a Standard.

The Meeting also received a final report on *Formaldehyde Emission Awareness in Plywood Industry and Among Public in Malaysia* by the Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) and Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM); trip report on STA Panel Products Marketing Mission to India and Sri Lanka from 20 to 28 August 2017; final report on Benchmarking of Cradle to Gate Green House Gas Profile of Plywood Produced in Sarawak by the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) and SIRIM as well as fact sheet on the imposition of antidumping and countervailing duties on plywood from China.



Photo: Meeting in progress

Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Produk Panel STA Bil. 3/2017 telah diadakan pada 29 Disember 2017 di Wisma STA, Kuching. Mesyuarat dipengerusikan oleh Naib Pengerusi, Dato Wong Kuo Hea.

Mesyuarat membincangkan beberapa perkara termasuk keadaan semasa pasaran papan lapis dan pengeluaran papan lapis untuk 3 suku sebelumnya. Mesyuarat telah dimaklumkan mengenai cadangan untuk mengguna pakai Pengisytiharan Pematuhan Pembekal (SDOC) oleh pengeluar papan lapis. SDOC akan berdasarkan keperluan yang dinyatakan dalam Standard.

## Industrial Visit by the Wood Industry Skills Development Centre



Photo: Meeting in progress

screen kiosks, LED screens, Multimedia and Research Assistant (MARIA) database search terminals and physical exhibits.

木材工业技术发展中心 (WISDEC) 的8名代表团成员于2017年12月21日假古晋STA大厦拜访本会。此拜访的主要目的是要更深层了解砂拉越木材工业结构和培训，以及分享WISDEC与本会之间的培训经验。

Sekumpulan 8 perwakilan dari Pusat Pembangunan Kemahiran Industri Perakayuan (WISDEC) telah melawat Persatuan Kayu Kayan Sarawak (STA) pada 21 Disember 2017 di Wisma STA, Kuching. Objektif utama lawatan adalah untuk memahami lebih banyak tentang struktur industri perakayuan dan latihan di Sarawak serta berkongsi pengalaman mengenai latihan di antara WISDEC dan STA.



Photo: Delegates from WISDEC admiring one of the exhibits

## Forest Plantation & Reforestation Division of Forest Department Sarawak's Meeting with the Licence for Planted Forests Holders

A meeting between Forest Plantation & Reforestation Division (FP&RD) of Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) and the Licence for Planted Forests (LPF) holders was held on 14 December 2017 at Wisma Sumber Alam, Kuching. The Meeting was chaired by Mr Wong Siong Kuan, Senior Assistant Director of Forests, FP&RD of FDS. Also present at the Meeting were Dr Glen Mitchell, Manager (Planted Forest Research Program) of Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) and staff from STA Secretariat.

Mr Wong informed the Meeting that the planting target for 2017 has not been achieved by the industry. The total area planted in 2017 is 12,709 hectares (as at September 2017) which showed a decreasing trend since 2014. He urged the LPF holders to take the necessary actions to expedite the tree planting and also to maintain the planted areas properly until they reach their mature age for harvesting. He requested the LPF holders to provide reason(s) to FDS for their slow planting progress and to propose the actions that can be taken by the State Forestry Agencies to help expedite the tree planting.

In addition, Mr Wong also requested the LPF holders to submit their revised Tree Planting Plan (TPP) in both hardcopy and digital shapefile to FDS immediately. The revised TPP shall include the data and information on the plantable, unplantable and other land use areas inside the LPFs. He added that the unplantable areas, if large enough, will be converted into Totally Protected Area (TPA) for conservation purposes.

Mdm Josephine Wong Lua Ming, Senior Assistant Statistical Officer, Geographic Information System (GIS) Unit, Forest Management & Planning Division of FDS briefed the participants of the Meeting on the format and requirement of digital submission of LPF data and information to FDS. She stressed that the format of submission has to be standardised so that the LPF data integration and analysis can be carried out easily.

Dr Glen Mitchell explained to the participants of the Meeting on the roles of SFC in the process of seed health testing as required under the Forests (Nursery) Rules, 2017. SFC will not screen seeds for the presence of pathogens for several reasons, amongst others, the difficulties in isolating tree pathogens as they do not grow easily in culture. SFC will focus on viability tests and fungicide treatment on all imported seeds. There will not be any charges on the storage, handling, fungicidal treatment, germination assessment of any planting material. However, the LPF holders will be charged the direct cost of the seeds, required documentation and postal fees if SFC assists in the purchase of the seeds on behalf of the company.



*Photo: Meeting in progress*

The Meeting also discussed on the issues/matters related to the status of the revised planted forests policy, forest plantation certification, land claims inside the LPFs, etc. The LPF holders suggested FDS to appoint a 'one-stop agency' for the submission or application on all matters related to LPF.

砂拉越森林局(FDS)人工林和再造林部门(FP&RD)于2017年12月14日假古晋资源大厦与人工林许可证持有者召开会议。该会议由砂拉越森林局人工林和再造林部门高级助理局长黄祥冠先生主持。

他向会议报告说人工林行业还没有达到2017年的种植目标。他敦促人工林许可证持有者采取必要的行动以加快植树和妥善保养种植地区，直至成熟砍伐为止。

会议还讨论人工林政策修订现况，人工林验证，人工林内土地索赔等事宜。

Mesyuarat antara Perladangan Hutan & Perhutanan Semula (FP&RD) Jabatan Hutan Sarawak (FDS) dengan pemegang lesen bagi Lesen Ladang Hutan (LPF) telah diadakan pada 14 Disember 2017 di Wisma Sumber Alam, Kuching. Mesyuarat dipengerusikan oleh Encik Wong Siong Kuan, Penolong Kanan Pengarah Hutan, Perladangan Hutan & Perhutanan Semula (FP&RD) Jabatan Hutan Sarawak (FDS).

