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*Craft and Furniture made from
planted Acacia mangium*

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STA Permanent Council Meeting No 1/2014



Photo: Permanent Council Members attending the Meeting on 1 December 2014

The STA Permanent Council Meeting No 1/2014 was held on 1 December 2014 at Wisma STA, Kuching. This Meeting was chaired by STA Chairman, Pemanca Datuk Wong Kie Yik. The Permanent Council members present in this Meeting deliberated on issues relating to forestry at length and made several resolutions. The resolutions made during the Meeting were tabled in the STA Council Meeting No 4/2014 which was held on 4 December 2014.

2014年第一届常务理事会会议于2014年12月1日假古晋STA大厦召开。此会议审议有关林业问题和相关解决方案。

Mesyuarat Majlis Tetap STA No 1/2014 telah diadakan pada 1 Disember 2014 di Wisma STA, Kuching. Mesyuarat membincangkan dengan panjang lebar dan membuat beberapa resolusi mengenai isu-isu berkaitan dengan perhutanan.

STA Forest Plantation Committee Meeting No 4/2014

The STA Forest Plantation (FP) Committee Meeting No 4/2014 was convened on 3 December 2014 at Wisma STA, Kuching. Eleven (11) Committee Members and one observer attended the meeting chaired by its Chairman, Mr Peter Ling Kwong Hung.

The Secretariat reported on the latest updates on some of the on-going matters/issues for further deliberation i.e. pest and disease; manpower requirement for Forest Plantation development; Enrichment Planting; draft Terms & Conditions for R&D Fund; Malaysian Criteria and Indicators [MC&I] (Forest Plantations); matters related to Oil Palm Plantation; Regional Conference on Planted Forest in Sarawak; and Insurance coverage for companies that received soft loan for forest plantation development.

The Meeting was also informed on the progress of two research projects funded by STA i.e. Cadambatree Project by Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) and the *Acacia mangium* study by Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC). The Progress Reports for both studies were circulated during the meeting for members' information. The Meeting



Photo: Meeting in progress

also re-endorsed the research project proposal from Swinburne University of Technology Sarawak Campus.

The Meeting then discussed on matters pertaining to budget 2015 for the Forest Plantation Category which will be tabled for approval at the STA Council meeting.

人工造林小组于2014年12月3日假STA大厦召开本年度第四次小组会议。

本会秘书处报告目前正在进行中的事项及课题，以及由本会所资助的两项研究项目进展情况。这两项研究项目包括 (1) 砂拉越大学 (UNIMAS) 研究的大叶黄梁木计划及 (2) 砂拉越森林企业机构 (SFC) 负责的金合欢树木研究。会议也再次核准了由斯威本科技大学砂拉越分校所呈现的研究项目建议书。

Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Ladang Hutan STA No 4/2014 telah diadakan pada 3 Disember 2014 di Wisma STA, Kuching.

Sekretariat memaklumkan maklumat terkini mengenai beberapa perkara/isu yang sedang dilaksanakan dan turut memaklumkan perkembangan dua projek penyelidikan yang dibiayai oleh STA iaitu Projek Cadambatree oleh Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), kajian *Acacia mangium* oleh Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) dan mengesahkan semula cadangan projek penyelidikan dari Swinburne University of Technology, Kampus Sarawak.

STA Council Meeting No 4/2014

The STA Council Meeting No 4/2014 was held on 4 December 2014 at Wisma STA in Kuching. The Meeting was presided over by Pemanca Datuk Wong Kie Yik, the Chairman of the Association and attended by Dato Henry Lau, the Honorary Secretary and twenty six (26) members of the Council.



Photo: Meeting in progress

The Meeting received a report on the STA Permanent Council Meeting No 1/2014 and endorsed several resolutions made by the Permanent Council members on forestry operations in Sarawak.

The Meeting also received reports and considered several proposals from the various Category Committees and Working Committees. The STA Panel Products Committee had made several resolutions on the use of legal timber by members in the STA Panel Products Category in view of several recent events which raised doubts over the legality system and forestry operations in Sarawak.

The Meeting approved the budget for the Association to facilitate and carry out the activities and work for year 2015. Matters pertaining to STA Training Sdn Bhd, STA Mutual Sdn Bhd and STA Enterprises Sdn Bhd were also discussed at this Meeting.

The Meeting resolved to call the next Annual General Meeting of the Association on 27 March 2015.

The Meeting approved one (1) new application for Membership as follows:

No	Company Name	Official Category	Official Representative	Alternate Representative	Proposer	Second
1	Pingat Kuasa Sdn Bhd	Log Marketing	Mr Wong Kuok Kai	Mr Wong Kuok Kiong	Mr Sui Uh Hing	Mr Patrick Teng Kheng Huh

本会主席邦曼查拿督黄启华于2014年12月4日假STA大厦主持第4/ 2014理事会会议。

会议核准多项由常务理事会所提出有关林业操作的决议。

会议也接纳及考虑多项来自各个小组委员会所呈现的报告和提案，并且也核准了本会2015年度的财政预算案。此外，会议也决定将于2015年3月27日召开下一届本会年度会员大会。

Mesyuarat Majlis STA No 4/2014 telah diadakan pada 4 Disember 2014 di Wisma STA, Kuching. Mesyuarat dipengerusikan oleh Pengerusi Persatuan, Pemanca Datuk Wong Kie Yik.

