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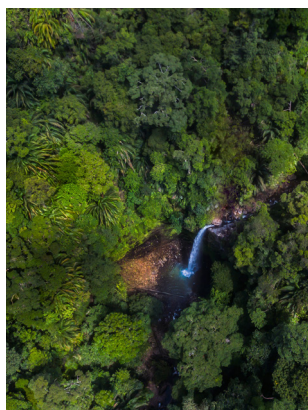
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STA Forest Plantation Committee Meeting No.1/2022

The Chairman of STA Forest Plantation Committee, Mr Peter Ling Kwong Hung presided over the committee's first meeting this year on 1 April 2022 at Promenade Hotel, Bintulu.

The meeting, attended by six (6) committee members and STA secretariat deliberated on matters to be highlighted to Datuk Willie Anak Mongin, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities in the engagement session later. The tax law on 10-year limitation to carry forward the unabsorbed business losses which is of great concern to the forest plantation industry was also discussed at length.

STA人工造林委员会主席林光训先生于2022年4月1日假民都鲁漫步酒店主持今年首次所召开的会议，商讨当天即将要进行的对话会议中所要呈报予种植及原产业部副部长拿督威利莫因的事项。



Mr Peter Ling Kwong Hung, Chairman of STA Forest Plantation Committee (seated, centre) posed for group photo with committee members and Ms Annie Ting, CEO of STA (seated, 4th from left)

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Ladang Hutan STA, Encik Peter Ling Kwong Hung mempengerusikan mesyuarat pertama jawatankuasa tahun ini pada 1 April 2022 di Hotel Promenade, Bintulu dan membincangkan perkara yang perlu diketengahkan kepada Datuk Willie Anak Mongin, Timbalan Menteri Perusahaan Perladangan dan Komoditi dalam sesi bersama beliau pada sebelah petang.

DF Circular No 1/2022: Requirement for All Timber Licences and Licences for Planted Forests to Maintain and Make Available Valid Copies of the PEC / PHC Within Their Respective Licensed Areas Throughout the Period of Harvesting of Such Coupes

The Forest Department Sarawak issued a DF Circular No 1/2022 with reference number (68) JHS/100-1/8/104/Jld.1 dated 8 April 2022 which was addressed to all Forest Timber Licences and LPF Holders, and copied to STA on the above matter. The following is an excerpt of the above-mentioned circular, for your information:

Pursuant to the date of this circular, operators of all Forest Timber Licences (FTLs) and Licences for Planted Forests (LPFs), are required to comply with the following:

- (a) Maintain valid copies of the Permit to Enter Coupe (PEC for FTLs) / Permit to Harvest Coupe (PHC for LPFs) at the Main Camp and Transit Camps (if any) within their respective licensed areas throughout the period of harvesting such coupes. These permits must be made available for checking purposes to **any Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) officer conducting official field inspections of the licensed areas.**
- (b) The block supervisors (also referred to as "Mandors"), whose responsibility is to supervise the harvesting operation carried out by the tree fellers and tractor drivers in the logging blocks, must carry with them these permits at all times. These permits must be made available for checking purposes to **any FDS officer conducting official field inspections of the licensed areas.**

本会接获来自砂州森林局于2022年4月8日发布编号1/2022的通告。

该通告致函于所有森林木材许可证和人工林许可证持有者，并提供本会有关事项的复本。以上通告的摘录如英文版所列。

Jabatan Hutan Sarawak telah mengeluarkan Pekeliling DF Bil. 1/2022 dengan nombor rujukan (68) JHS/100-1/8/104/Jld.1 bertarikh 8 April 2022 yang ditujukan kepada semua Pemegang Lesen Hutan dan Pemegang Lesen Ladang Hutan mengenai perkara di atas serta disalinkan kepada STA. Petikan dari pekeliling tersebut adalah seperti yang disenaraikan dalam artikel ini.

Visit of Australian High Commission and Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities (MPIC) to Sarawak Plantation and Mills

Forest Department Sarawak (FDS), in collaboration with Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC), Harwood Timber Sdn Bhd, Sarawak Planted Forest Sdn Bhd (SPF) and STA, organised a working visit to Sarawak for the delegates from the Australian High Commission as well as the Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities (MPIC) and its agencies i.e. Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB), Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) and Malaysian Timber Council (MTC) from 31 March 2022 to 2 April 2022. Leading the delegation from MPIC and its agencies was Datuk Willie Anak Mongin, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities.



Datuk Willie Anak Mongin, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities (2nd from left) and Mr Boothalingam, Australian Counsellor (Agriculture) to Malaysia (far left) during their visit to Daiken mill

This working visit was arranged following the decision made in the meeting called by Timber, Tobacco and Kenaf Industries Development Division of MPIC on 20 January 2022 in Kuala Lumpur to discuss the proposed research collaboration between Malaysia (Sarawak) and Australia on forest plantation management. In that meeting, FDS invited Mr Sanjay Boothalingam, Australian Counsellor (Agriculture) to Malaysia to visit Sarawak so that he could better understand the forest plantation development in Sarawak particularly on research and development (R&D) as well as product chain from upstream to downstream utilising planted timber.



Group photo at Samarakan nursery

On the first day of the visit, the group received updates from FDS, SPF and GP Pusaka Sdn Bhd (GPP) in a meeting at Promenade Hotel, Bintulu. Ms Eveleen Binti Augustine Lai, Forest Officer, FDS shared objectives of Sarawak Forest Policy and highlighted the way forward for issues and challenges faced in forest plantation development in Sarawak. These include the application of advanced technology and best practices for planted forest management and efforts to intensify R&D for high productivity. Mr Paul Valentine, General Manager of SPF spoke on forest plantation management at Licence for Planted Forests (LPF) 0043, while Mr David James, Deputy General Manager of GPP presented the R&D activities carried out in LPF0043 which include species selection, planting design, silviculture treatment, growth & yield analysis as well as pest & disease study for various species planted in the field.

The following day, the group learned more about the operations at nursery and harvesting site as well as tree planting and breeding plan of various tree species in their visit to LPF0043. They were also brought to the factories utilising planted timber, Daiken Sarawak Sdn Bhd's Medium Density Fibreboard (MDF) factory and Magna-Foremost Sdn Bhd's MDF doorskin factory.

During the dinner held on 1 April 2022, Mr Jack Anak Liam, Deputy Director of Forests, Sarawak in his welcoming speech underlined the importance of R&D in supporting sustainable forest plantation management, and engagement with other stakeholders, including academia and other countries that have the same interest in this area. He believed that with strong support from MPIC, the research collaboration with Australia Government can be successfully implemented to bring about positive impact to the timber and wood-based industry in Sarawak and ultimately, the whole Malaysia.

Mr Boothalingam in his speech talked about strategic and trade partnership between Malaysia and Australia, in particular, the aspect of legal timber and sustainable forest management. He hoped that both countries will continue to work closely and progress on shared interest in future multilateral engagements.

In his opening speech for the dinner, Datuk Willie highlighted the objective of the working visit which aimed to observe the latest forest plantation development and sustainable forest management in Malaysia, especially in Sarawak and further strengthen the cooperation between the Federal and State Government as well as stakeholders in the timber industry of Sarawak.

He shared the information on the Dasar Agrikomoditi Negara (DAKN) 2021-2030 launched by the Federal Government recently and the implementation of the Program Pembangunan Ladang Hutan 2.0 (PPLH 2.0) which is one of the eleven (11) flagship programmes established for empowerment of the policy direction of DAKN 2021-2030.