Encik Wong memaklumkan kepada Mesyuarat bahawa industri gagal mencapai sasaran penanaman untuk 2017 dan menggesa pemegang LPF mengambil tindakan yang perlu untuk mempercepatkan penanaman pokok serta menguruskan kawasan yang ditanam dengan baik sehingga mencapai usia matang untuk dituai.

Mesyuarat turut membincangkan isu / perkara yang berkaitan dengan status dasar hutan yang telah disemak semula, pensijilan Ladang hutan, tuntutan tanah di dalam LPF.



# Launching of Industry 4.0



Photo: Meeting in progress

The Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF) in collaboration with Penang Skills Development Centre (PSDC), Knowledgecom Corporation Sdn Bhd and Sarawak Skills Development Centre jointly organised the Launching Ceremony of Industry 4.0 in support of transforming the Government's aspiration towards Smart Government on 4 December 2017 at Hilton Hotel, Kuching. Approximately 115 participants from government and private agencies as well as training providers attended the Event.

In the keynote address by the Right Honourable Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, Chief Minister of Sarawak, read by Datuk Mohd Naroden Majais, Assistant Minister of Entrepreneur and Small & Medium Enterprise (SME) Development and Assistant Minister of E-Commerce, he highlighted that Sarawak needs to leapfrog to embrace the Fourth Industry Revolution (IR4) and the digital age to achieve its goal of becoming a developed state by 2030. The Chief Minister said Sarawak does not have the luxury of time to go through the steps of fully adopting IR2 and IR3 before taking on IR4 (which uses cyber-physical systems such as machines and robotics controlled by automation systems with minimal input from human operators). SMEs and youth in particular, must be ready to adopt Industry 4.0 to be competitive and to expand our markets beyond our borders.

He also said the Sarawak Government has introduced and embarked on several initiatives such as setting aside RM1 billion of state funds to upgrade the State's Information and Communications Technology (ICT) infrastructure, the setting up of a Digital Village at Sama Jaya and Sarikei Innovation Centre, the recent introduction of Sarawak Pay, and the upcoming Agro Park in Sarikei to encourage modern agriculture practices in order for Sarawak to boost its adoption of digitalisation. The State Government supports the efforts by HRDF to promote the adoption of Industry 4.0 and the up-skilling, re-skilling and multi-skilling of the Malaysian workforce for IR4. He hoped that

Sarawakians would take advantage of the various ways in which they could get themselves ready for IR4.

Prior to the launch, a panel discussion on Industry 4.0 with the industrial experts from HRDF, PSDC, Sarawak Information System Sdn Bhd (SAINS) and Sarawak Skills Development Centre was held to deliberate on solutions that will address the challenges of this new revolution.

人力资源发展基金 (HRDF), 槟城技能发展中心, Knowledgecom机构有限公司及砂拉越技能发展中心于2017年12月4日假古晋希尔顿酒店联办工业4.0推展仪式, 以支持政府转型为智慧政府的期望。

砂州首长拿督巴丁宜阿邦佐哈里在主题演讲时强调砂州需要越级第四次工业革命(IR4)和数码时代以实现2030年成为发达州属的目标。中小型企业, 特别是青年人必须采用工业4.0以备有竞争力及跨越国界扩大市场。首长不克出席, 他的稿由砂企业发展与中小型企业发展助理部长兼砂电子商务助理部长拿督莫哈末诺罗登代读。

推展礼未进行前, 来自人力资源发展基金, 槟城技能发展中心, 砂拉越资讯系统有限公司(SAINS)及砂拉越技能发展中心各领域专家在工业4.0小组讨论中商讨此新革命挑战的解决方案。

Dana Pembangunan Sumber Manusia (HRDF) dengan kerjasama Pusat Pembangunan Kemahiran Pulau Pinang (PSDC), Knowledgecom Corporation Sdn Bhd dan Pusat Pembangunan Kemahiran Sarawak telah bersama-sama menganjurkan Majlis Pelancaran Industri 4.0 untuk menyokong transformasi Kerajaan ke arah Kerajaan Pintar pada 4 Disember 2017 di Hotel Hilton, Kuching.

Dalam ucap ternauger oleh Ketua Menteri Sarawak, Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg yang dibaca oleh Datuk Mohd Naroden Majais, Timbalan Menteri Pembangunan Usahawan dan Perusahaan Kecil dan Sederhana (SME) dan Timbalan Menteri E-Commerce, menekankan bahawa Sarawak perlu melonjak untuk mencapai Revolusi Industri Keempat (IR4) dan era digital bagi menjadi negara maju menjelang tahun 2030. PKS dan belia khususnya harus bersedia untuk mendukung Industri 4.0 agar menjadi kompetitif dan mampu memperluaskan pasaran melepasi sempadan Sarawak.

Sebelum pelancaran, perbincangan panel mengenai Industri 4.0 dengan pakar industri dari HRDF, PSDC, Sarawak Information System Sdn Bhd (SAINS) dan Pusat Kemahiran Sarawak telah diadakan untuk membincangkan pendekatan dalam menangani cabaran revolusi baru ini.



Photo: Meeting in progress

In line with the world's transformation in the digitalisation and Industrial Revolution 4.0 (IR4) as well as the change of workforce towards mechanism and automation, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) in collaboration with SME Corporation Malaysia organised the *Outreach Programme on Industry 4.0* on 11 December 2017 at the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching, Isthmus, Kuching. More than 300 participants from the Ministries, government and public agencies, associations, chambers of commerce as well as university students attended the Programme.

The objectives of the Programme were to increase the awareness of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to the benefits and opportunities available through Industry 4.0 as well as giving the future generation exposure to Industry 4.0.

In his Welcoming Speech, Mr Malcom Mussen Lamoh, Assistant Minister for Industrial Development Sarawak, Ministry of Industrial & Entrepreneur Development Sarawak said that the Programme will focus on leading the future workforce and assisting SMEs to understand as well as initiate the execution of necessary changes to their business operations. This Programme will also function as an effective communication channel between the Government and industry players to find ways that could further simplify the process.

