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STA Invitational Golf 2007

Pertandingan Golf Jemputan STA 2007 telah diadakan di Kelab Golf Eastwood Valley, Miri. Sejumlah 88 peserta mengambil bahagian termasuk ahli-ahli STA dan tetamu khas. Sebuah Proton Waja Campro P2 anjuran daripada Datuk Jimmy Lau Hieng Wui, ditawarkan sebagai hadiah "Hole-in-One" bagi kesemua lubang Par 3. Selain dari kereta, wang tunai berjumlah RM70,000.00 tajaan tujuh buah syarikat iaitu CM Global Sdn Bhd, Kingwood Sdn Bhd, KTS Trading Sdn Bhd, Samling Strategic Corporation, Shin Yang Holding Sdn Bhd, Ta Ann Holding Bhd dan Woodman Sdn Bhd, juga ditawarkan bagi "Hole-in-One" bagi kesemua Par 3.

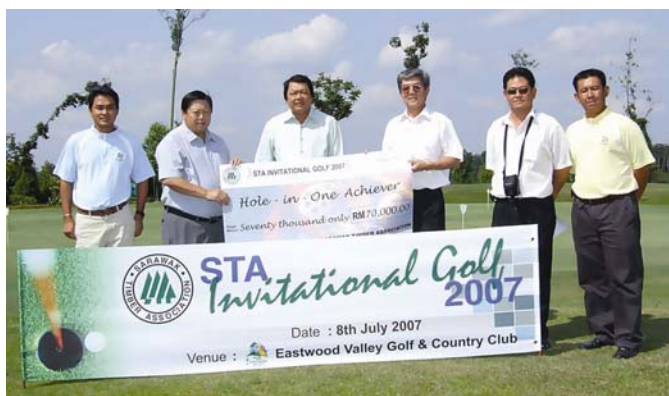
■ The STA Invitational Golf 2007 teed off on Sunday, 8 July 2007 at Eastwood Valley Golf and Country Club, Miri. A total of 88 STA Members and invited guests participated in the event. A Proton Waja Campro P2,

sponsored by Datuk Jimmy Lau Hieng Wui was on offer for a Hole-in-One at all Par 3 holes. Besides the car, there was also a Cash Prize of RM70,000.00 on offer. The Cash Prize was pledged by seven

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Above: Datuk Jimmy Lau Hieng Wui (Managing Director of Jimlogs & JL Motors Sdn. Bhd. and STA Council Member) handing over key of a Proton Waja Campro P2 which he sponsored for the Hole-in-One Prize to Datuk Leo Chai, Chairman of STA



Right: Datuk Leo Chai Chairman of STA handing over a mock cheque for the amount of RM70,000.00 for the Hole-in-One Cash Prize to Dr. Lee Hua Seng, CEO of STA and Organising Chairman of the STA Invitational Golf 2007

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companies namely CM Global Sdn Bhd, Kingwood Sdn Bhd, KTS Trading Sdn Bhd, Samling Strategic Corporation, Shin Yang Holding Sdn Bhd, Ta Ann Holding Bhd and Woodman Sdn Bhd at RM10,000.00 each.

Also up for grabs for the 18-hole stroke-play nett event were the STA Challenge Trophy, the Nett Winner Trophy, the Gross Winner Trophy and many attractive nett and gross prizes. Any golfer who wins this tournament three times in five years (not necessarily consecutively) gets to keep the challenge trophy outright.

The following were the winners of the competition:

NETT

1. Lau Tang Zoo Pei
2. Sunny Ting
3. Lau Hieng Su
4. Ling Chu Leong
5. Mazlan Mohd Salleh
6. Charles Ting
7. Sapuan Ahmad
8. Haji Ali Yusop
9. Lim Kiu Yu
10. Chai Min Kian

11. Ng Siaw Peng
12. Ho Tiong Soon
13. Chai Chiu Kin
14. David Lim
15. Chia Hon Thin
16. Tiong Eng Kiong
17. Madam Kong Bee Fong
18. Ting Sie Teck

GROSS

1. Thomas Tang
2. Lai Ted Kong
3. Huang Tiong Chuao
4. Wong Kee Ting
5. Anthony Chin
6. Yong Foh Choy
7. Yek Chu Ming
8. Kormain Mohd Noor
9. David Ting Ing Chai