Group photo taken at the harvesting site



Mr Paul Valentine, General Manager of SPF (right) explained the leaf structure to Datuk Willie



Mr Boothalingam (3rd right) and the group look at the seeds of *A. crassicarpa*



The group listening to the briefing from GPP at the *Eucalyptus deglupta* R&D plot

砂拉越森林局(FDS)连同 砂拉越木材工业发展机构(STIDC), Harwood木材有限公司, 砂拉越人工植林有限公司(SPF)及本会为澳洲高级专员公署和马来西亚种植及原产业部及其机构的代表协办前往砂拉越工作访问之旅, 以更深入了解砂拉越的人工林发展, 特别是研发(R&D)以及利用种植木材从上游到下游的产品链。

Jabatan Hutan Sarawak (FDS), dengan kerjasama Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak (STIDC), Harwood Timber Sdn Bhd, Sarawak Planted Forest Sdn Bhd (SPF) dan STA menganjurkan lawatan kerja ke Sarawak untuk delegasi Suruhanjaya Tinggi Australia dan Kementerian Perusahaan Perladangan dan Komoditi (MPIC) serta agensinya untuk lebih memahami pembangunan ladang hutan di Sarawak khususnya dalam penyelidikan dan pembangunan (R&D) serta rangkaian produk dari hulu ke hiliran menggunakan kayu ladang hutan.

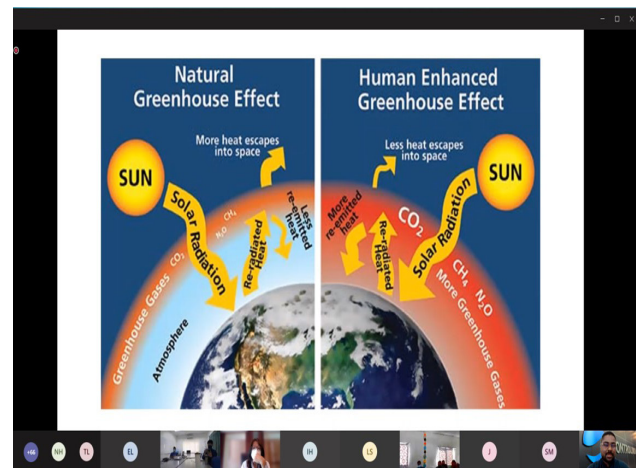
Quantification & Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Removals for Corporate and Project Training

STA, in collaboration with Control Union (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd, organised a half-day online training course on “*Quantification & Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Removals for Corporates and Projects*” on 7 April 2022 with the objective to raise awareness on quantification and reporting of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and removals as well as familiarise participants with the formal requirements of ISO 14064-1 and ISO 14064-2 standards.

Over 100 participants from STA member companies and Forest Department Sarawak joined the training conducted by Mr Supun Nigamuni, General Manager at Control Union. He guided participants through topics of GHG, carbon accounting where participants were taught how to quantify an organisation’s GHG emissions and removals as well as identify specific company actions or activities aimed at improving GHG management.

He also shared on the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS), a carbon crediting mechanism which credits are issued to projects that reduce or remove greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The VCS Programme is currently the largest issuer of carbon credits and is developed and managed by Verra.

本会与马来西亚控制联盟有限公司于 2022 年 4 月 7 日举办为期半天的“企业和项目温室气体排放和清除的量化和报告”在线培训课程，旨在提高对温室气体 (GHG) 排放和清除的量化和报告的认识，以及让参与者熟悉 ISO 14064-1 和 ISO 14064-2 标准的正式要求。



Effects of greenhouse gases

STA, dengan kerjasama Control Union (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd, telah menganjurkan kursus latihan dalam talian mengenai “*Kuantiti & Pelaporan Pelepasan dan Penyingkiran Gas Rumah Hijau untuk Korporat dan Projek*” pada 7 April 2022 dengan objektif untuk meningkatkan kesedaran tentang kuantifikasi dan pelaporan pelepasan dan penyingkiran gas rumah hijau (GHG) serta membiasakan peserta dengan keperluan formal piawaian ISO 14064-1 dan ISO 14064-2.

Courtesy Call by Malaysian Investment Development Authority

Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA, received a courtesy call from Mr Jona Anak Kerani, Director of Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) Sarawak on 4 April 2022 at Wisma STA Kuching. Both parties updated each other on their current works and discussed future partnership particularly on trade and investment missions as well as engagements for the wellbeing of members of STA.

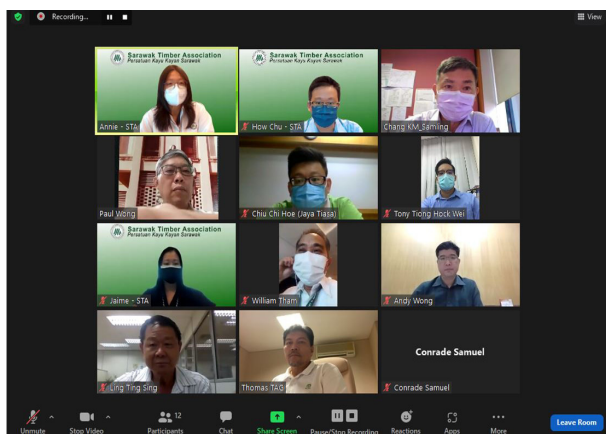
本会首席执行官陈燕贞小姐于2022 年4 月4日假古晋 STA大厦接见马来西亚投资发展局(MIDA) 砂拉越局长的礼节性拜访。该访问为双方提供了分享他们当前工作和未来合作的机会，特别是在贸易和投资任务以及为本会会员的福利而展开的活动。



Mr Jona Anak Kerani, Director of MIDA (centre) flanked by STA Secretariats. Ms Annie, CEO of STA is seen on the right.

Cik Annie Ting, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif STA, menerima kunjungan hormat daripada Encik Jona Anak Kerani, Pengarah Lembaga Pembangunan Pelaburan Malaysia (MIDA) Sarawak pada 4 April 2022 di Wisma STA Kuching. Kedua-dua pihak berkongsi perkembangan semasa dan membincangkan kerjasama masa depan terutamanya mengenai misi perdagangan dan pelaburan serta penglibatan untuk kesejahteraan ahli-ahli STA.

STA Occupational Safety And Health Committee Meeting 1/2022



STA Occupational Safety and Health Committee Meeting

The STA Occupational Safety and Health Committee convened its first meeting this year on 19 April 2022 via online platform. The meeting, presided over by Mr Chang Kuet Ming, Committee Chairman was attended by all six (6) Committee Members.

Mr Chang in his welcoming remarks reiterated the importance of occupational safety and health (OSH) at workplace and informed that the Committee will continue to collaborate with Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) Sarawak on training and awareness programme to improve OSH compliance and minimise risk at workplace in member companies.

STA职业与安全卫生委员会于2022年4月19日通过线上平台召开了今年的首次会议，旨在更新委员会成员有关内部培训师实施职业与安全卫生培训的最新情况以及2022年职业与安全卫生修订法案的主要变化。

During the meeting, members were updated on the implementation of OSH Training by in-house Trainers. As of March 2022, the in-house Trainers have trained a total of 129 employees based on training module jointly developed by DOSH Sarawak, Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation and STA. Members were also informed on the key changes to the *Occupational Safety and Health (Amendments) Act 2022*, such as re-administration of OSH legislations; new duties on principal, employer and self-employed person; appointment of OSH coordinator; and increased penalties and punishments.

The meeting also discussed working plans for year 2022 which include engagement with DOSH Sarawak to increase understanding of the *Occupational Safety and Health (Amendments) Act 2022* and conduct of OSH coordinator training for members of STA.

Some of the functions of SPPB are online employer and employee registration, labour application, statutory information checking, labour complaints handling, workers' compensation claims and interactive activity dashboard. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation, the official launching date of SPPB has yet to be decided.