The Government wants to emphasize the importance of Sarawak SMEs to benefit from the various programmes and initiatives provided by the Government especially in moving towards Industry 4.0 given that Sarawak's SMEs account for 6.7%

(61,000) of the total SMEs in the country. He mentioned that Sarawak has no choice but to leapfrog into Industry 4.0, otherwise would be left behind and become irrelevant.

He also hoped that the participants of the Programme will gain a better insight about Industry 4.0 and provide both inputs as well as feedbacks to improve the Outreach Programme.

In his Opening Speech, Datuk Chua Tee Yong, Deputy Minister of International Trade and Industry informed participants that similar Programmes have been carried out nationwide since the beginning of 2017. He said that in order for SMEs in Malaysia to survive and remain relevant in the industry, businesses must embrace change and make necessary changes in terms of innovation and interactive business models. Routine jobs are being phased out by using robots and the adoption of high technology. With the digital economy taking its highlight, the Government believes that SMEs should take this opportunity to upgrade their businesses through the various incentives, allowances and low interest rate loans provided.

The Programme featured three (3) speakers with vast backgrounds and experiences on Industry 4.0 as follow:

### 1. Government Initiatives in Developing the National Industry 4.0 Policy

- by Ms Alia Mohd Saleh, MITI

The speaker introduced the participants of the Programme to the background and concept of Industry 4.0 as well as an update on the Government's initiatives in developing the national Industry 4.0 policy.

### 2. MIMOS Initiative for Industry 4.0

- by Mr Mohd Mirza Mohamed Noor, MIMOS Berhad

The speaker briefed the participants of the Programme on the services that MIMOS can provide towards implementing the changes as SMEs move towards Industry 4.0. MIMOS provides the platform for Industry 4.0 through the supply of hardware, software and wireless backbone. He also highlighted the initiatives taken by MIMOS in implementing Industry 4.0 for various industries such as bird nest monitory system, digital aquaculture, greenhouse monitoring, intelligent online marketing and etc.

### 3. Industry 4.0: Leading the Future Workforce

- by Mr Azhar bin Mohd Nayan, Penang Skills Development Centre

The speaker shared with the participants of the Programme the best practices on industry-led skills training and education centre in Malaysia as well as the challenges in implementing Industry 4.0 e.g. embracing change and mismatch of skills.

配合全球数码化转型和工业革命4.0 (IR4)，以及机制和自动化的劳动力转变，国际贸易和工业部(MITI)与马来西亚中小型企业机构于2017年12月11日假古晋婆罗洲会展中心联合举办工业革命4.0外展计划。

该计划的目的是为了提高中小型企业(SMEs)对工业革命4.0所带来的利益和商业机的意识，以及让未来一代接触工业革命4.0。

砂拉越工业与企业发展部旗下砂拉越工业发展部助理部长马尔科姆慕森拉莫先生(译音)在致欢迎词时表示该计划将着重于引导未来的劳动力及协助中小型企业了解并带动其业务运作的必要改变。

他希望计划的参与者能够更了解工业革命4.0并提供意见和回馈以改善外展计划。

国际贸易与工业部副部长拿督蔡智勇表示为了使我国的中小企业能够生存并保持与行业的相关性，企业必须接受改革，并在创新和互动商业模式方面作出必要的改变。



## Meeting with ITOCHU Kenzai Corporation Japan

Selaras dengan transformasi dunia dalam digitalisasi dan Revolusi Industri 4.0 (IR4) serta perubahan tenaga kerja ke arah mekanisme dan automasi, Kementerian Perdagangan Antarabangsa dan Industri (MITI) dengan kerjasama SME Corporation Malaysia menganjurkan *Outreach Programme on Industry 4.0* pada 11 Disember 2017 di Pusat Konvensyen Borneo Kuching, Isthmus, Kuching.

Objektif Program ini adalah untuk meningkatkan kesedaran Perusahaan Kecil dan Sederhana (PKS) mengenai manfaat dan peluang yang ada melalui Industri 4.0 serta memberi pendedahan kepada generasi akan datang mengenai Industri 4.0.

Dalam ucapannya, YB Malcom Mussen Lamoh, Timbalan Menteri Pembangunan Perindustrian Sarawak, Kementerian Pembangunan Perindustrian & Usahawan Sarawak berkata bahawa Program ini akan memberi tumpuan kepada peneraju tenaga kerja masa depan dan membantu PKS untuk memahami serta memulakan pelaksanaan perubahan yang perlu untuk operasi perniagaan mereka.

Beliau berharap peserta Program ini akan mendapat lebih banyak maklumat mengenai Industri 4.0 dan menyediakan input serta maklum balas untuk meningkatkan Outreach Program.

Timbalan Menteri Perdagangan Antarabangsa dan Industri Datuk Chua Tee Yong berkata perniagaan milik PKS di Malaysia mesti melaksanakan perubahan yang perlu dari segi inovasi dan model perniagaan interaktif agar dapat bertahan dan kekal relevan.



*Photo: Mr Hamden Mohammad, the Deputy Director of Forests II (5<sup>th</sup> from Left) presenting a souvenir to Mr Hiroshi Sekino (4<sup>th</sup> from Left), witnessed by Mr Jack Liam (6<sup>th</sup> from Left), Tuan Haji Zolkipli Mohamad Aton, the Acting General Manager, Strategic Planning & Special Project Division of SARAWAK FORESTRY Corporation (7<sup>th</sup> from Left) and representatives from ITOCHU Kenzai Corporation, Forest Department Sarawak, Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation, Harwood Timber Sdn Bhd and Sarawak Timber Association.*

A delegation of three (3) representatives from ITOCHU Kenzai Corporation, led by Mr Hiroshi Sekino, General Manager, Corporation Planning & Administration Department of ITOCHU Kenzai Corporation met with the senior officers from the forestry agencies of Sarawak and Sarawak Timber Association on 6 December 2017 at Wisma Sumber Alam, Kuching. The meeting was presided over by Mr Jack Liam, the Deputy Director of Forests I.