NOVELTY PRIZES

Long Drive to Hole No.10 - Ting Hua See

Nearest to Pin Hole No.3 - Dr. Penguang Manggil

Nearest to Pin Hole No.13 - Kong Shaw Kian

Nearest to the Line Hole No. 7 - Wong Siew Kuong

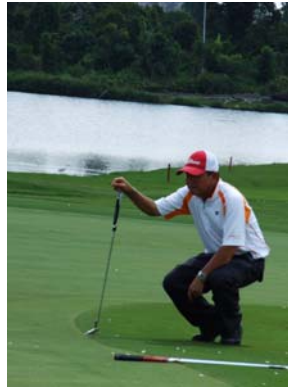
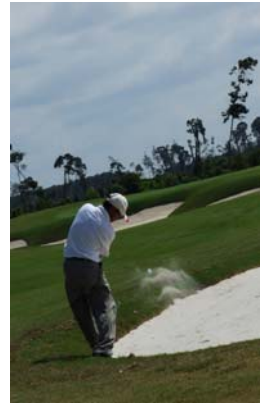
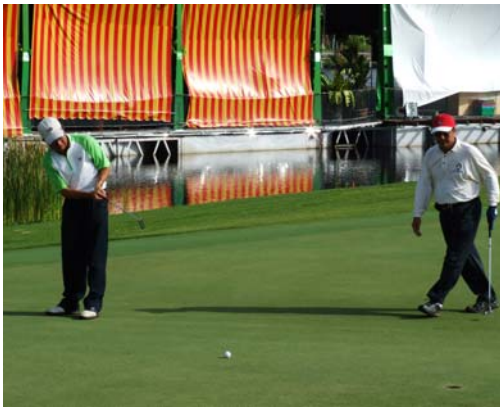


Left: The Nett Winner, Lau Tang Zoo Pei, receiving his prize from Datuk Leo Chai, Chairman of STA



Right: The Gross Winner, Thomas Tang receiving his prize from Datuk Jimmy Lau Hieng Wui, STA Council Member

STA Invitational Golf 2007 in action ...



Dialogue Session with YB Datuk Peter Chin Fah Kui, Federal Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities

■ YB Datuk Peter Chin Fah Kui, Federal Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities had a dialogue and briefing session with STA Forest Plantation members on 20 July 2007 at Wisma STA, Kuching on Planted Forest Development in Sarawak. The Minister was accompanied by YB Andy Chia Chu Fatt, Member of the State Legislative Assembly for Pujut and Mr. Cheah Kam Huan, the CEO of Malaysian Timber Council.

The dialogue was attended by the Director of Forests Sarawak/ General Manager of Sarawak Forestry Corporation, the General Manager of the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation as well as representatives from the KTS Group,

Rimbunan Hijau Group, Samling Group, Shin Yang Group, Ta Ann Group, Woodman Group and WTK Group with the aim to clarify on the government policies and issues related to the development of planted forests in Sarawak.

Following a welcoming address by Datuk Leo Chai, Chairman of STA, a briefing by the Dr. Lee Hua Seng, CEO of STA, on the development of planted forests in Sarawak ensued.

Among some of the issues that discussed during the dialogue were incentives for the establishment of planted forest such as group tax relief, soft loans provided by the federal government for planted forests and rent and levy imposed on areas allocated for planted forests. ❁



Left: Dialogue with the honourable Minister
Seated from left, YB Andy Chia Chu Fatt, Datuk Leo Chai, YB Datuk Peter Chin Fah Kui and Mr. Cheah Kam Huan



Above & Left: Distinguished participants at the briefing

YB Datuk Peter Chin Fah Kui, Menteri Persekutuan Perusahaan Perladangan & Komoditi telah mengadakan sesi dialog dan taklimat dengan ahli-ahli Ladang Hutan STA pada 20 Julai 2007 di Wisma STA tentang Kemajuan Ladang Hutan di Sarawak. Beliau diiringi oleh YB Andy Chia Chu Fatt, ADUN dari Pujut dan Encik Cheah Kam Huan, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Majlis Kayu Kayan Malaysia. Taklimat ini bertujuan untuk menjelaskan dasar kerajaan dan isu-isu berkaitan dengan kemajuan ladang hutan di Sarawak.

Isu-isu yang dibangkitkan termasuk insentif bagi ladang hutan seperti cukai kumpulan, pinjaman dari kerajaan persekutuan dan bayaran sewa dan levi bagi kawasan ladang hutan.