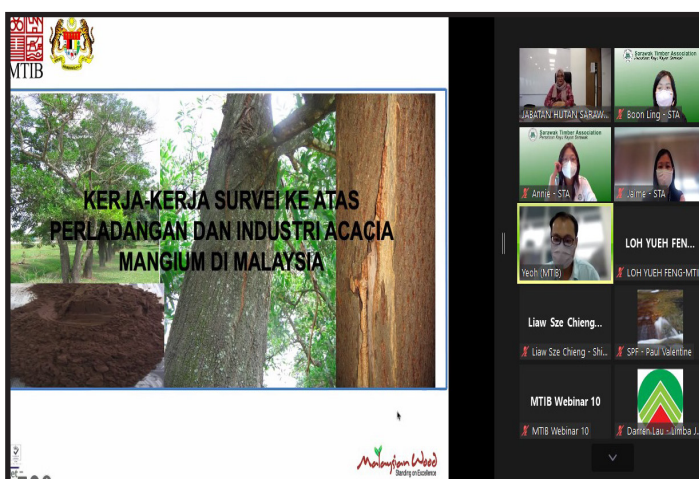
Jawatankuasa Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan STA telah mengadakan mesyuarat dalam talian pertamanya tahun ini pada 19 April 2022 di mana Ahli-ahli Jawatankuasa menerima kemas kini mengenai pelaksanaan Latihan OSH oleh Jurulatih dalaman serta perubahan utama kepada Akta Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan (Pindaan) 2022.

Survey on *Acacia mangium* Plantations and Industries in Malaysia

In 2013, the Fibre and Biocomposite Development Centre (FIDEC) of Malaysian Timber Industry Board conducted a research and development project to extract tannin from the bark of *Acacia mangium* in Malaysia.

As a follow up to this project, FIDEC initiated a "Survey on *Acacia mangium* Plantations and Industries in Malaysia" to understand the process flow of *Acacia mangium* from plantation establishment to processing at mills as well as determine the potential and availability of *Acacia mangium* bark residues supply for tannin extraction at commercial level.

An online briefing on the scopes of the survey was provided by FIDEC, through Forest Department Sarawak on 13 April 2022 to selected forest plantation companies in Sarawak planting *Acacia* and STA Secretariat. Extraction methodology and uses of tannin were also



Dr. Yeoh Beng Hoong, Project Leader, FIDEC, briefed participants on the survey to be conducted on the *Acacia mangium* plantations and industries in Malaysia.

shared by Dr Yeoh Beng Hoong, Project Leader who opined that the project will have positive impacts on the wood and biocomposite industries.

This is due to the attractive potential of tannin extracted from *Acacia mangium* that could interest foreign investors to invest in commercialisation of Acacia tannins for applications in various industries in Malaysia.

Meanwhile, the planters of *Acacia mangium* are able to increase their revenue through the supply of bark residues to the processing mills.

STA and the selected forest plantation companies in Sarawak suggested for FIDEC to organise a workshop involving relevant Sarawak forestry agencies to further discuss the data and information required for the survey.

马来西亚木材工业局纤维和生物复合材料发展中心于2022年4月13日召开线上会议讲解“马来西亚大叶相思人工林和工业调查”涵盖的范围，该调查是针对中心的一个研发项目所发起的跟进。来自砂拉越选定的大叶相思种植公司和本会秘书处代表出席了会议。

Taklimat dalam talian mengenai skop “*Tinjauan Mengenai Perladangan dan Industri Acacia mangium di Malaysia*” telah dilaksanakan pada 13 April 2022.

Tinjauan tersebut merupakan susulan kepada projek penyelidikan dan pembangunan oleh Pusat Pembangunan Fiber dan Biokomposit Lembaga Perindustrian Kayu Malaysia

Taklimat tersebut dihadiri oleh wakil-wakil daripada syarikat perladangan hutan terpilih di Sarawak yang menanam Acacia dan Sekretariat STA.

Briefing on the *Falcataria moluccana* Research Project

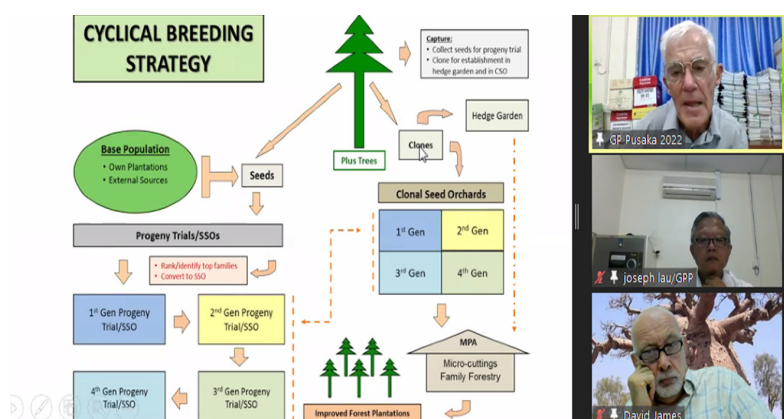
GP Pusaka Sdn Bhd (GPP) updated stakeholders on the STA-funded *Falcataria moluccana* research project in a virtual briefing session on 11 April 2022. The briefing was attended by about 70 participants from Forest Department Sarawak, Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation, Harwood Timber Sdn Bhd, Sarawak Planted Forest Sdn Bhd, STA members and STA Secretariat.

Dr Arno Brune, Senior Forest Geneticist of GPP introduced the objective of the project which is to produce genetically improved varieties of *Falcataria moluccana* with higher yield, better form and wood quality for solid wood processing as well as resistance to pests and diseases.

The project, which received research and development funding from STA, is divided into four (4) phases which commenced from 2017 and is expected to complete in 2024. Project activities conducted and planned as well as preliminary findings from the project were also made known to the participants.

Besides that, Dr Arno also shared tree breeding knowledge with the participants and explained the various vegetative propagation methods especially the marcotting technique to produce clones of desired candidate trees. He also demonstrated the hybridisation technique for *Eucalyptus* in creating new genetic combinations for superior quality.

GP Pusaka 有限公司(GPP) 在 2022 年 4 月 11 日的线上简报会上向利益相关者报告由本会资助的南洋楹研究项目的最新进展。该项目旨在生产具有更高产量、更好形状和木材质量以供木材加工以及对病虫害有抵抗力的南洋楹基因改良品种。



Dr Arno Brune, Senior Forest Geneticist, GPP explaining tree breeding strategy to participants of the briefing session.

GP Pusaka Sdn Bhd mengemas kini pihak berkepentingan mengenai projek penyelidikan *Falcataria moluccana* yang dibiayai oleh STA dalam sesi taklimat maya pada 11 April 2022.

Projek tersebut bertujuan untuk menghasilkan pelbagai *Falcataria moluccana* yang dipertingkatkan secara genetik, berupaya memberi hasil yang lebih tinggi, bentuk dan kualiti kayu yang lebih baik untuk pemprosesan kayu serta mempunyai daya tahan yang tinggi terhadap perosak dan penyakit.

MEF Meeting with Industry Organisations on RM1,500 National Minimum Wages and Implementation of Multi-Tier Levy for Foreign Workers

The Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) organised a virtual meeting on 5 April 2022 attended by 62 representatives from various industry organisations.

Chaired by Datuk Haji Shamsuddin Bardan, Executive Director of MEF, the meeting discussed the RM1,500 National Minimum Wages as announced by the Prime Minister and implementation of Multi-Tier Levy System (MTLS) for Foreign Workers. Datuk Haji Shamsuddin presented the following papers at the meeting:

RM1,500 National Minimum Wages with effect from 1 May 2022

Under the requirement of the National Wages Consultative Council (NWCC) Act 2011, the NWCC is required to review the Minimum Wages Order (MWO) at least once in every 2 years. The MWO 2022 was reviewed and enforced on 1 February 2022 with a minimum wage of RM1,200 in cities and municipalities and RM1,100 for those outside the cities and municipalities. On 5 February 2022, the Minister of Human Resources Datuk Seri Saravanan Murugan announced that the minimum wage of RM1,500 a month is to be implemented before the end of this year. However, Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob, Prime Minister announced on 19 March 2022 at United Malays National Organisation assembly that the RM1,500 minimum wages will be implemented from 1 May 2022 for the whole of Malaysia.

The RM1,500 will be applicable to large companies and government-linked companies. Micro enterprises with 4 and less employees are currently exempted from the RM1,500 minimum wages. He said a majority of Malaysian businesses are not ready and not in position to implement the new minimum wages of RM1,500 as they are still reeling from the economic shock brought by COVID-19 and the devastating impact of the recent major floods.