Mesyuarat mengesahkan beberapa resolusi yang dibuat oleh ahli-ahli Majlis Tetap mengenai operasi perhutanan di Sarawak serta turut menerima laporan dan mempertimbangkan beberapa cadangan daripada pelbagai Jawatankuasa Kategori dan Jawatankuasa Kerja.

Bajet Persatuan turut diluluskan untuk memudahkan aktiviti-aktiviti dan kerja bagi tahun 2015 dilaksanakan serta memutuskan untuk mengadakan Mesyuarat Agung Tahunan Persatuan pada 27 Mac 2015.

STA Board of Honorary Advisers Meeting No 3/2014



Photo: Meeting in progress

The STA Board of Honorary Advisers (BHA) met on 1 December 2014 at Wisma STA, Kuching. The Meeting was chaired by its Chairman, Pemanca Datuk Wong Kie Yik and was attended by STA Office Bearers, representatives from the six (6) Groups of Companies and officers from Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) as well as Forest Department Sarawak (FDS). Members of the BHA welcomed Mr Saili Haji Lam, the alternate representative from STIDC.

In this Meeting, amongst the many issues deliberated, the members of the BHA resolved to recommend the following decisions to the Company's Board of Directors for approval:

- A. Donation Fund section of the Annual Budget for year 2015 of the Company;
- B. The award of the Bonded STA Scholarship to one student who is studying in the Bachelor of Engineering (Chemical Engineering) from Curtin University of Technology, Sarawak Campus ;
- C. The awards of the STA Best Graduating Student and the STA Best Final Year Project Award for the year 2014 to students from the Faculty of Resource Science and Technology, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak and the Faculty of Wood Science, Universiti Putra Malaysia; and
- D. Financial assistances to:
 - i. The Sarawak United Association of Private Chinese Secondary School Management Board (Management Board) and 14 Private Chinese Secondary Schools under the Management Board to support their Chinese education and social welfare;
 - ii. STIDC to administer the education fund which is to be given towards the development of education in rural schools in Sarawak.

本会主席邦曼查拿督黄启暉于2014年12月1日假古晋STA大厦主持本会董事会名誉顾问(BHA)会议。

BHA成员在此项会议里决议以下决定:

- i. 2015年财政预算案之捐赠基金部分
- ii. 颁发2014年STA最佳应届毕业生奖和STA最佳期末论文奖
- iii. 财务援助

随后所召开的本年度第3届STA Mutual有限公司董事会议则批准通过BHA的建议。

The STA Board of Honorary Advisers (BHA) is established to guide and assist STA Mutual Sdn Bhd (STAM) on matters with regard to the award of scholarships and to advise on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects as well as donations made to charitable organisations to ensure these are done in accordance to its objects as stated in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of STAM.

STA Mutual Sdn Bhd Board of Directors Meeting No 3/2014

STA Mutual Sdn Bhd (STAM) Board of Directors (BOD) held their BOD meeting No 3/2014 after the STA BHA meeting. The Meeting was chaired by its Chairman, Pemanca Datuk Wong Kie Yik and was attended by Mr Philip Choo Kwong Hui, Company Secretary of STAM and members of the Board, Ms Loretta Jane Lau Meh Nah and Mr Lau Swee Nguong.

The Meeting endorsed the recommendations made by the BHA in its earlier meeting. The Meeting also rectified emergency expenditures spent as well as approved the utilisation section of the Supplementary Budget under the Routine Expenses section of the Annual Budget 2014 of the Company.

Lembaga Penasihat Kehormat (BHA) STA telah bermesyuarat pada 1 Disember 2014 di Wisma STA, Kuching. Mesyuarat dipengerusikan oleh Pengerusinya, Pemanca Datuk Wong Kie Yik.

Dalam Mesyuarat ini, ahli-ahli BHA memutuskan untuk mencadangkan keputusan berikut:-

- Seksyen Tabung Derma Belanjawan Tahunan bagi tahun 2015;
- Pemberian Biasiswa Terikat STA;
- Anugerah Pelajar Bergraduat Terbaik STA dan Anugerah Projek Tahun Akhir Terbaik STA bagi tahun 2014; dan
- Pemberian bantuan Kewangan

Lembaga Pengarah (BOD) STA Mutual Sdn Bhd (STAM) telah mengadakan mesyuarat BOD No 3/2014 selepas mesyuarat BHA STA. Mesyuarat mengesahkan cadangan yang dikemukakan oleh BHA pada mesyuarat terdahulu.

Sarawak Timber Association's Stance on Illegal Logging

The Corporate Integrity Pledge (CIP) signing ceremony by the Government agencies and the private sector from the timber industries to curb illegal logging and corruption in Sarawak as well as to promote good image of the State's timber industry was held on 17 November 2014 in Dewan Santapan of the State Legislative Assembly Complex, Kuching. The event was witnessed by the Chief Minister of Sarawak, Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Haji Adenan Satem.

Sarawak Timber Association (STA) takes the Government's initiatives to curb illegal logging and corruption in Sarawak very seriously and strongly supports the Chief Minister's efforts to ensure proper management of our forests and forest resources. STA also condemns illegal logging activities and any form of corruptions and urged members to use ONLY legal timber for manufacturing and trade to maintain the confidence of buyers when they purchase timber and timber products from Sarawak.