Daiken Corporation and STA signs MoU

Daiken Corporation and STA menandatangani Memorandum Persefahaman pada 5 Julai 2007 di Wisma STA, Kuching dalam memberi bantuan di mana Daiken Corporation ingin memohon bantuan dari STA dalam usaha memilih calon-calon untuk menerima Biasiswa Daiken.

Biasiswa Daiken ini akan digunakan untuk memberi biasiswa kepada pelajar dari Sarawak yang mengikuti kursus berkaitan dengan perhutanan dan industri kayu di institut pengajian tinggi.

Daiken Corporation and STA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 5 July 2007 at Wisma STA, Kuching, to provide assistance in selecting appropriate recipients for the Daiken Scholarships.

Daiken Corporation is making a donation of ¥4 million or approximately RM112,000.00 to set up the Daiken Scholarship Fund. The amount has been raised through the Mutual Aid Society of Daiken Corporation. Two subsidiaries of Daiken Corporation are involved in the manufacturing of Medium Density Fibreboards (MDF) in Sarawak.

This fund managed by Daiken Corporation, is a tribute by the Japanese Shareholders to Sarawak in recognition of the support and co-operation that Daiken Corporation had received from the industry over the years. Daiken Corporation is

seeking the assistance of STA to administer the Fund as the Association is well-known for its involvement in providing community and welfare services to the communities residing in the vicinity of logging areas. The Association has been providing scholarships to deserving students from Sarawak, pursuing forestry and timber related studies in the local tertiary educational institutions.

The Daiken Scholarship Fund will be utilised to provide scholarships to deserving students from Sarawak pursuing study courses related to forestry and the timber industry at local institutions of higher learning. Through these scholarships, Daiken Corporation hopes to contribute towards the development of skilled and knowledgeable human resource to help towards sustaining the timber industry in Sarawak. 🌳



Left: Exchanging the signed MoUs between Mr. Hiroyuki Ibe, President of Daiken Corporation and Datuk Leo Chai, Chairman of STA, witnessed by Mr. Shiro Ota, Chairman of Daiken Sarawak Sdn Bhd and Daiken Miri Sdn Bhd and Dr. Lee Hua Seng, CEO, STA

Right: Group photo taken during the visit to STA Exhibition Centre



Courtesy Call to the Consulate General of Indonesia

■ On 17 July 2007, several members of STA, led by its Chairman, Datuk Leo Chai, paid a courtesy call on the Consul General of Indonesia, Yth Bapak Bambang Prionggo at his office at Bangunan

Binamas, Kuching. This visit was to improve ties with the consulate as well as to discuss issues relating to the recruitment of Indonesian workers. ❁



Left: Datuk Leo Chai presenting a memento to Yth Bapak Bambang Prionggo

Right: Lunch with the Consul General of Indonesia and his staff hosted by STA



Pada 17 Julai 2007, satu rombongan dari STA diketuai oleh Pengerusinya, Datuk Leo Chai membuat kunjungan kehormat kepada Konsul Jeneral Indonesia, Yth Bapak Bambang Prionggo di pejabat beliau di Bangunan Binamas, Kuching. Kunjungan ini bertujuan untuk mengeratkan hubungan kerja dengan konsulat serta berbincang isu-isu yang berkaitan dengan pengambilan pekerja Indonesia.

Sarawak Carbon Forestry Dialogue

■ STA, in collaboration with the Global Forestry Services (GFS), organised the Sarawak Carbon Forestry Dialogue on 3 July 2007 at Wisma STA, Kuching. The one-day event was attended by 20 participants from STA Member Companies, Forest Department Sarawak, Sarawak Forestry Corporation, STIDC, Sarawak Development Institute and invited parties.

This dialogue discussed the various avenues available for forest concession holders as well as updating them on the carbon market development and the opportunities that are available.

The session started off with Mr. Bill Maynard, Director of GFS, giving an introduction to GFS, their objective, history and services. This was followed by the presentation of three papers namely:

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STA bersama Global Forestry Services (GFS) menganjurkan Dialog Perhutanan Karbon Sarawak pada 3 Julai 2007 di Wisma STA, Kuching.

Dialog ini berbincang pelbagai pendekatan bagi pemegang konsesi, perkembangan pasaran karbon dan peluang yang sedia ada.