The RM1,500 minimum wages will also push up the cost of goods and services and operation costs will definitely increase. Moreover, the bulk of the increase of minimum wages goes to foreign labour as local are already paid higher than RM1,500.

Issues Relating to the Proposed Foreign Workers Multi Tier Levy System (MTLS)

He shared about the history of the foreign worker (FW) levy system, the requirement of employers to pay levy for their FWs since 1 January 2018 and the announcement by the a joint committee between Ministry of Human Resources and Ministry of Home Affairs on 28 February 2019 on a new MTLS for FWs to take effect on 1 January 2020.

In view of the challenges posed by COVID-19 pandemic which gives a huge impact to various industries, the effective date was subsequently postponed to 1 January 2022. The MTLS was introduced to regulate the dependency on unskilled FWs. Under the 12th Malaysia Plan (2021-2025), the Government urged industries to increase automation and mechanization in their production processes to overcome high dependency on FWs.

The new levy rates introduced for FWs under the MTLS for manufacturing, plantation/agriculture, mining, service and construction sectors will result in higher cost of doing business and additional costs will be passed on to consumers and contribute to higher inflation.

He also highlighted various issues faced by employers in the recruitment of new FWs such as strict enforcement of Workers' Minimum Standards of Housing and Amenities Act 1990 (Act 446), requirement for employers to bear all costs with zero cost to the FWs, review of the national minimum wages to RM1,500 and problems to apply online.

Following lengthy discussion, MEF promised to put forward proposals made by participants which includes implementation of RM1,500 minimum wages in stages; request for subsidy from the Government to assist employers who are affected by the increase in minimum wage, especially the MSMEs; and clearer definition on skilled worker and its level of skills, to the Government.

马来西亚雇主联合会(MEF)在其执行董事拿督哈兹三苏丁主持下于 2022 年 4 月 5 日召开线上会议。

来自各个行业组织的 62 名代表参与该会议并商讨首相所宣布的马币 1,500 令吉的国家最低薪资以及外劳多层征税制度的实施。

Persekutuan Majikan-Majikan Malaysia (MEF) telah menganjurkan mesyuarat maya pada 5 April 2022, yang dihadiri 62 wakil-wakil daripada pelbagai organisasi industri. Dipengerusikan oleh Datuk Haji Shamsuddin Bardan, Pengarah Eksekutif MEF dan mesyuarat membincangkan Gaji Minimum Nasional RM1,500 seperti yang diumumkan oleh Perdana Menteri dan pelaksanaan Sistem Levi Pelbagai Peringkat untuk Pekerja Asing.

Engagement Session with Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities



Datuk Willie Anak Mongin (seated, 5th from left) posed for a group photo with Ms Annie Ting, CEO of STA (seated, 3rd from left) and Mr Peter Ling Kwong Hung, Chairman of STA Forest Plantation Committee (4th from left).

In conjunction with the working visit of the Australian High Commission and Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities (MPIC) to Sarawak, STA Forest Plantation Committee held an engagement session with Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities, Datuk Willie Anak Mongin on 1 April 2022 at Promenade Hotel, Bintulu. The engagement session was joined by delegates from MPIC and Australian High Commission as well as representatives from Sarawak forestry agencies, holders of Licence for Planted Forests and STA Secretariat.

During the engagement session, Datuk Willie shared that MPIC had recently launched the *Dasar Agrikomoditi Negara* (DAKN) 2021-2030 to drive the development of the agricommodity sector in a more sustainable, competitive and market-oriented manner. He informed that MPIC has set a target of RM32.8 billion in export market value of timber and timber products by year 2030, with 70% of the exports expected to comprise downstream products.

According to him, the timber industry stood as the third highest contributor to the country's agricommodity sector, with export value of timber and timber products amounting to RM22.74 billion last year. Sarawak contributed RM3.53 billion or about 15% to this total export value, mainly from the export of plywood, logs and fibreboard.

He added that the Federal Government is taking initiatives to promote overall sustainability along the timber value-chain, such as the provision of RM500 million soft loan facility to tree planters through the *Program Pembangunan Ladang Hutan 2.0* (PPLH 2.0) under the 12th Malaysia Plan. Issue on tax law which limits the carry forward of unabsorbed business losses to 10-year was also highlighted in the Parliament and MPIC together with Ministry of Finance to formulate strategy in solving this issue.

He applauded the Sarawak Government's efforts in ensuring all long term forest timber licenses obtain forest management certification by end of this year and assured that MPIC, through the Malaysian Timber Certification Council, will continue to promote and strengthen the implementation of timber and timber products certification to increase international market access through the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme which is endorsed by the Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification.

Datuk Willie is optimistic that the continuous cooperation with stakeholders in Sarawak will increase the country's timber industry competitiveness in meeting the needs and demands of international market.

He also hoped that the proposed research collaboration with Australian Government on forest plantation management will come to fruition.

Mr Peter Ling, Chairman of the STA Forest Plantation Committee and Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA jointly presented a paper to Datuk Willie highlighting (i) the objectives of STA particularly in promoting the practices

of sustainable forest management and providing skills training to forestry workmen; and (ii) STA's efforts in research and development (R&D) for the forest plantation industry in Sarawak, in particular the R&D projects on *Neolamarckia cadamba*, *Falcateria moluccana*, *Acacia mangium* and *Eucalyptus pellita* which STA undertakes in collaboration with universities and state forestry agencies.

STA also shared the same hope for the success of the proposed research collaboration between Malaysia (Sarawak) and Australia and commended Datuk Willie for MPIC's proactive steps in assisting the forest plantation industry to obtain exemption from 10 year limitation on the carry forward of unabsorbed business losses.

2022 年 4 月 1 日, STA 人工造林委员会与种植及原产业部副部长拿督威利莫因在民都鲁漫步酒店举行的对话会议中分享了联邦政府的倡议, 如2021至2030年国家农产品政策(DAKN), 通过第 12 个马来西亚计划下的人工造林发展计划2.0 (PPLH 2.0)向植树者提供马币 5 亿令吉的软贷款。人工造林业者也强调了该行业在促进可持续森林管理实践、为林业员工提供技能培训、研究和开发森林种植业方面所做的努力。

Dalam sesi pertemuan di antara Jawatankuasa Ladang Hutan STA dengan Timbalan Menteri Perusahaan Perladangan dan Komoditi, Datuk Willie Anak Mongin pada 1 April 2022 di Hotel Promenade, Bintulu, inisiatif Kerajaan Persekutuan seperti Dasar Agrikomoditi Negara (DAKN) 2021-2030, peruntukan Kemudahan pinjaman mudah RM500 juta kepada penanam pokok melalui Program Pembangunan Ladang Hutan 2.0 (PPLH 2.0) di bawah Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12 telah dikongsi bersama.

Usaha industri dalam menggalakkan amalan pengurusan hutan secara mampan dan menyediakan latihan kemahiran kepada pekerja perhutanan, penyelidikan dan pembangunan untuk industri perladangan hutan turut diketengahkan.

Meeting of MEF East Malaysia Region Members

The Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) organised a virtual meeting on 13 April 2022 for its East Malaysia Region members. Attended by 18 members and chaired by Mr Albert Lau of Weida (M) Berhad, the meeting discussed proportionality of punishment as demonstrated in the case of *Telekom Research & Development v. Ahmad Farid Bin Abdul Rahman*.

Mr Bernard John Kanny, MEF's Senior Consultant Industrial Relations mentioned that the case came about when the employee filed a claim for unlawful dismissal against the company at the Industrial Court.

The employee was dismissed by the company for submitting false dental claim for the purchase of spectacles amounting to RM488.00. The employee was entitled to claim dental expenses but not optical expenses.

The Court of Appeal recently overturned the High Court's decision and upheld the Industrial Court's decision that the company had proven the misconduct against the employee and the dismissal was justified.

The employee had understood that he was not eligible to claim for the purchase of spectacles but proceeded to make a claim under dental expenses. Hence, he could not later claim that he was unaware or mistaken when he submitted the claim.