ITOCHU Kenzai Corporation is one of the major Japanese importers of plywood from Sarawak. The forestry agencies of Sarawak updated the 3 representatives from ITOCHU Kenzai Corporation on the changes in forestry policies in Sarawak as well as discussed matters related to legality and forest management certification.

**ITOCHU Kenzai机构规划及管理部总经理Hiroshi Sekino先生于2017年12月6日率领其机构为数3人的代表团在古晋资源大厦与本会和砂州林业机构高层召开会议。会议由砂森林局第一副局长杰克利亚姆先生主持。**

**ITOCHU Kenzai机构是砂州胶合板主要日本进口商之一。砂州各林业机构向3位ITOCHU Kenzai机构的代表解说砂州林业政策变化的最新进展，以及讨论相关合法性和森林经营认证事宜。**

Delegasi 3 wakil daripada ITOCHU Kenzai Corporation yang diketuai oleh Encik Hiroshi Sekino, Pengurus Besar di Jabatan Perancangan & Pentadbiran ITOCHU Kenzai Corporation bertemu dengan pegawai kanan daripada agensi perhutanan Sarawak dan Persatuan Kayu Kayan Sarawak pada 6 Disember 2017 di Wisma Sumber Alam, Kuching. Mesyuarat dipengerusikan oleh Encik Jack Liam, Timbalan Pengarah Hutan I.

ITOCHU Kenzai Corporation merupakan salah satu daripada pengimport utama papan lapis Sarawak di Jepun. Agensi perhutanan Sarawak memaklumkan kepada wakil-wakil ITOCHU Kenzai Corporation mengenai perubahan dasar perhutanan di Sarawak serta membincangkan perkara-perkara yang berkaitan dengan kesahan kayu dan pensijilan pengurusan hutan.

# Mini Workshop on Human Resource Development Fund

The Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad (PSMB) held a mini workshop on Human Resource Development Fund (HRDF) for registered employers on 7 December 2017 at Wisma Perkeso, Kuching.

The objective of the workshop is to brief registered employers on the proper procedures when applying for training grant under PSMB training schemes.

Mr Husny Mubarak bin Julaihi, Officer of PSMB gave a presentation on the procedures for (i) online grant application, (ii) claim submission, (iii) payment of levy/arrears/interest and (iv) information on Electronic Transformed Information System (eTRIS). He highlighted that a lot of application forms on training grant had been rejected or returned to the employers due to a number of reasons; namely the lack of proper supporting documents, failure to comply with PSMB existing guidelines and etc.

The following points are to be noted when submitting a training grant application and claim to PSMB for their Training Schemes:-

## 1. Skim Bantuan Latihan (SBL)

- 1.1 The due date for monthly levy payment is on 15th of the following month.
- 1.2 Grant application for training programme must be submitted to PSMB at least one (1) day before commencement of the programme.
- 1.3 The supporting documents needed for claim under SBL are course fee and flight receipts only.
- 1.4 The claim form must be submitted no later than June 30 the following year.

## In-house Programme

- 1.1 The minimum number of trainees allowed for an in-house programme is two (2) and the maximum is thirty five (35).
- 1.2 The maximum distance allowed by PSMB for an in-house programme is either at a training centre or a hotel within the State only.
- 1.3 For an internal trainer, who is an employee of the company, no academic or professional qualification is required.

## Public programme

- 1.1 The maximum daily allowance for a trainee attending a public programme conducted in a venue located more than 70 km from the employers' premise, is RM400 per trainee per day.
- 1.2 The trainee's daily allowances cover meal, land transport and accommodation.
- 1.3 The maximum daily allowance based on an 8-hour day, for trainee attending a public programme with a minimum duration of two (2) hours each day for four (4) consecutive days and

if the training location is less than 70 km from the employer's premise, is RM150 per trainee.

## 2. SBL-KHAS (Skim Bantuan Latihan Khas)

- 2.1 To apply for SBL-Khas scheme, employers must be registered with PSMB and pay the levy.
- 2.2 Employer's account with PSMB should not have any arrears of levy and have sufficient amount of levy.

## 3. Industrial Training Scheme (ITS)

- 3.1 The supporting documents required when applying for ITS are:
  - a. an offer letter of the student's placement from the university,
  - b. a programme structure during the training period in a weekly format, and
  - c. a copy of the student's bio data/CV/resume.

Employers can apply for ITS scheme online.

## 4. IT (Information Technology & Computer Aided Training Scheme)

- 4.1 Financial assistance of up to a maximum amount of RM25,000 for the purchase of personal computers/desktop for training purposes.
- 4.2 Grant application can be made once in every three (3) years, from the date of the first or previous applications.
- 4.3 Only one (1) quotation from supplier is required.

For more information, members can contact Ms Tinah Jerome, Regional Manager East Malaysia either at 082-254721 or email to [tinah@hrdf.com.my](mailto:tinah@hrdf.com.my).

Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad (PSMB) mengadakan bengkel mini untuk Dana Pembangunan Sumber Manusia (HRDF) untuk majikan berdaftar pada 7 Disember 2017 di Wisma Perkeso, Kuching.

Objektif bengkel ini adalah untuk memaklumkan kepada majikan yang berdaftar secara ringkas mengenai prosedur yang betul apabila memohon geran latihan di bawah skim latihan PSMB.

Encik Husny Mubarak bin Julaihi, Pegawai PSMB menekankan bahawa banyak borang permohonan mengenai geran latihan telah ditolak atau dikembalikan kepada majikan kerana beberapa sebab; iaitu kekurangan dokumen sokongan yang betul, kegagalan mematuhi garis panduan PSMB dan sebagainya.