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- *Opportunities in Carbon Forestry Activities in Malaysia* by Mr. Bill Maynard, Director of GFS
- *Quantifying Carbon Forestry Projects in Malaysia* by Mr. Michael V. Galante, Assessor/ Trainer of GFS
- *Voluntary Vs Kyoto Schemes* by Dr. Kevin T. Grace, Director of GFS

Group discussions on Identifying the Options and Cost Benefit Analysis ensued, facilitated by Mr. Bill Maynard and Dr. Kevin Grace. ❁



Picture: Participants at the dialogue

Financial Contribution to Riam Institute of Technology

STA melalui anak syarikatnya, STA Training Sdn Bhd, membuat sumbangan kewangan sebanyak RM200,000.00 kepada Institut Teknologi Riam pada 7 Julai 2007 semasa Majlis Pengizazahan Insitut di Kelab Golf Eastwood Valley, Miri. Ini merupakan usaha STA memberi bantuan kepada Institut dalam usaha mereka menjalankan latihan bagi industri pembalakan dan ladang hutan.

■ STA through its wholly-owned company, STA Training Sdn Bhd, had approved a financial contribution of RM200,000.00 to Riam Institute of Technology. The mock cheque was presented to the Institute on 7 July 2007 during the Graduation Ceremony of the Institute at Eastwood Valley Golf and Country Club. This is part of STA's effort in

providing assistance to the Institute for their effort in providing training for the logging and forest plantation industry.

Riam Institute of Technology is providing courses relevant to forestry, forest plantation and other disciplines which greatly benefit those working in the forest and timber industry in Sarawak. ❁



Picture: Presentation of mock cheque

Malaysia International Commodity Conference & Showcase (MICCOS) 2007

■ The Malaysia International Commodity Conference & Showcase (MICCOS) 2007 was officially declared open by YAB Dato' Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi, the Prime Minister of Malaysia on 3 July 2007 at the Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur. In attendance was the Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities, Malaysia, YB Datuk Peter Chin Fah Kui.

On forestry-related points, the Prime Minister in his opening speech, pledged to the International NGOs that *"we Malaysians love our forests and the biodiversity and that we are not going to destroy that"*. He further announced that the Federal Government will be discussing with the State Governments at the next meeting how to step up enforcement against illegal loggers. He stressed that the Government is also going all

out to encourage forest plantations in abandoned logged-over areas where commercial timbers could be grown and harvested systematically without damaging the adjacent natural forests. He further added that in areas where logging is allowed, it should be done on a sustainable basis.

He also called for the commercialisation of the results of Research and Development to put Malaysia ahead, in particular, the "waste-to-wealth" concept, and challenged the younger workforce to lead this sector.

A 6-day exhibition was held in conjunction with the above event where exhibitors from several clusters such as timber, rubber, palm oil, cocoa, pepper, kenaf/tobacco, sago and the R&D and services displayed their products and/or

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Persidangan dan Pameran Komoditi Antarabangsa Malaysia (MICCOS) 2007 telah dilancarkan oleh YAB Dato' Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi, Perdana Menteri Malaysia pada 3 Julai 2007 di Pusat Dagangan Dunia Putra, Kuala Lumpur.

Dalam ucapan beliau, Perdana Menteri berjanji kepada NGOs antarabangsa "Bangsa Malaysia mencintai hutan dan biodiversitinya dan tidak akan memusnahkannya". Beliau juga menyentuh tentang isu-isu pembalakan haram, perladangan hutan dan pembalakan hutan secara mampan.

Satu Seminar Teknikal juga dianjurkan oleh MTIB dengan kerjasama UiTM dan UPM bersamaan dengan MICCOS 2007. Sembilan kertas kerja dibentangkan yang merangkumi piawaian dan pembangunan baru, penggunaan dan pemrosesan pelbagai komoditi.



Picture: The Prime Minister of Malaysia, YAB Dato' Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi, presenting his speech at the Official Opening Ceremony of MICCOS 2007 at Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

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services.