In considering whether the punishment of dismissal was proportionate to the misconduct committed, the Court of Appeal held that the seriousness of the misconduct outweighs the length of service, clean record and the amount involved in the false claim.

The submission of false claim is serious employment misconduct and long service and clean disciplinary record do not prevent the company from taking disciplinary action against the employee.

马来西亚雇主联合会(MEF)于2022年4月13日为其东马区的会员举办线上会议。

会议讨论Telekom研究与发展有限公司控诉阿莫法立的案件中所体现的惩罚相称性。

在考虑解雇的惩罚是否与所犯的不当行为相称时, 上诉庭认为不当行为的严重性超越了服务年限、清白记录和虚假索赔所涉及的金額。

Persekutuan Majikan-Majikan Malaysia (MEF) telah menganjurkan mesyuarat maya pada 13 April 2022 untuk ahli-ahlinya di Wilayah Timur Malaysia.

Mesyuarat tersebut membincangkan perkadaran hukuman seperti yang ditunjukkan dalam kes *Telekom Research & Development lwn Ahmad Farid Bin Abdul Rahman*.

Dalam mempertimbangkan sama ada hukuman pemecatan adalah setimpal dengan salah laku, Mahkamah Rayuan berpendapat bahawa keseriusan salah laku itu adalah lebih berat dari tempoh perkhidmatan, rekod bersih dan jumlah yang terlibat dalam tuntutan palsu.

Courtesy Call to Deputy Minister in Department of the Premier of Sarawak



Dato Gerawat Gala, Deputy Minister in Department of the Premier of Sarawak (Labour, Immigration & Project Monitoring) (seated, centre) posed for group photo with delegates from STA, led by Ms Annie Ting, CEO of STA (seated, far right)

A group from STA, comprised its Council Members, representatives from member companies and legal counsellor, headed by its Chief Executive Officer, Ms Annie Ting paid a courtesy call to the office of Dato Gerawat Gala, Deputy Minister in Department of the Premier of Sarawak (Labour, Immigration & Project Monitoring) on 13 April 2022. The purpose of the courtesy call was to better understand the role and functions of Immigration and Labour Management Unit (ILMU) under the Department of the Premier of Sarawak, as well as explore possible collaboration with ILMU to address the issues pertaining to employment of expatriate and non-resident workers in Sarawak.

Dato Gerawat Gala informed that ILMU facilitates industrial growth by promoting an environment in Sarawak that is conducive for foreign investments. STA took the opportunity to highlight several crucial issues and challenges faced by the industry players with emphasis on labour shortages, an issue that is aggravated by tedious steps leading to unnecessary delays, outdated practices and policies, for example submission in person instead of online. ILMU acknowledged recommendations put forward by STA and recognised the importance to cut red tape and have an efficient recruitment process.



After being informed of the backlog of Application for Principle approval (AP), Labour License, calling visa for employment of non-resident employees (expatriate and general workers), Dato Gerawat Gala agreed for ILMU to look into as well as identify issues delaying outstanding applications and expedite approval of these applications.

本会首席执行官陈燕贞女士于2022年4月13日率领本会代表团礼节性拜访砂拉越总理署（劳工、移民及项目监察部）副部长拿督格拉瓦特加拉，以更好地了解砂拉越总理署旗下移民和劳工管理组(ILMU) 的角色和职能，并探讨与ILMU合作的可能性以解决砂拉越聘请外籍人士和非公民员工的相关问题。

Delegasi STA yang diketuai oleh Ketua Pegawai Eksekutifnya, Cik Annie Ting telah membuat kunjungan hormat ke pejabat Dato Gerawat Gala, Timbalan Menteri di Jabatan Premier Sarawak (Buruh, Imigresen & Pemantauan Projek) pada 13 April 2022 untuk lebih memahami peranan dan fungsi Unit Pengurusan Imigresen dan Buruh (ILMU) di bawah Jabatan Premier Sarawak serta meneroka kemungkinan kerjasama dalam menangani isu-isu berkaitan pengajian pekerja ekspatriat dan bukan pemastautin di Sarawak.

MTC Webinar: What to Expect from Upcoming EU Legislation – Impact on the Trade of Timber

The Malaysian Timber Council (MTC) hosted a webinar on 27 April 2022 to share with industry players, exporters and traders in Malaysia, dealing in timber businesses with customers in European Union (EU) on the upcoming EU legislations and its impact on the trade of timber.

The Webinar, moderated by Mr Maurits Bruggink, Public Affairs consultant of Ridens Public Affairs, focused on the proposal by European Commission (EC) on deforestation-free products, potential impact of the proposal as currently drafted on the timber industry, and challenges as well as issues to still be addressed in the proposal.

Mr Muhtar Suhaili, Chief Executive Officer of MTC, in his welcoming remarks, disclosed that timber is the 4th largest and important commodities in Malaysia with a total trade of RM 30.956 billion in 2021.

He added that the EU is Malaysia's 3rd largest market with wooden furniture, builder's joinery and carpentry and sawntimber being the main timber products exported. Currently, importers importing timber and timber products to EU are required to conduct due diligence under the EU Timber Regulation.

Ms Silva Melegari, Secretary General of the European Confederation of Woodworking Industries shared with participants that on 17 November 2021, the EC tabled a legislative proposal aimed at curbing deforestation and forest degradation driven by the expansion of agricultural land used to produce specific commodities, namely cattle, cocoa, coffee, palm oil, soy and wood.

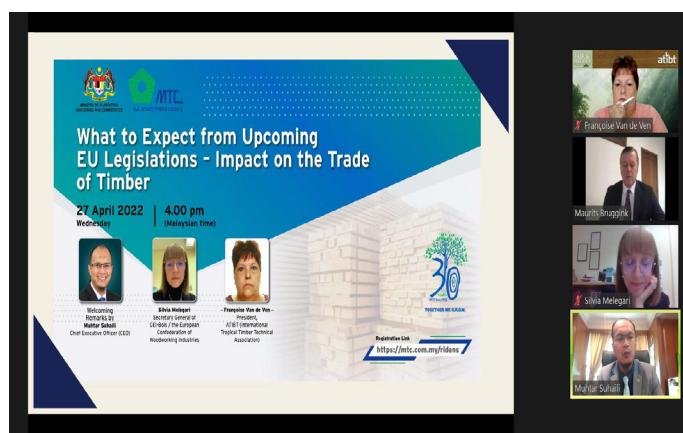
The proposal would impose due diligence obligations on operators placing these commodities and some derived products on the EU market, or exporting them from the EU. Member States would be responsible for enforcement, and for setting penalties in case of non-compliance.

She also shared that to facilitate due diligence and control, a benchmarking system shall be used to identify countries as presenting a low, standard or high risk of producing non-compliant commodities or products.

Obligations for operators and national authorities would vary according to the level of risk assigned to the country of production. She mentioned that commodities are not allowed to enter the EU market if produced on land subject to deforestation after 31 December 2020.

She also spoke on the obligations of operators and traders where due diligence procedure would consist of three steps i.e (i) information collection; (ii) risk assessment and (iii) risk mitigation.

Operators would need to perform due diligence for all relevant commodities and products, to make sure that



Panelists of the MTC Webinar

'no or negligible' risk of non-compliance exists prior to their placing on the market or export.

Ms Françoise Van de Ven, President of International Tropical Timber Technical Association in her presentation mentioned that 'forest partnership' will replace the Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA). She conveyed her concern on the challenges that producer countries will face over the complexity of enforcement and costs.

She also expressed her views on the limits of country risk classification and the need to conduct these risk assessments at sub-national levels, or at the operator level to take into account individual good practices. There is also a need to have clarity on the definition of deforestation and forest degradation.