人力资源发展有限公司(PSMB)于2017年12月7日假古晋社会保险机构大厦为注册雇主们举办人力资源发展基金(HRDF)小型工作坊。

此工作坊主要目的是向注册雇主们略述有关PSMB培训计划下之培训津贴申请的适当程序。

PSMB官员, 胡实尼穆巴刺先生强调多份雇主的培训津贴申请被拒绝或退回主要是因为缺乏适当的证明文件, 未能遵守PSMB现有准则及其他原因。

## GST Implementation Technical Committee Meeting No 4/2017

The Royal Malaysian Customs Department (RMCD) convened its last GST Implementation Technical Committee Meeting for the year at its Headquarter in Putrajaya on 13 December 2017. The Meeting was attended by representatives from trade associations and professional bodies as well as relevant officers from the RMCD. The Association was represented by Mr Philip Choo Kwong Hui, Honorary Treasurer cum Chairman of STA GST Technical Working Group.

The Meeting deliberated on seven (7) issues submitted by trade associations and professional bodies. The matters covered included two (2) issues submitted by Sarawak Timber Association (STA) for clarification. The Meeting confirmed that pre-printed tax invoices with particulars which are either typewritten or hand-written are accepted for the claiming of input tax credits by RMCD provided the requirements of Regulation 22 of Goods and Services Tax Regulation 2014 are adhered to and the suppliers are not from the retail sector as specified in the Goods and Services Tax (Provision of Information) Regulations 2017.

On the issue of the sale of vacant land where the land title was issued without specifying the purpose of the land use, RMCD clarified that imposition of GST depends on the land usage or intended usage of the land. The sale of vacant land which is used or intended to be used for residential or agriculture purposes or general use such as religious building, burial ground or playground is exempted from GST, otherwise it is subjected to GST at standard rate. The RMCD also advised that the sale of vacant land should also be subjected to GST at standard rate if the usage is unknown at the time of sale.

Mr Ezleezan Bin Othman, Section Head of Tax Division (Policy and GST Implementation) from the Ministry of Finance (MoF) informed the Meeting that the MoF had written to RMCD on businesses with long gestation period. Businesses with long gestation periods are allowed to register voluntarily with RMCD, provided the long gestation period can be proven either through contracts or industry



Photo: Group photo with Mr Ahmad Maher Abdul Jalil, GST Director (4<sup>th</sup> from left)

practices. Businesses with long gestation period can claim input tax credits and there is no clawback if the project is abandoned. However, the Director-General of Customs has the power to carry out audit or investigation and to suspend the refund of input tax credit.

马来西亚皇家关税局 (RMCD) 于2017年12月13日假布城总部召开本年度最后一次消费税 (GST) 执行技术委员会会议。本会名誉财政兼消费税 (GST) 技术工作小组主席朱光辉先生代表本会出席会议。

会议审议由商业公会和专业团体所呈交的7项课题, 当中包括本会所提交的2项需作澄清的课题。

Jabatan Kastam Diraja Malaysia (RMCD) telah mengadakan Mesyuarat Teknikal Pelaksanaan GST terakhir bagi tahun 2017 di Ibu Pejabatnya di Putrajaya pada 13 Disember 2017. Persatuan itu diwakili oleh Encik Philip Choo Kwong Hui, Bendahari Kehormat merangkap Pengerusi Kumpulan Kerja Teknikal GST STA.

Mesyuarat membincangkan 7 isu yang dikemukakan oleh persatuan perdagangan dan badan profesional. Perkara-perkara yang diliputi termasuk 2 isu yang dikemukakan oleh STA untuk penjelasan.

# National Stakeholder Consultation on the Draft National Interpretation of High Conservation Values Identification for Malaysia

A National Stakeholder Consultation on Draft 2 of the National Interpretation of High Conservation Values Identification for Malaysia (Draft HCV Document) was held from 4 to 5 December 2017 at the Federal Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. The Session was facilitated by Proforest and attended by the relevant stakeholders from Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak. The representatives from the stakeholders in Sarawak were from the Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC), Sarawak Dayak Oil Palm Planters Association (DOPPA), WWF-Malaysia (Sarawak), Malaysian Nature Society (MNS) Kuching, GP Pusaka Sdn Bhd and Sarawak Timber Association (STA) Secretariat.

The objectives of this Session were to discuss the inputs received from all stakeholders during the previous Regional Stakeholder Consultations held in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak as well as to finalise the Draft HCV Document.

The Draft HCV Document was guided based on general definitions from the *Common Guidance for the Identification of High Conservation Values* developed by HCV Resource Network (HCVRN) in 2013. As there were differences between countries, the generic values for each HCV categories were qualified according to the local context.

Mr Surin Sukswan, Southeast Asia Regional Director of Proforest briefed the stakeholders on the progress of development of HCV Malaysia Toolkit and facilitated the discussion on the Draft HCV Document. The Draft HCV Document will be used to identify the six (6) HCVs in Malaysia's context and to determine the presence of HCVs in the proposed development area i.e. oil palm, commercial farming, forestry and aquatic system. Once the Draft HCV Document is finalised, it will be used by HCV assessors, resource managers and auditors to interpret and identify the presence of HCVs. The information collected will then be used to formulate recommendations to protect the HCVs that have been identified.

During the Session, the stakeholders highlighted several challenges in identifying the HCVs such as the lack in readily-available reference documents and no clear defined boundaries of some priority areas, particularly in Sabah and Sarawak. All stakeholders are to provide their inputs on the Draft HCV Document by 20 December 2017.