As STA wants to ensure the continuity in the trading of our timber and timber products globally, STA has written a letter to all member companies on 31 December 2014

to remind them to abide by the State's forestry Laws and Regulations, to be mindful of their operations on the ground and to report any illegal logging activities found within their licence areas to the relevant authorities immediately. STA will take action against those members who are involved in illegal logging activities.

木材业相关政府机构和主要私营公司于2014年12月31日假古晋州议会大厦签署廉正宣誓书(CIP)以遏制砂拉越非法采伐和贪污腐败及促进本州良好的木材业形象。

STA非常重视政府遏制砂拉越非法采伐和贪污腐败的举措并全力支持本州首席部长在确保适当管理森林和森林资源的行动。本会也谴责非法伐木活动，任何形式的贪污腐败，并敦促会员只使用合法木材生产木材产品和进行木材贸易以维持购买本州木材和木材产品买家的信心。

基于STA希望保持本州的木材和木材产品在全球贸易的连续性，STA已在2014年12月31日致函给所有会员以提醒会员遵守砂州林业法律和法规，注意业务操作，并立即向有关当局举报在其执照区域内所发现的非法伐木活动。STA将采取行动对付涉及非法伐木活动的会员。

Majlis menandatangani Ikrar Integriti Korporat (CIP) oleh agensi-agensi Kerajaan dan sektor swasta yang terdiri daripada industri perkayuan untuk mengekang pembalakan haram dan rasuah di Sarawak serta mempromosikan imej baik industri perkayuan di negeri ini telah diadakan pada 17 November 2014 di Dewan Santapan Kompleks Dewan Undangan Negeri, Kuching.

Persatuan Kayu Kayan Sarawak (STA) mengambil inisiatif Kerajaan dengan sangat serius dalam membanteras pembalakan haram dan rasuah di Sarawak dan menyokong penuh usaha Ketua Menteri untuk memastikan pengurusan hutan dan sumber hutan yang baik. STA mengutuk aktiviti pembalakan haram dan apa-apa bentuk rasuah serta menggesa ahli-ahli untuk menggunakan HANYA kayu yang sah dalam pembuatan dan perdagangan bagi mengekalkan keyakinan pembeli membeli kayu dan produk kayu dari Sarawak.

STA ingin memastikan perdagangan kayu dan produk kayu berterusan ke seluruh dunia dan telah menulis surat kepada semua ahli pada 31 Disember 2014 untuk mengingatkan mereka untuk mematuhi Undang-undang dan Peraturan-peraturan perhutanan negeri, prihatin dengan operasi di lapangan dan melaporkan sebarang bentuk aktiviti pembalakan haram yang ditemui di kawasan lesen mereka dengan segera kepada pihak berkuasa terbabit. STA akan mengambil tindakan terhadap ahli-ahli yang terlibat dalam aktiviti pembalakan haram.

Export Requirement for Shipment of Timber Products from Sarawak to Australia

Sarawak Timber Association (STA) received a Circular from Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) dated 19 November 2014 on 3 December 2014 informing us that with effect from 30 November 2014, every shipment of timber products from Sarawak to Australia must have an Export License issued by STIDC. The issuance of Export License, an official document to proof legality of timber products exported from Sarawak, is to fulfill the requirement under the Australia Illegal Logging Prohibition Amendment Regulation 2013.

本会于2014年12月3日从砂拉越木材工业发展机构 (STIDC) 处收到通告通知有关出口至澳洲的砂拉越木材产品必须持有STIDC所签发的出口许可证。这于2014年12月3日起正式生效。

Persatuan Kayu Kayan Sarawak (STA) menerima Edaran dari Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak (PUSAKA) pada 3 Disember 2014 yang memaklumkan bahawa berkuat kuasa dari 30 November 2014, setiap penghantaran produk kayu dari Sarawak ke Australia mestilah memiliki Lesen Eksport yang dikeluarkan oleh PUSAKA.

Briefing on Corporate Integrity Pledge



Photo: Briefing in progress

The Forest Department Sarawak and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) organised the briefing on Corporate Integrity Pledge (CIP) for government agencies and private sector in the State's forestry sector on 18 December 2014 at Kingwood Hotel, Sibü. A total of 100 participants attended this Briefing.

MACC Sarawak Director Mr Badrul Shah Norman, in his speech read out by MACC Sarawak Assistant Director Mr Abdul Rahman Yaacob mentioned that the CIP is one of the elements to curb corruption in the corporate sector. It is the role of the corporate sector to work with and to assist MACC in addressing the issue of corruption as a measure of internal control by organisations. It is also consistent with the requirements of the government to provide a focus for address corruption as a whole, whether in the public or private sector. He also said that corruption undermines good governance, distorts public policy, leads to leakages in the allocation of resources and brings about misery to the community. It can only be controlled through corporation from all in the integrity system, especially the government and private sectors.

The acting Director of Forests, Mr Wan Shardini Wan Salleh in his speech mentioned that the State's Forest Department is geared to combat illegal loggers via land and air surveillance. The Department's enforcement

officers will be equipped with firearms and had undergone training by the police. He also informed the participants that they will receive an additional fund of RM1.5 million from the government next year for the task (to combat illegal loggers), on top of the RM1 million they have already received.