马来西亚木材认证委员会(MTCC)于2022年4月27日主办线上研讨会，分享予和欧盟(EU)客户开展木材业务的马来西亚行业参与者,出口商和贸易商有关即将到来的EU立法及其对木材贸易的影响。

该线上研讨会着重讨论欧盟委员会(EC)关于无毁林产品的提案、目前起草的提案对木材行业的潜在影响，以及提案中仍需解决的挑战和问题。

Majlis Kayu-Kayan Malaysia (MTC) menganjurkan webinar pada 27 April 2022 untuk berkongsi dengan pemain industri, pengeksport dan pedagang di Malaysia yang berurusan dalam perniagaan kayu dengan pelanggan di Kesatuan Eropah (EU) mengenai perundangan EU yang akan datang dan impaknya terhadap perdagangan kayu.

Webinar memfokuskan kepada cadangan Suruhanjaya Eropah (EC) tentang produk bebas pembalakan, potensi impak cadangan yang kini dirangka untuk industri kayu dan cabaran serta isu-isu dalam cadangan yang masih perlu diselesaikan.

Dialogue on Employment of Bangladeshi Workers

Earlier in March 2022, Dato Gerawat had agreed in principle to implement a pilot project on the employment of 1,000 Bangladeshi workers in Sarawak.

As a follow up to the proposal, Mr Augustine Chin, Chairman of BIMP-EAGA Business Council Malaysia Sarawak Chapter (Trade and Investment Facilitation Cluster) led a dialogue with Dato Gerawat Gala, Deputy Minister in Department of the Premier of Sarawak (Labour, Immigration & Project Monitoring) on 27 April 2022 at Bangunan Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak, Kuching.

BIMP-EAGA refers to the East ASEAN Growth Area created by the Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines to shift economic activities from resource extraction to higher levels of processing and value-added production, focusing on industries that adopt clean and green technologies.

Meanwhile, BIMP-EAGA Business Council represents the private sector in BIMP-EAGA as the Council

recognises the important role that private sectors play in identifying challenges and solutions to better promote trade, tourism and investment.

The dialogue was attended by STA members interested in the employment of Bangladeshi workers, representatives from BIMP-EAGA Business Council Malaysia Sarawak Chapter and officers from Immigration and Labour Management Unit, Department of the Premier of Sarawak

STA highlighted that the shortage of general workers in forestry and timber industry will jeopardise Sarawak's reputation in the sustainability and continuity of production for export.

Dato Gerawat gave his assurance that the proposal of pilot project on the employment of 1,000 Bangladeshi workers in Sarawak and also few other source countries will be presented for approval in the forthcoming Sarawak State Legislative Assembly.



Members of the dialogue, including STA members and Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer, STA (seated, right) posing for group photo with Dato Gerawat Gala, Deputy Minister in Department of the Premier of Sarawak (Labour, Immigration & Project Monitoring) (seated, centre).

作为对砂拉越雇用 1000 名孟加拉工人的试点项目提案的跟进, BIMP-EAGA商业委员会马来西亚砂拉越分会(贸易投资促进集群)主席奥古斯丁先生(译音)与砂拉越总理署(劳工, 移民及项目监察)副部长拿督杰拉瓦进行了交流会。对孟加拉工人就业有兴趣的本会会员也参加了该交流会。

Sebagai susulan kepada cadangan projek perintis pengambilan 1,000 pekerja Bangladesh di Sarawak, Encik Augustine Chin, Pengerusi Majlis Perniagaan BIMP-EAGA Malaysia Bab Sarawak (Kluster Fasilitasi Perdagangan dan Pelaburan) mengetuai dialog bersama dengan Dato Gerawat Gala, Timbalan Menteri di Jabatan Premier Sarawak (Buruh, Imigresen & Pemantauan Projek).

Dialog tersebut turut disertai oleh ahli-ahli STA yang berminat dalam pengambilan pekerja Bangladesh.

Timber Application in the Indian Real Estate Sector – Insights and Trends

The Malaysian Timber Council (MTC) invited four (4) panelists from India comprising Mr Hiltan Patel, Director of New Patel Saw Mill, Mr Chirag Shah, General Manager of Arterior India Pvt Ltd, Ar Ann James, Senior Architect of Fitoutz Group and Ms Suneeta Manjunath, Principal Designer of DS Elements to provide insights into India's construction industry for its virtual industry dialogue on 27 April 2022.

Mr Muhtar Suhaili, Chief Executive Officer of MTC in his welcoming remarks hoped that the dialogue session could enhance bilateral trade relationship between Malaysia and India.

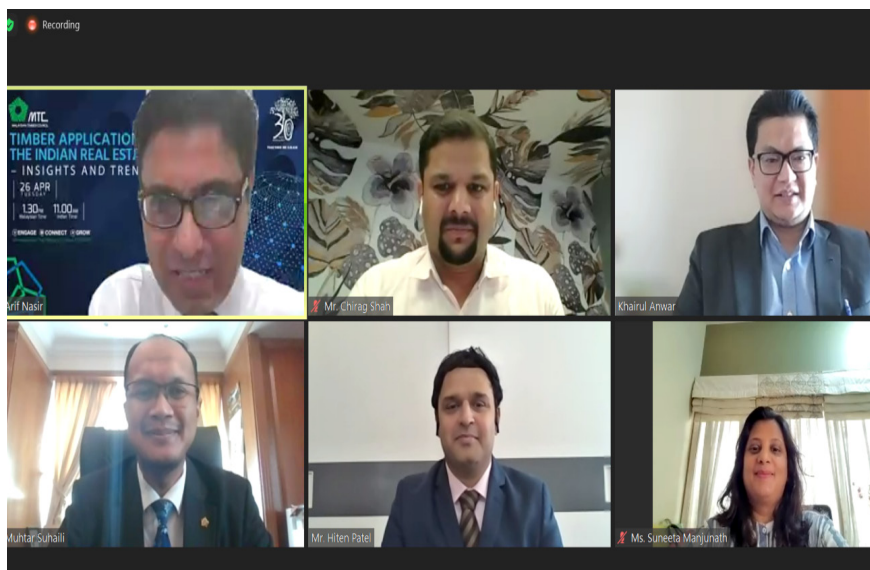
He added that despite the pandemic, with exception to sawn timber and builders' joinery and carpentry (BJC), export of timber and timber based products from Malaysia to India experienced growth.

As compared to year 2020, Malaysia's log export, which consists mainly of round logs from Sarawak, to India increased 58.8% and stood at USD 154.6 million in year 2021.

The second largest timber product exported to India was veneer, which is used for lamination of panel such as plywood, which recorded an increase of 75.2%, amounting to USD3.26 million for the same year over year. The third largest timber product exported to India was particleboard, followed by medium density fibreboard, plywood, wooden furniture, BJC and sawntimber.



Mr Muhtar Suhaili, Chief Executive Officer, MTC giving his welcoming remarks



Panelists for the dialogue

Ar Ann James shared the concept of green building, types of wood, i.e. engineered wood and mass timber as well as India's construction industry's preference for Malaysian timber. There is also high demand for Malaysian timber in the Indian real estate sector, which is attributed to its assured quality.

The panelist agreed that wood is renewable and sustainable and urged Malaysian exporters to look into free trade agreement between Malaysia and India on zero custom duty as well as Indian government projects' procurement of wooden products.

马来西亚木材理事会(MTC) 邀请了来自印度的四名小组成员, 在 2022 年 4 月 27 日举办的线上行业交流会上, 就印度的建筑行业提供见解。

据分享, 尽管新冠肺炎疫情, 马来西亚木材和木材产品出口至印度在 2021 年表现良好。马来西亚木材也受到印度建筑业和房地产业的高度追捧。

Majlis Kayu-Kayan Malaysia (MTC) menjemput 4 ahli panel dari India untuk memberi pandangan tentang industri pembinaan India semasa dialog industri secara maya pada 27 April 2022.

Eksport kayu dan produk berasaskan kayu dari Malaysia ke India menunjukkan prestasi yang memberansangkan pada 2021 walaupun berdepan dengan wabak. Ahli panel turut berkongsi bahawa kayu Malaysia mendapat permintaan tinggi oleh industri pembinaan dan sektor hartanah India.