Photo: Group photo

马来西亚高保护价值(HCV)鉴定国家解读草案2的全国利益相关者磋商会于2017年12月4日至5日假吉隆坡联邦酒店召开。来自马来西亚半岛，沙巴和砂拉越的利益相关者出席由Proforest促成的磋商会。

此磋商会旨予商讨之前假马来西亚半岛，沙巴和砂拉越召开的区域利益相关者磋商会所接收的意见和敲定高保护价值鉴定国家解读草案2。

一旦高保护价值鉴定国家解读草案2被敲定，HCV评估员，资源经理和审计师将采用敲定的草案以解读和确定HCVs的存在。所收集到的资料将作为制定推荐以保护现有被确认的HCVs。

Perundingan Nasional Pihak Berkepentingan mengenai *Draf 2 Tafsiran Nasional Pengenalpastian Nilai Pemuliharaan Tinggi untuk Malaysia (Draf Dokumen HCV)* telah diadakan dari 4 hingga 5 Disember 2017 di Hotel Persekutuan, Kuala Lumpur. Sesi ini telah difasilitasi oleh Proforest dan dihadiri oleh pihak berkepentingan yang berkaitan dari Semenanjung Malaysia, Sabah dan Sarawak.

Objektif Sesi ini adalah untuk membincangkan input yang diterima daripada semua pihak berkepentingan semasa Perundingan Serantau terdahulu yang diadakan di Semenanjung Malaysia, Sabah dan Sarawak serta memuktamadkan Draf Dokumen HCV.

Setelah Draf Dokumen HCV dimuktamadkan, ia akan digunakan oleh penilai HCV, pengurus sumber dan juruaudit untuk mentafsir dan mengenal pasti kehadiran HCV. Maklumat yang dikumpul kemudiannya akan digunakan untuk merumuskan cadangan untuk melindungi HCV yang telah dikenalpasti.

Semua Pihak Berkepentingan hendaklah memberi input mereka mengenai Draf Dokumen HCV pada 20 Disember 2017.



# Executive Committee Meeting No 4/2017 of the Malaysian Timber Association



Photo: Meeting in progress

The meeting also agreed there is no point to push for the conclusion of the Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) with the European Union (EU) negotiation as FLEGT VPA will only add costs to the operation without any real benefits, such as cost sharing and preferential market share.

MTA Membership comprised nine (9) timber associations in Malaysia, six (6) timber associations in Peninsular, two (2) timber associations in Sabah and one (1) timber association in Sarawak, as listed below:

- Malaysian Furniture Council (MFC);
- Malaysian Panel Products manufacturers' Association (MPMA);
- Malaysian Wood Industries Association (MWIA);
- Malaysian Wood Moulding & Joinery Council (MWMJC);
- Association of Malaysian Bumiputra Timber & Furniture Entrepreneurs (PEKA);
- Timber Exporter's Association of Malaysia (TEAM);
- Sabah Timber Industries Association (STIA);
- Timber Association of Sabah (TAS); and
- Sarawak Timber Association (STA).

The Meeting discussed its operational and financial matters as well as membership. The Meeting agreed that all members will present a report in the future meetings to update each on the latest development/changes in the timber industry in each region.

A few issues were raised and deliberated in the meeting which included:

- a proposal by the Ministry of Finance on the payment of wages for foreign workers through bank accounts, and
- the delay in refunding Goods and Services Tax (GST) to the eligible companies, especially the small and medium companies.

The Meeting acknowledged the importance to have a clear understanding on the legality systems of the three (3) regions of Malaysia in view of the market requirements for due diligence compliance under the respective laws. After some deliberation, the Meeting resolved to form a working group to study the 3 regions' legality system requirements.

马来西亚木材协会(MTA)执行委员会于2017年12月14日假吉隆坡召开本年度第四次会议。该会议由主席拿督谭志男主持。

会议同意所有会员在下一次会议上报告每个地区木材工业的最新进展或变化。

鉴于各自法律合规尽职调查的市场要求,会议意识到清楚了解我国3个区域合法性系统的重要性。会议决定成立一个工作小组研究3个区域的合法性系统要求。

Mesyyarat Jawatankuasa Eksekutif Bil. 4/2017 Persatuan Perkayuan Malaysia (MTA) telah diadakan pada 14 Disember 2017 di Kuala Lumpur. Mesyyarat dipengerusikan oleh Presidennya, Datuk Andrew Tham.

Mesyyarat bersetuju bahawa semua ahli akan mengemukakan laporan di mesyyarat akan datang untuk mengemaskini setiap perkembangan / perubahan terkini dalam industri perkayuan di setiap rantau.

Mesyyarat mengakui pentingnya mempunyai pemahaman yang jelas mengenai sistem kesahan kayu bagi 3 wilayah di Malaysia memandangkan keperluan pasaran bagi pematuhan *due diligence* di bawah undang-undang masing-masing. Mesyyarat memutuskan untuk membentuk kumpulan kerja bagi mengkaji sistem kesahan kayu bagi 3 wilayah di Malaysia.

JAN



Participants of the Workshop on Tree Nutrition, Semenggoh, Kuching, 12 January 2017



Best Graduating Student 2016, Mr Chua Kek Shen (Left) & Best Final Year Project Paper 2016, Ms Zanifah binti Zainal Abidin (Right), UNIMAS, 19 January 2017



Corporate Social Responsibility project at Sekolah Kebangsaan Nanga Kua, Selangau, 13 January 2017

FEB



STA Chinese New Year Open Office, Wisma STA, Kuching, 8 February 2017



STA Panel Products Committee Meeting No 1/2017, Wisma STA, Kuching, 15 February 2017





Participants of the Workshop to Finalise Methodologies for Field and Remote Sensing Data Collection for Forest Resource Inventory Project in the Heart of Borneo conducted by Forest Department Sarawak and Forest Research Institute Malaysia, Waterfront Hotel, Kuching, 20-22 February 2017



Visit by the Bombay Timber Merchants Association Ltd to Sarawak, Wisma STA, Kuching, 21 February 2017



Board of Honorary Advisers Meeting No1/2017, Wisma STA, Kuching, 27 February 2017



STA Forest Plantation Committee Meeting No 1/2017, Wisma STA, Kuching, 8 March 2017