During the Briefing, an officer from MACC gave two (2) presentations. In the first presentation, the speaker spoke about the background of MACC and CIP. He also mentioned that the five core principles of CIP were to promote transparency, integrity and good governance; to include anti-corruption elements to strengthen internal procedures; to abide by the anti-corruption laws; to eradicate all forms of corruptions; and to support anti-corruption initiatives by MACC as well as the government. He also shared with participants the list of CIP signatories and impacts of CIP in these organisations.

The second paper talked about the ten integrity initiatives i.e. code of ethics, conflict of interest, whistle blowing policy, policy of referral, specific corruption risk area, corporate social responsibility, leadership, anti-corruption reporting, policy compliance and ethics training, education as well as communication.

砂州森林局与马来西亚反贪污委员会(MACC)于2014年12月18日假诗巫晶木酒店特为砂州林业的政府机构和私人界联办廉正宣誓书(CIP)讲解会。

MACC砂州局长巴鲁先生(译音)提到CIP是遏制企业贪污行动之一。MACC砂州副局长阿都拉曼先生(译音)代读局长的欢迎词。

砂州森林局代局长旺萨迪尼先生(译音)则表示砂州森林局已作好准备,以通过陆地和空中侦察对付非法伐木者。

MACC官员讲解有关MACC 和 CIP的背景以及10项诚信倡议。

Jabatan Hutan Sarawak dan Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) telah menganjurkan Taklimat Ikrar Integriti Korporat (CIP) untuk agensi-agensi kerajaan dan swasta dalam sektor perhutanan Sarawak pada 18 Disember 2014 di Hotel Kingwood, Sibü.

Pengarah SPRM Sarawak, Encik Badrul Shah Norman, dalam ucapannya yang dibaca oleh Penolong Pengarah SPRM Sarawak, Encik Abdul Rahman Yaacob memaklumkan bahawa CIP merupakan salah satu elemen untuk membendung rasuah dalam sektor korporat.

Pemangku Pengarah Hutan, Encik Wan Shardini Wan Salleh dalam ucapannya menyebut bahawa Jabatan Hutan Sarawak bersedia untuk memerangi pembalakan haram melalui darat dan pengawasan udara.

Semasa Taklimat, pegawai dari SPRM menyampaikan dua pembentangan. Pembentangan pertama mengenai latar belakang SPRM dan CIP manakala pembentangan kedua mengenai sepuluh inisiatif integriti.

Shin Yang Forest Plantation and Chain of Custody (CoC) Certification

Shin Yang Plywood Sdn Bhd received the award of the Forest Plantation Management, Malaysian Criteria and Indicators (Forest Plantations) (MC & I Forest Plantation) certificate by SIRIM QAS International with the following scope for forest plantation i.e. "Management of forest plantation located in the northern and southern blocks within the Kuala Baram land district, Miri Division (1007.1 ha)".

The certification is a milestone for Shin Yang Group of Companies (SY). The MC&I Forest Plantation certificate bearing serial number FPM0001 means SY is the first forest plantation operator in the whole Malaysia to achieve certification.

With this certification, SY now carries a bigger responsibility to upkeep sustainable, social, and environmental-friendly operation towards the worldwide market. Shin Yang is well aware of its responsibility to conserve the environment for the future generation and also aim to expand more green areas in Sarawak.



Photo: Ms Khalidah Mustafa (Right), Managing Director, SIRIM International Sdn Bhd presenting certification to Tan Sri Datuk Ling Chiong Ho (Center), Chairman, Shin Yang Group of Companies

SY planted 278 million trees in the period of 2010 to 2014 to help the State Government achieve its one million hectares of planted forest target by 2020. SY will continue to contribute in achieving the Sarawak State Government tree planting target.

Having achieved the first certified planted forest, SY aims to acquire certifications for all their License Planted Forests soon.

Meanwhile, Shin Yang Plywood (Bintulu) Sdn Bhd also received the award of Chain of Custody (CoC) certification PEFC ST 2002: 2013 also by SIRIM QAS International with the following scope for CoC certification i.e. "Purchase of PEFC certified logs and the

manufacture, sale and export of veneer and plywood from PEFC certified logs using physical separation method". SY was awarded with the certification for its commitment in delivering approved and certified timber products in accordance with the stipulated requirements.

Registered Logs and Pole Plastic Tag Printing Companies for 23 December 2014 – 22 December 2015

Sarawak Timber Association has received a letter from Forest Department Sarawak informing us that the registration of the following Logs and Pole Plastic Tag Printing Companies (and Inkjet Printers) had been renewed for the period from 23 December 2014 to 22 December 2015:-

- A. Number System Sdn Bhd, Sibu (190809K)
- B. Symbol Timber Tags Sdn Bhd, Sibu (140292H)
- C. Yi Ling Enterprises Sdn Bhd, Sibu (615308M)

砂州森林局致函给本会告知如本文英文版中所列出的原木和木条塑胶标记印刷公司注册已获得更新，有效期从2014年12月23日至2015年12月22日。

Persatuan Kayu Kayan Sarawak telah menerima surat daripada Jabatan Hutan Sarawak memaklumkan bahawa pendaftaran Syarikat Percetakan (dan Pencetak Inkjet) bagi Tag Plastik Balak dan Pole seperti yang disenaraikan dalam artikel ini telah diperbaharui untuk tempoh dari 23 Disember 2014 hingga 22 Disember 2015.