Webinar in Conjunction with International Day of Forests 2022

In conjunction with International Day of Forests 2022 celebration, the Forestry Department, Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism (MPRT), Brunei Darussalam hosted a webinar with the theme *"Forests and Sustainable Production and Consumption"* on 21 April 2022, via online platform.

The webinar, moderated by Mr Zaedi Bin Haji Berudin, Senior Forestry Officer, Forestry Department, MPRT Brunei Darussalam brought together renowned experts to share findings, best practices and views with the aim to build a shared narrative and goals for all forests to a better future based on sustainable production and consumption of forests.

Ms Noralinda Binti Haji Ibrahim, Director of Forestry, MPRT Brunei Darussalam, in her welcoming speech, shared that as proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly 2012, the International Day of Forests (IDF) is celebrated every 21 March to raise awareness on the importance of all types of forests. The theme of the webinar aimed to shine light on the role that sustainable forest management (SFM) and forest resources play in alleviating poverty and support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The webinar's theme, aligned with one of Wawasan Brunei 2035 goals to achieve a dynamic and sustainable economy by year 2035, is also related to the MPRT's strategic plan of increasing the output of primary sectors such as forestry to contribute to the country's economic diversification. This was highlighted by Ms Dayang Hajah Tutiatty Binti Haji Abdul Wahab, Permanent Secretary, MPRT Brunei Darussalam in her keynote address.

Participants of the webinar learned about the importance of sustainable production and consumption of forests in Brunei Darussalam forest management from Mr Reni Bin Haji Yahya, Senior Forestry Officer, MPRT Brunei Darussalam. He further detailed some of Brunei's national policies and initiatives that supports SFM in the country, such as Brunei National Forestry Policy 1989, Reduced Cut Policy 1990, Heart of Borneo Initiatives, and Brunei Darussalam National Climate Change Policy.

Participants of the webinar also heard about the importance of developing and strengthening skills in the forest and timber sector from Dr. Mohd Nor Zamri Bin Mat Amin, Director of Industry Development, Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB). As a sector that provides huge range of economic and social contributions to the country, the industry needs a workforce that is prepared for efficiency, flexibility and equipped with both higher order and broad based skills. He added that good salary package, conducive working environment and incentives such as accommodation and transport are key to attract more local youths to apply.

Mr Haji Abdul Rahman Bin Haji Chuchu, Director of Syarikat Kilang Papan Maskayu Sdn Bhd gave

the private sector's perspective on sustainable timber industry in Brunei Darussalam. Remoteness of logging operations which contributed to higher transportation cost was stated as one of the challenges faced by Brunei's timber industry alongside the difficulty faced in fulfilling sawmilling requirements utilising planted timber. He suggested for Bruneian Government to focus on ways to increase efficiency and production capacity of existing timber industry to support demand and most importantly, to maintain a stable environment, consistent with the Government's current initiatives.

Meanwhile, Mr Chan Hock Lay, General Manager of TS Wood Sdn Bhd added that the small and medium wood-based industry in Brunei Darussalam faced challenges with stability and availability of raw materials specially that of veneer timber.

The array of opportunities in Brunei Darussalam such as huge global furniture market and ready support from MPRT are encouraging for companies that wants to progress through challenges faced.

Mr Supun Nigamuni, General Manager, Control Union (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd introduced how the certification body can help companies adapt towards and achieve forest certification as a way forward for sustainable production and consumption of forests. As consumers are becoming increasingly aware of, and concerned by, the origins of the products that they buy and the process that go into making them, forest certification is perceived as a tool that could improve market access, uplift social welfare and boost the public image of companies.

Dr Elizabeth Philip, Head of Climate Change and Forestry Program, Forest Research Institute of Malaysia shed light on the potential mitigation and adaptation measures of forests in reducing the impacts of climate change.

She added that forests only attract 3% of funding despite providing 30% of the global climate change solution and urged countries to scale up on the climate change mitigation and adaptation actions to meet the Paris Agreement goal.

The session was closed by Mr Joffre bin Haji Ali Ahmad, Assistant Director of Forestry who reminded participants of the various ways in which forest can contribute to a sustainable timber industry, social and economic benefits, as we look forward to a new normal in our effort to restore our economic losses from the pandemic.

配合2022年国际森林日庆祝活动，汶莱初级资源和旅游部(MPRT)旗下的林业局于2022年4月21日举办主题为“森林与可持续生产和消费”的线上研讨会。

该研讨会汇集了知名专家分享研究结果、最佳实践和观点，旨在为所有森林建立一个共同的叙述和目标，以基于可持续森林生产和消费创造更美好的未来。

Bersempena dengan sambutan Hari Hutan Antarabangsa 2022, Jabatan Perhutanan, Kementerian Sumber-Sumber Utama dan Pelancongan (MPRT), Brunei Darussalam telah menganjurkan webinar bertemakan “*Hutan Serta Pengeluaran dan Penggunaan Mampan*” pada 21 April 2022.

Webinar mengumpulkan pakar-pakar tersohor untuk berkongsi penemuan, amalan terbaik dan pandangan dengan tujuan untuk membina naratif dan matlamat untuk digunapakai di semua hutan ke arah masa depan yang lebih baik berdasarkan pengeluaran dan penggunaan hutan mampan.

PEFC International Chain of Custody Standard

Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) organised an online briefing session on Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) International Chain of Custody Standard *PEFC ST 2002:2020 Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products – Requirements* on 21 April 2022.

Update on the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme was provided by Ms Sabrina Mawasi, Manager (Product) at MTCC, who also introduced the PEFC 2020 standards. She informed that in February 2020, PEFC Council had adopted the revised Chain of Custody (CoC) Standard titled *PEFC ST 2002:2020 – Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products – Requirements*, and *PEFC ST 2001:2020 – PEFC Trademarks Rules – Requirements* dated 14 February 2020.

She shared MTCC’s transition plan as well as the new extended six (6) months transition period, ending 14 August 2022, after which all users of the Standard will need to be in line with the latest requirements.

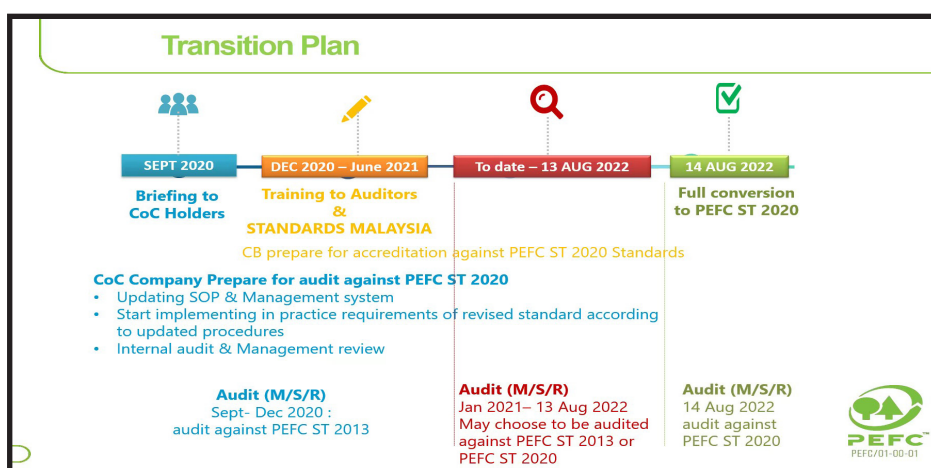
The revised PEFC ST 2002:2020 standard included an extension of the CoC scope to cover “trees outside forests”.

The definition of “controversial sources” was also expanded to incorporate additional sustainability requirements, requiring companies along the entire timber value chain to help promote responsible forestry. Meanwhile, the revised PEFC ST 2001:2020 standard covers the usage of PEFC initials by PEFC trademark licence holders and changes to the technical requirements for the usage of trademarks for on and off product.

It also provides users with a list of alternative promotional label messages. The briefing also covered the normative references, terms and definitions, management system requirements, identification of inputs and declaration of outputs, CoC methods and due diligence system requirements.