Participants of the Forum and Expert Workshop on Forest Landscape organised by the Ministry of Resource Planning and Environment, in collaboration with Forest Department Sarawak, Sarawak Forestry Corporation, Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation, Harwood Timber Sdn Bhd, Universiti Putra Malaysia and Sarawak Timber Association, Riverside Majestic Kuching, 7-10 March 2017



Courtesy Call to the Chief Minister of Sarawak, Wisma Bapa Malaysia, Kuching, 9 March 2017





STA Council Meeting No 1/2017, Wisma STA, Kuching, 10 March 2017



STA Log Marketing Category Meeting No 1/2017, Wisma STA, Kuching, 10 March 2017



Corporate Social Responsibility Projects undertaken by STA Mutual Sdn Bhd, Suai and Baram, Miri, 14-15 March 2017



Participants of the Annual Technical Meeting of Planted Forest Research Program called by SARAWAK FORESTRY Corporation Sdn Bhd, Imperial Hotel, Miri, 21 March 2017



Dialogue with STA Members, Wisma STA, Kuching, 30 March 2017



STA Annual General Meeting 2017, Wisma STA, Kuching, 30 March 2017





STA Members' participation in the International Day of Forests 2017, Similajau National Park, Bintulu, 18-26 March 2017



61<sup>st</sup> World of Wood Annual Convention, San Francisco, California, 7 April 2017



Corporate Social Responsibility Projects undertaken by STA Mutual Sdn Bhd, Baram, Miri, 11-12 April 2017





Verification of the Weight to Volume Conversion Constant of *Albizia falcataria*, Seping Plantation, Bintulu, 18-20 April 2017



Participants of the REDD+ National Strategy Workshop in Sarawak organised by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Hilton Hotel, Kuching, 18 April 2017



STA Forest Plantation Committee Meeting No 2/2017, Wisma STA, Kuching, 21 April 2017



Imperial Hotel, Miri, 26 April 2017



Promenade Hotel, Bintulu, 27 April 2017

Participants of the Roadshows on the Implementation of the Forests (Trained Workmen) Rules, 2015



Tanahmas Hotel, Sibul, 28 April 2017

MAY



STA GST Technical Committee Meeting No 1/2017, Wisma STA, Kuching, 3 May 2017



Datu Sarudu Hoklai, General Manager, Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation presenting Sarawak Timber Association's Financial Contribution to Sekolah Kebangsaan Kampung Buda, Betong, 4 May 2017



Corporate Social Responsibility Projects Undertaken by STA Mutual Sdn Bhd, Kapit and Song, 3-4 May 2017







Meeting on the New Rate of Hill Timber Premium Effective 1 July 2017, Wisma STA Kuching, 5 May 2017



STA Log Marketing Committee Meeting No 1/2017, Wisma STA, Kuching, 9 May 2017



Participants of the Roadshow on the Implementation of the Forests (Trained Workmen) Rules, 2015 jointly organised by STA Training Sdn Bhd and SARAWAK FORESTRY Corporation Sdn Bhd, SFC Corporate Office, Kuching, 17 May 2017



3<sup>rd</sup> Sarawak Timber & SMEs Expo 2017, Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCKK), 18-21 May 2017



Wisma STA, Kuching, 29 May 2017

Participants of the Roadshows on Sarawak Timber Legality Verification System and Forestry Related Matters



Tanahmas Hotel, Sibul, 24 May 2017



Parkcity Everly Hotel, Miri, 23 May 2017



Promenade Hotel, Bintulu, 25 May 2017





Participants of the National Consultation on REDD+ Strategy conducted by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Langkawi, 25-26 May 2017



STA Timber Products Marketing Committee Meeting No 1/2017, Sibul, 25 May 2017

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STA Panel Products Committee Meeting No 2/2017, Imperial Hotel, Kuching, 26 June 2017

**JUL**



STA Certification Committee Meeting No 1/2017, Wisma STA, Kuching, 7 July 2017



STA Board of Honorary Advisers Meeting No 2/2017, Wisma STA, Kuching, 10 July 2017



STA Hill Logging Committee Meeting No 1/2017, Wisma STA, Kuching, 10 July 2017



STA Enterprises Sdn Bhd Board of Directors Meeting No 2/2017, Wisma STA, Kuching, 10 July 2017



STA Training Sdn Bhd Board of Directors Meeting No 2/2017, Wisma STA, Kuching, 10 July 2017



STA Council Meeting No 2/2017, Wisma STA, Kuching, 11 July 2017





Participants of the Briefing on the Implementation of Natural Resources and Environment (Audit) Rules, 2008 conducted by the Natural Resources and Environment Board Sarawak, Wisma STA, Kuching, 11 July 2017



Participants of the Pest and Disease Workshop organised by SARAWAK FORESTRY Corporation, Imperial Hotel, Kuching, 24 July 2017

Wisma STA, Kuching, 21 July 2017



RH Hotel, Sibul, 29 July 2017

Participants of the Presentation Ceremony of Cash Awards, Financial Contributions to Educational & other Non-profit Organisations, and STA & Daiken Scholarships

Imperial Hotel, Miri, 1 August 2017



Group photo of the Malaysian delegates with Dr Megat Sany Bin Megat Ahmad Supian of Malaysia, the Chairman of the 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of AWG-FPD, (Seated 4<sup>th</sup> from Right), Marriot Putrajaya Hotel, Putrajaya, 23-29 July 2017

AUG



Malaysian Delegates at the 12<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam, 18-22 August 2017



STA GST Technical Committee Meeting No 2/2017, Wisma STA, Kuching, 2 August 2017



Riverside Majestic Hotel, Kuching, 15 August 2017



RH Hotel, Sibul, 2 August 2017



Briefing on Sarawak Timber Legality Verification System Standard - Principles 5 and 6 conducted by Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation

Parkcity Everly, Miri, 3 August 2017



STA Panel Products Committee Marketing Mission to India and Sri Lanka, 20-28 August 2017