Nomination for Skills Training

Section 54B of the Forests Ordinance (Sarawak cap 126) requires timber licensees, contractors and sub-contractors to hire only properly trained workmen to carry out any forestry activity. Sarawak Timber Association (STA) through STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT), its wholly-owned subsidiary company is firmly committed to provide support to all member companies to ensure they are able to meet the requirements of Section 54B Forests Ordinance when this Section comes into force. STAT had been working closely with the Forest Department Sarawak and with assistance from the then Forest Industries Training, New Zealand (FIT) to design and implement an integrated training system for the State.

Our "Skills training" provide opportunities for forest workmen to enhance both theory and practical skills in (i) first aid, (ii) environmental issues, (iii) daily check and basic maintenance of machine and (iv) operator's responsibilities and job planning.

Member Companies are invited to nominate their operators for training in the following certificates:-

Natural Forest:

1. Certificate in Tree Felling
2. Certificate in Log Extraction
3. Certificate in Log Loading

Planted Forest Establishment:

1. Certificate in Mechanical Site Preparation
2. Certificate in Clear-fell Site Preparation

Planted Forest Harvesting:

1. Certificate in Tree Felling
2. Certificate in Log Extraction (Bulldozer)
3. Certificate in Machine Operation Cable Hauler
4. Certificate in Breaking-out Cable Hauler
5. Certificate in Machine Operation Excavator Type-Loader

Tree/Log/Timber Identification:

1. Certificate in Tree & Log Identification
2. Certificate in Log & Timber Identification

For any further information on the training programme, please contact Ms Melinda Chai or Mr Edmund Anja at 082-332 222.

森林法令第54B条文 (砂拉越126章)规定木山执照持有者, 承包商和分包商只可聘请受过适当训练的员工进行任何林业活动。本会鼓励会员公司提名其员工进行培训。

预知培训详情, 请致电082-332222 联络 Melinda Chai 女士或 Edmund Anja先生。

Seksyen 54B Ordinan Hutan (Sarawak cap 126) mengkehendaki pemegang lesen pembalakan, kontraktor dan sub-kontraktor untuk menggaji hanya pekerja terlatih bagi menjalankan mana-mana aktiviti perhutanan. Syarikat Ahli digalakkan untuk menamakan pengendali mereka untuk mendapatkan latihan.

Untuk sebarang maklumat lanjut mengenai program latihan, sila hubungi Cik Melinda Chai atau Encik Edmund Anja di 082-332 222.

Seminar on Basic and Working Properties of Planted

Sarawak Timber Association (STA) in collaboration with Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) organised a seminar on Basic and Working Properties of Planted *Acacia mangium* on 11 December 2014 at Wisma STA, Kuching. The Seminar was attended by approximately eighty (80) participants from various government departments and agencies, institutions of higher learning as well as STA members.

The main objective of this Seminar was to disseminate the findings of the research project titled “*Basic and Working Properties of Juvenile Acacia mangium*

Timber for Product Development in Sarawak”, which was funded by STA. The agreement for research fund amounting to RM190,000 was signed between STA and Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) on 15 June 2011 for a period of three (3) years. FDS then designated SFC’s Timber Technology Centre (TTC), Applied Forest Science & Industry Development (AFSID) as its sole and exclusive executing agency to carry out the research activities. This project focuses on improved utilisation and value-adding of planted juvenile *Acacia mangium* timber of Sarawak through the systematic evaluation of basic working properties based on International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) testing methods.

The study focused on three (3) age groups i.e. seven (7), ten (10) and thirteen (13) year old *A. mangium* and samples were collected from Sarawak Planted Forest Sdn Bhd in Samarakan, Bintulu. The evaluation on the basic and working properties of *A. mangium* included wood anatomy and quality studies, physical and mechanical properties, sawing and machining properties; accelerated laboratory decay test, treatability, veneer properties, drying characteristics, finger joint as well as laminates and chemical properties.

The opening speech of Datu Haji Ali Yusop, Chief Executive Officer of SFC was read by Dr Alik Duju, researcher of SFC. Dr Alik Duju said that the Sarawak State government is active in promoting and developing planted forests to complement the supply of raw materials from natural forests. As of June 2014, a total of 325,314 hectares have been planted with a variety of fast-growing species, including *A. mangium*, *Batai*, *Eucalyptus*, *kelampayan* and others.

He also mentioned that the planted forest project places much emphasis on the planting of *A. mangium* to ensure



Photo: Participants of the Seminar

a sustainable supply of raw materials for wood-based industries. He added that the *Acacia* species can thrive well in our local environment and has a strong, globally-accepted market due to its wide range of applications i.e. plywood, sawn timber, furniture making, pulp and paper. Therefore, Research and Development on *Acacia* species is crucial to support the down-stream industries while adding value and diversifying the finished products.

This project was successfully completed in September 2014 and upon completion of the project, a book entitled “*Basic and Working Properties of Planted Acacia mangium in Sarawak*” will be published, together with a manual on the species.

The Seminar was divided into two (2) sessions in which a total of nine (9) working papers and a summary of project paper were presented by researchers from SFC.