A Technical Seminar was also organised by the Malaysian Timber Industrial Board (MTIB) in conjunction with MICCOS, in collaboration with the Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UiTM) and the Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM). Nine papers were presented covering standards and new developments in products, utilisation and processing. The papers delivered at the Seminar are:

- *Standardisation Activities at National, Regional and International Levels for Timber & Timber Products* by Puan Roslina Idris, MTIB
- *Japan Building Standards Law - Its Impact on Malaysian Plywood Trade* by Dr. Lee Hua Seng, STA
- *Updates on International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM)* by Encik Mohd Ridzuan Ismail, Department of Agriculture
- *New Requirements for Plywood Import by Taiwan* by Dr. Rahim Sudin, FRIM
- *Biocomposite - Vast potential for Growth* by Dato' Mohd Nazuri Hashim Shah and Puan Loke Sim Wah, MTIB
- *Biocomposite Material Processing Technology* by Associate Professor Dr. Paridah Tahir, INTROP, UPM
- *Drying of Rubberwood - Some Developments* by Encik A. Singaram, MTIB
- *The Application of Technology amongst SME Enterprises in the Furniture Manufacturing Sector* by Cik Khatijah bt Ramli, UPM
- *MDF Machining: Increasing Tool Wear Resistance through the Application of Refrigerated Air and Cryogenic Treatment* by Cik Judith Gisip, UiTM.

Note: Copies of the above papers are available from the STA Secretariat at nominal photocopying costs.



Left: Mr. Lau Swee Nguong, STA Vice-Chairman at the Opening Ceremony of MICCOS 2007

Right: Some of the exhibits



Applied Forest Science Research Seminar 2007

■ Sarawak Forestry Corporation Sdn Bhd (SFC) will be organising the Applied Forest Science Research Seminar 2007 with the theme "Catalysing Planted Forest Development and Biodiversity Conservation" from 1 to 2 November 2007 at Wisma STA, Kuching. The objectives of the Seminar are:

- To update scientific and technological findings as well as share information on planted forest development and biodiversity

conservation; and

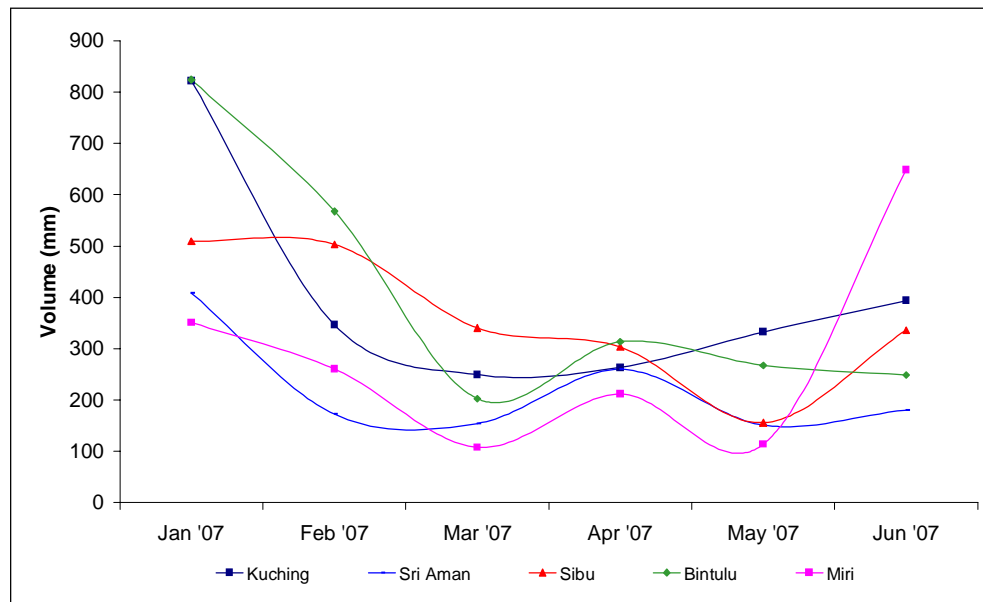
- To promote and enhance research cooperation and collaboration between the research fraternity, industry players and stakeholders.

The Organiser welcomes papers related to the theme of the Seminar.

For further information or to register for the seminar, please visit S F C ' s w e b s i t e a t www.sarawakforestry.com 🌐

Sarawak Forestry Corporation Sdn Bhd akan menganjurkan Seminar Penyelidikan Sains Gunaan Perhutanan 2007 bertemakan "Melantingkan Pembangunan Perladangan Hutan dan Pemuliharaan Biodiversiti" dari 1 hingga 2 November 2007 di Wisma STA, Kuching.

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