Presentation Ceremony of Financial Assistance by Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation and Sarawak Timber Association for Sekolah Kebangsaan Kampung Buda, Spaoh, Betong, 21 August 2017



Participants of the Weight to Volume Conversion Factor Study for planted Kelampayan and Eucalyptus pellita, Sibul, 21-25 August 2017



Participants of the National Timber Industry Policy Revisit 2017 Workshop jointly organised by the Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities together with the Malaysian Timber Industry Board and the Malaysian Timber Council, Kuala Lumpur, 23-24 August 2017

SEP



Presentation Ceremony of Financial Assistance by Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation and Sarawak Timber Association for Schools in the Kapit and Song Districts, Kapit, 5 September 2017



Participants of the Technical Mission and Timber Entrepreneurs Development Programme to New Zealand, Auckland, New Zealand, 2-10 September 2017





Weight to Volume Conversion Factor Study for planted Kelampayan and Eucalyptus pellita Logs - 2<sup>nd</sup> Series, Bintulu, 11-14 September 2017



Participants of the Occupational Safety and Health Campaign for the Timber Industry jointly organised by Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation, Department of Occupational Safety and Health Sarawak and Sarawak Timber Association, Berkakap Camp, Kapit, 13-14 September 2017



Presentation Ceremony of Sarawak Timber Association's Financial Contributions to Social & Welfare Organisations in Conjunction with the 81<sup>st</sup> Birthday Celebration of His Excellency The Governor of Sarawak, Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, Pullman Hotel, Kuching, 14 September 2017



The exchange of MOU for the funding of RM2.4 Million for the First Phase of the Research on the Development and Deployment of Improved Genetic Materials of Falcatoria moluccana by STA, SFC Corporate Office, Kuching, 18 September 2017



20<sup>th</sup> Tri-Nation Joint Meeting of JPMA/JLIA/APKINDO/STA, Jakarta, Indonesia, 19 September 2017



STA Forest Plantation Committee Meeting No 3/2017, Wisma STA, Kuching, 26 September 2017





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Participants of the Regional Stakeholder Consultation on Draft National Interpretation of High Conservation Values Identification, Harbour View Hotel, Kuching, 2 October 2017



Committee Members of the Working Group on the Sarawak Government's Efforts to Ensure the Sustainable Development of Planted Forests Industry, Sibul, 5-7 October 2017



STA Board of Honorary Advisers Meeting No 3/2017, Wisma STA, Kuching, 19 October 2017



Regional Forum on Innovation, Inclusiveness and Impact: "Strengthening and Diversifying Financing for Protected Areas", Hilton Hotel, Kuching, 10-12 October 2017



STA Enterprises Sdn Bhd Board of Directors Meeting No 3/2017, Wisma STA, Kuching, 19 October 2017



STA Training Sdn Bhd Board of Directors Meeting No 3/2017, Wisma STA, Kuching, 19 October 2017



STA Council Meeting No 3/2017, Wisma STA, Kuching, 20 October 2017



Participants of the Occupational Safety and Health Campaign for the Timber Industry, Bintulu, 25-26 October 2017





Launching Ceremony of Pilot Projects for Environmental Compliance Audit jointly organised by the Natural Resources and Environment Board Sarawak and Sarawak Timber Association, Hilton Hotel, Kuching, 9 November 2017



Group Photo with the recipients of STA Prizes 2017, UNIMAS, Kuching, 8 November 2017

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STA GST Technical Committee Meeting No 3/2017, Wisma STA, Kuching, 10 November 2017



Presentation of Souvenir to the Speaker (Left) of STA Tea Talk 2017 – "Stingless Bee and It's Relation to Honey Production", Mr Mohd Fahimee Jaapar, Wisma STA, Kuching, 11 November 2017



STA Forest Plantation Committee members during their Study Tour in Southern China, China, 11-18 November 2017



Malaysian delegates with Mr Tabi Agyarko, the Chairperson of 53<sup>rd</sup> ITTC (3<sup>rd</sup> from the Left) and Ms Victoire Eheth, Spoke-person for Producers Caucus (4<sup>th</sup> from the Left) at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Session of the International Tropical Timber Council, Lima, Peru, 25 November 2017 to 2 December 2017



Courtesy Call by the Ambassador of the EU Delegation to Malaysia, Wisma STA Kuching, 13 November 2017





PRODUCTION OF LOGS FROM PLANTED FORESTS BY REGION  
FROM SARAWAK - *ACACIA MANGIUM* & *ALBIZIA* SPECIES  
PENGELUARAN BALAK DARI LADANG HUTAN MENGIKUT BAHAGIAN DARI SARAWAK -  
SPESIS *ACACIA MANGIUM* & *ALBIZIA*  
砂拉越各区域人工林原木生产量-大叶相思与南洋楹

Region	September '17	September '16	October '17	October '16	November '17	November '16	Jan - Nov '17	Jan - Nov '16
	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)
Kuching (ACMG)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
(ALBZ)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sibu (ACMG)	1,423	3,192	4,612	2,343	2,259	1,102	32,123	27,229
(ALBZ)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Bintulu (ACMG)	138,677	87,834	144,349	118,695	116,997	116,727	1,441,397	1,100,508
(ALBZ)	10,841	4,134	5,072	4,759	5,976	4,943	55,451	42,858
Miri (ACMG)	430	567	114	128	198	30	2,697	4,824
(ALBZ)	196	413	496	990	543	1,095	6,556	6,285
Subtotal (ACMG)	140,529	91,593	149,076	121,166	119,453	117,859	1,476,217	1,132,560
(ALBZ)	11,037	4,547	5,568	5,749	6,519	6,038	62,007	49,142
<b>Total:</b>	151,566	96,140	154,644	126,916	125,972	123,897	1,538,224	1,181,702

Source of data: Sarawak Forestry Corporation Sdn Bhd

\* ACMG - *Acacia mangium*

ALBZ - *Albizia*