Session 1

- Paper 1: ‘**Density Profile**’
- by Mr Yang Min Chin
- Paper 2: ‘**Drying Properties and Drying Schedule**’
- by Mr Tan Jui Liah
- Paper 3: ‘**Incising Pre-treatment to Improve Kiln Drying**’
- by Mr John Sammy
- Paper 4: ‘**Basic Veneer Properties**’
- by Mr Pek Yaw Kee
- Paper 5: ‘**Assessment of Tannins and Sugars of *Acacia mangium* Bark**’
- by Ms Siti Hanim Sahari

Session 2

- Paper 6: ‘**Machining Properties**’
- by Mr Teng Xin Yao
- Paper 7: ‘**Finger Jointing and Lamination Properties**’
- by Mr Ting King Boh

nted *Acacia mangium*

- Paper 8: **'Bonding Properties of Plywood'**
- by Mr Pek Yaw Kee
- Paper 9: **'Formaldehyde Emission'**
- by Ms Siti Hanim Sahari
- Paper 10: **'Summary of Research Project'**
- by Dr Alik Duju

砂拉越木材公会 (STA) 与砂拉越森林企业机构(SFC)于2014年12月 11日假古晋STA大厦共同主办种植金合欢树的基本和实用性质研讨会。

此研讨会主要目的是为了发表SFC在过去三年内的“金合欢树木材幼树基本和实用性质于开发砂州产品”研究成果。这项研究计划是在STA的资助下进行，并着重于提高砂拉越州种植的金合欢树幼树之价值和采用。所有树种性质评估是根据国际热带木材组织 (ITTO) 的测量方法。

SFC森林科学应用与工业发展单位 (AFSID) 研究员阿立杜祖博士 (译音) 在代表宣读致词中表示砂拉越州截至2014年6月份共有325, 314公顷的土地种植了各种快速成长的树木品种，而金合欢树既是其中之一。金合欢树能在本土的环境中茁壮成长并拥有强大且备受全球接受的市场。因此，金合欢树的各项研究是非常重要的以支持木材下游行业。

研讨会分成2个阶段进行，SFC研究员总共呈现了9张研究论文及一份总结报告。

Persatuan Kayu Kayan Sarawak (STA) dengan kerjasama Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) telah menganjurkan seminar mengenai Asas dan Sifat Kerja *Acacia mangium* yang ditanam pada 11 Disember 2014 di Wisma STA, Kuching.

Objektif utama seminar adalah untuk menyebarkan penemuan projek penyelidikan yang bertajuk “Asas dan Sifat Kerja Kayu *Acacia mangium* Juvenil untuk Pembangunan Produk di Sarawak”, yang telah dibiayai oleh STA. Projek bertujuan meningkatkan penggunaan dan nilai tambah kayu *Acacia mangium* juvenile yang ditanam di Sarawak menerusi penilaian asas dan sifat kerja yang sistematik berdasarkan kaedah ujian Pertubuhan Kayu Tropika Antarabangsa (ITTO).

Ucapan pembukaan disampaikan oleh Dr Alik Duju, penyelidik daripada SFC berkata sehingga Jun 2014, sebanyak 325,314 hektar telah ditanam dengan pelbagai spesies tumbuhan. Spesies *Acacia* dapat tumbuh dengan baik di persekitaran tempatan dan mempunyai pasaran global yang diterima baik. Oleh itu, Penyelidikan dan Pembangunan pada spesies *Acacia* adalah penting untuk menyokong industri hiliran.

Seminar dilaksanakan dalam dua (2) sesi di mana sebanyak sembilan (9) kertas kerja dan satu ringkasan kertas projek telah dibentangkan oleh penyelidik dari SFC.

Briefing on Cadambatree Project



Photo: Briefing in progress

A Briefing on Cadambatree Project was organised by Sarawak Timber Association (STA) in conjunction with the STA Forest Plantation Committee meeting on 3 December 2014 at Wisma STA, Kuching. The Briefing was attended by STA Members, lecturer and postgraduate students from Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), researcher from Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) and STA Secretariat. The speaker for Briefing was Dr Ho Wei Seng, Senior Lecturer and Researcher from Forest Genomics and Informatics Laboratory (fGiL) of UNIMAS.

The main objective of this Briefing was to disseminate the findings of the 1st year study of a three-year research project entitled “Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) Discovery through Transcriptome Sequencing and Association Mapping of Kelampayan”.

This project is undertaken by UNIMAS with the funding from STA. The project aimed to identify and produce high quality Kelampayan tree planting materials that are of faster growth rate, high-yield and better wood quality for the forest plantation industry.

本会于2014年12月3日在古晋STA大厦召开STA人工造林小组会议同时也举办大叶黄梁木计划简报会。简报会主要目的是分享“通过大叶黄梁木转录组测序和关联映射发现单核苷酸多态性 (SNP)”，一项为期三年的研究计划的第一年研究结果。

这项计划由马来西亚砂拉越大学(UNIMAS)进行并由本会支付研究费用。此计划旨在确定和生产高品质的大叶黄梁木以确保森林种植业种植速度增长，高产量和质量的木材。

Taklimat mengenai Projek Cadambatree telah diadakan oleh Persatuan Kayu Kayan Sarawak (STA) bersempena mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Ladang Hutan STA pada 3 Disember 2014 di Wisma STA, Kuching. Taklimat bertujuan untuk menyebarkan hasil kajian tahun pertama bagi projek penyelidikan tiga tahun bertajuk “Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) Discovery through Transcriptome Sequencing and Association Mapping of Kelampayan”.

Projek dilaksanakan oleh UNIMAS dengan pembiayaan dari STA. Projek bertujuan untuk mengenal pasti dan menghasilkan bahan tanaman pokok Kelampayan berkualiti tinggi yang mempunyai kadar pertumbuhan tinggi, berhasil tinggi dan kayu kualiti bagi industri perladangan hutan.

JANUARY



11 January, Presentation of Financial Contributions to the representative of 14 Private Chinese Schools, Sibü



10-11 January, Workshop on 11th Malaysia Plan, KL



20 January, Financial Contribution to Pertubuhan Ibubapa Kanak Kanak Keperluan Istimewa Sarawak (PIBAKAT)



21 January, Financial Contribution to Yayasan LaSallian Kuching



24 January, Cheque Presentation to DBKU



22 January, Dialogue between STA Forest Plantation Members and Harwood Timber Sdn Bhd



...2014 in Review



5 February, ASDU IRCM MoU Stakeholders Meeting



6-7 February, Chatham House Update, London, England



12-13 February, SRC for the Review of MC&I (Forest Plantation)

FEBRUARY



19 February, Meeting with NREB



22 February, World Wetlands Day 2014 at Kuching Wetlands National Park



27 February, STA Prizes 2013 Presentation for UPM (Mohamad Norfaez - STA Best Graduating)



27 February, STA Prizes 2013 Presentation for UPM (Rachel Jones Ling - STA Best Final Project)

STA Chinese New Year



Year Open Office 2014





Kuching



Kuching



Miri



Bintulu

10-13 March, Recruitment Briefing for PGDip 4th Cohort

MARCH



11 March, STA Board of Honorary Advisers Meeting No 1/2014



12 March, STA Council Meeting No 1/2014



17 March, Briefing on Sustainable Forest Management and Certification in Heart of Borneo



21 March, STA Forest Plantation Committee Meeting No 1/2014



28 March, STA Annual General Meeting 2014



28 March, Group photo of Council members for year 2014-2015



Badminton



Bowling



Blowpipe



Golf



Launching and Exhibition

7-22 March, World Forestry Day 2014



1 April, Capacity Building Workshop on Forest Watch Initiative in Sarawak



14 April, STA Panel Products Category and Committee Meeting



16 April, 11th China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO 2014), Remarks by Mr Liu Quan Consul-General of the People's Republic of China in Kuching



17 April, Asean Economic Community Briefing



29 April, Visit by WWF Japan and Malaysia

APRIL



25 April, Lincoln University Landscape Architecture Student Visit

MAY



28 May, Courtesy Call to the Chief Minister of Sarawak by the Permanent Council Members of STA



2 May, PGDip Graduation in Christchurch, New Zealand



6-9 May, 5th APEC Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade Meeting in Qingdao, China



9 May, Briefing by MATRADE on Doing Business in Kazakhstan



29 May, Inter-Agency Committee Meeting



STA Appreciation Dinner to The Governor and Welcoming New Chief Minister of Sarawak





3-4 June, 13th Meeting of the Working Group of a Pan ASEAN Timber Certification Initiative

JUNE



4 June, Sarawak Country Specific Guideline Briefing



9-15 June, Sarawak Timber Selling and Investment Mission to Kazakhstan



Sibu



Miri

23-25 June, Capacity Building Workshop on Carbon Footprint

JULY



1 July, Financial Contribution for Education, Research, Scholarships and Signing of Memorandum of Understanding



7-9 July, 3rd Standard Review Committee Meeting in Kota Kinabalu



24 July, National Labour Advisory Council No 1/2014 Meeting



22 July, STA Forest Plantation Committee Meeting No 3/2014



15 August, STA Council Meeting No 3/2014

AUGUST



12 August, STA Board of Honorary Advisers Meeting No 2/2014



4-9 August, 6th Meeting of the APEC Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade, Beijing, China



13 August, Malaysian Employers Federation Annual General Meeting



14 August, Members attending the STA Hill Logging Category and Committee Meeting



20-21 August, Seminar on Forest Management Certification



2-5 September, Visit to Members' Plantations



19 September, 17th Tri-Nations Meeting of JLIA / JPMA / APKINDO / STA / MPMA, Jakarta, Indonesia

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER



13-15 October, Regional Conference on Planted Forests



18 October, STA Tea Talk



22 October, STA Panel Products Committee Meeting No 2/2014



29-31 October, 4th Standard Review Committee Meeting

NOVEMBER



3-8 November, 50th Session of the
International Tropical Timber Council, Yokohama, Japan



Kuching



Sibu



Miri

4-6 November, GST Seminar for STA Members



13 November, International Wood Products Association Briefing to STA Members



17 November, Corporate Integrity Pledge Signing Ceremony at DUN Sarawak



17 November, Members attending the STA Log Marketing Category Meeting



21 November, STA Timber Product Marketing Committee Members for 2014-2015 (Absentee Mr Stephen Hii)



Kuching



Miri



Bintulu



Sibu

18-24 November, STA Briefing on Training of Forestry Workmen and Timber Legality and Trade Requirements



21 November, Members attending the STA Sawmilling Category Meeting



26 November, STA Furniture and other Wood Working Committee Members for 2014-2015 (Absentee Mr Desmond Cheng)

Focus Group Discussion on the Review of Minimum Wages Order



Photo: Discussion in progress

The Institute for Labour Market Information and Analysis (ILMIA), Ministry of Human Resources (MoHR) and Zetta Consultants Sdn Bhd (ZC) held a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) on the review of Minimum Wages (MW) Order on 11 December 2014 at Four Points Hotel, Kuching. There were approximately fifteen (15) representatives from the Employers Group present in the FGD.

This FGD is for representatives from the Employers Group to gather inputs and views on the minimum wage implementation and impact of its implementation to the economy and income level of workers. The FGD was chaired by Mr Ahmad Safwan Mohd Makki and Dr Latifah Bibi binti Mustafa Hamid from ZC. STA questioned the procedure adopted by ZC in conducting this FGD with the presentation of the preliminary study without fully analyzing the collected responses. STA also emphasised its stand

on the review of MW as mentioned earlier to ZC and again in this FGD.

The Meeting was informed that ZC will be organising a separate discussion with employee representatives in due course and will compile the inputs and views gathered from the discussions to ILMIA and MoHR for deliberation thereafter.

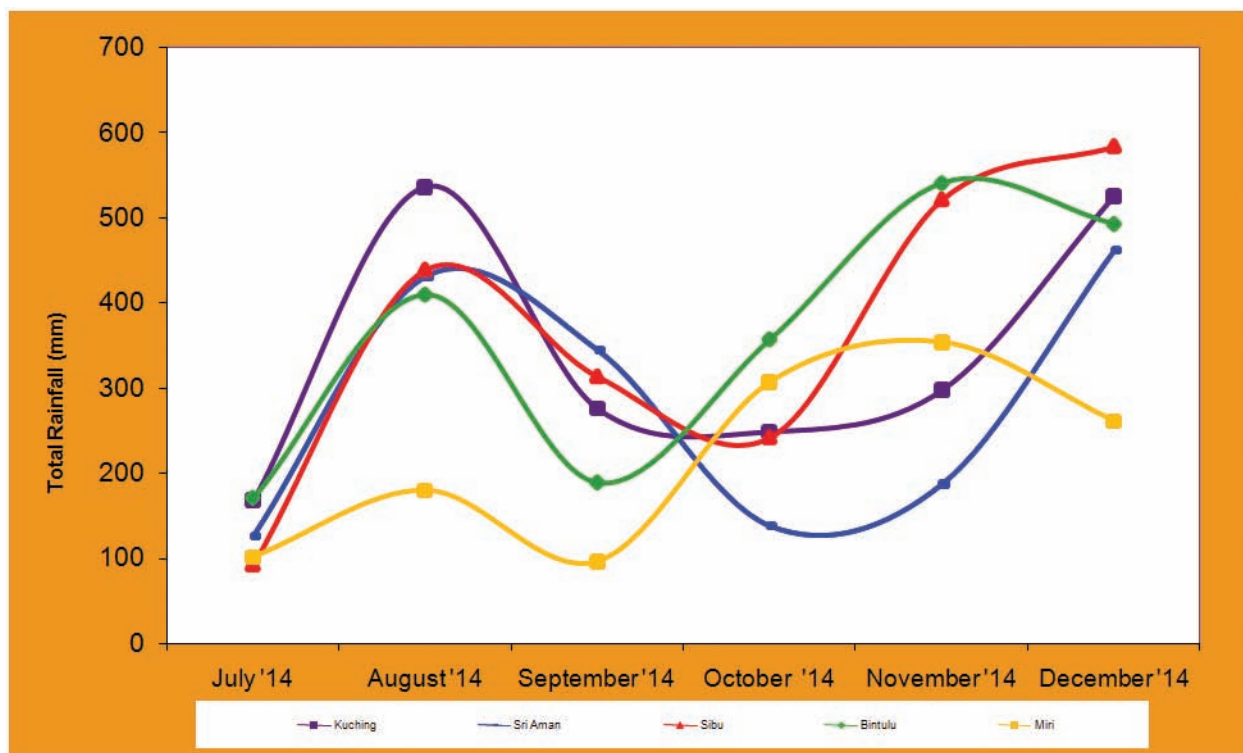
马来西亚劳动力市场和信息分析研究所 (ILMIA)、马来西亚人力资源部 (MoHR) 及 Zetta 咨询服务有限公司 (ZC) 于 2014 年 12 月 11 日假古晋福朋喜来登酒店共同举办一项关于检讨最低薪金制度的焦点讨论 (FGD) 会议。

此项会议是为了收集雇主代表们对落实最低薪金制的意见和看法及其落实对员工的经济与收入所产生的影响。

Institut Maklumat Pasaran Buruh dan Analisis (ILMIA), Kementerian Sumber Manusia (KSM) dan Zetta Consultants Sdn Bhd (ZC) telah mengadakan Focus Group Discussion (FGD) untuk mengkaji semula Minimum Wages (MW) Order pada 11 Disember 2014 di Hotel Four Points, Kuching.

FGD merupakan landasan bagi wakil daripada Kumpulan Majikan untuk mengumpul input dan pandangan mengenai pelaksanaan gaji minimum dan kesan pelaksanaannya terhadap ekonomi dan pendapatan pekerja.

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