MTCC hoped that the briefing helped aid the change over to the PEFC 2020 standards.

For more information related to the revised standard, you may visit the PEFC website at <https://pefc.org/for-business/supply-chain-companies/moving-to-the-latest-standards> or MTCC’s website at <https://mtcc.com.my/certification-standard/>.



Transition plan for the PEFC ST 2002:2020

马来西亚木材认证委员会 (MTCC) 于2022年4月21日举办关于森林认证认可计划 (PEFC) 国际监管链标准 PEFC ST 2002:2020 森林和树木产品监管链要求的线上简报会。

该简报会旨在提供马来西亚木材认证计划和 PEFC 2020 标准的更新，以推动新 PEFC 2020 标准的更改。

Majlis Pensijilan Kayu Malaysia (MTCC) menganjurkan sesi taklimat dalam talian mengenai Program Pengesahan Pensijilan Hutan (PEFC) Piawaian Rantaian Penjagaan Antarabangsa *PEFC ST 2002:2020 Rantaian Penjagaan Produk Berasaskan Hutan dan Pokok – Keperluan* pada 21 April 2022. Sesi taklimat tersebut diadakan dengan tujuan untuk memberi kemaskini mengenai Skim Pensijilan Kayu Malaysia dan piawaian PEFC 2020 bagi melancarkan perubahan kepada piawaian PEFC 2020 yang baharu.

STIDC Registration Circular No 1/2022 – 14th Amendment

Conditions and Restrictions

The Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) through its Registration Circular No 1/2022 with reference number STIDC.22.Rg.1.1.1 (31) dated 30 March 2022 addressed to all companies involved in timber and timber related products registered with STIDC, notified that with effect from 1 April 2022, the STIDC Registration Conditions and Restrictions has been revised. The following is an excerpt of the above-mentioned circular:

This Circular serves to inform all registered companies on the following amendments for:

4.5.3 Importation of Plywood

4.5.3.1 Any registered plywood Importer is allowed to import **any type of plywood** for the specific purpose of value-added processing and local sale.

4.5.3.2 The imported plywood shall not be exported in its original form (must be value-added).

This revision also includes the abolishment of Condition **4.5.4** for the importation of sawn timber and hewn timber from Indonesia.

The 14th Amendment of the Conditions and Restrictions is available on STIDC website, www.sarawaktimber.gov.my.

砂拉越木材工业发展机构(STIDC)于 2022 年 3 月 30 日发布编号1/2022 的注册通告[ref.:STIDC.22.Rg.1.1.1 (31)]。该通告致函于所有与STIDC注册的木材和木材相关产品公司, 通知自 2022 年 4 月 1 日起STIDC 注册条件和限制已被修订。上述通函的摘录如英文版所列。

Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak (STIDC) melalui Pekeliling Pendaftaran Bil. 1/2022 dengan nombor rujukan STIDC.22.Rg.1.1.1 (31) bertarikh 30 Mac 2022 kepada semua syarikat terlibat dengan kayu dan produk berkaitan kayu yang berdaftar dengan STIDC, dimaklumkan berkuatkuasa 1 April 2022, Syarat dan Sekatan Pendaftaran STIDC telah disemak semula. Petikan dari pekeling adalah seperti yang dinyatakan dalam artikel ini.

STA Photography Contest 2022

STA is organising its second photography contest in collaboration with the Sarawak Photo-Art Society (SPAS) themed “*The World Through Macro Lens: Flora & Fauna of Sarawak*” capturing the close up beauty of either flora and fauna found in the forests of Sarawak from **1 May 2022 to 30 June 2022**. This contest is open to the public and free of charge.

All avid photographers and nature lovers are invited to join the contest and submit your best shots and you could stand a chance to win recognition and great prizes.

The prizes for the contest are detailed as below:

1st Prize	: RM3,000.00 + Plaque
2nd Prize	: RM1,500.00 + Plaque
3rd Prize	: RM1,000.00 + Plaque
10 Consolation Prizes	: RM200.00 each

The contest and its entry form containing terms & conditions are available for download in STA website at www.sta.org.my. Interested photographers may contact Mr Law Hui Chau at telephone number 082-332222 or email huichau@sta.org.my.

STA menganjurkan pertandingan fotografinya yang ke-2 dengan kerjasama Persatuan Seni Foto Sarawak (SPAS) bertemakan “*Dunia Menerusi Lensa Makro: Flora & Fauna Sarawak*” yang merakamkan kecantikan sama ada flora atau fauna di dalam hutan Sarawak secara dekat bermula 1 Mei 2022 sehingga 30 Jun 2022.

Pertandingan dan borang penyertaan serta terma dan syaratnya boleh dimuat turun daripada laman web STA di www.sta.org.my.

本会与砂拉越摄影艺术协会(SPAS)合作举办第二届摄影比赛，主题为“微距镜头下的世界：砂拉越的动植物群”，捕捉砂拉越森林中的动植物的近距离美景，比赛日期从2022年5月1日至2022年6月30日。比赛及其包含条款和条件的报名表可在本会官网 www.sta.org.my 下载。

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*The World Through Macro Lens:
Flora & Fauna of Sarawak*

Share your awesome talents with us !

Closing Date
30 June 2022

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Please contact Mr Law Hui Chau (082-332 222) of STA for inquiries

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APRIL 2022

OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAMME

Skills training in forestry activities have been designed to provide forest workmen with basic knowledge and practical skills required to work safely in the forests. It helps to create awareness on the environment, sustainable forest management as well as occupational safety and health.

STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT) functions to provide skills training for the five (5) prescribed forestry activities (PFAs) as listed in Schedule 1 of *The Forests (Trained Workmen) Rules, 2015*, and non-PFAs. The skills training offered by STAT are open to the industry. Presently, there are twelve (12) skills sets offered by STAT.

For this month, STAT conducted operator training programmes on the ground and online as follows:



Skills set: Breaking Out – Cable Hauler (Forest Plantation)
Activity: "Wire rope splicing for cable hauler harvesting operation"



Participant demonstrating "bore cut" cutting technique at Pila Camp, Kapit.

Tree Felling- Chainsaw (Natural Forest); Log Extraction- Tractor (Natural Forest) & Mechanical Site Preparation- Excavator (Forest Plantation)

Date : 12 - 17 April 2022
Location : Pila Camp, Kapit
STAT Trainer/Assessor : Mr Denis Aman and Mr Ngumbang Bayang
Company : Ironwall Sdn Bhd

Mechanical Site Preparation- Excavator (Forest Plantation)

Date : 18 - 22 April 2022
Location : Pasin Camp, Song
STAT Trainer/Assessor : Mr Ngumbang Bayang
Company : Ironwall Sdn Bhd



Participant conducting checks on fire extinguisher during a practical training at Pasin Camp, Song.



Participants at Bina Camp, Kapit attending the online operator training programme.

Tree Felling- Chainsaw (Natural Forest); Tree and Log Identification

Date : 19 – 20 April 2022
Location : Bina Camp, Kapit (online)
STAT Trainer/Assessor : Mr Ginda Uli, Mr Kutok Bayang, Mr Sumbang Rani & Mr Sang Sanjan
Company : Jaya Tiasa Holdings Berhad

STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT), a subsidiary company of STA, offers training to workmen in the forestry and timber industry. STAT is the appointed training provider under *The Forests (Trained Workmen) Rules, 2015*



Wishing all Members and Readers

Salam Aidilfitri

maaf zahir dan batin

*From the Chairman, Council Members,
Management and staff of STA,
STA Enterprises Sdn Bhd, STA Mutual Sdn Bhd and
STA Training Sdn Bhd*

Pengerusi, Ahli-ahli Majlis, pihak Pengurusan dan kakitangan STA,
STA Enterprises Sdn Bhd, STA Mutual Sdn Bhd dan
STA Training Sdn Bhd ingin mengucapkan
Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri
kepada semua ahli-ahli STA dan para pembaca

本会主席，理事会，管理委员会，秘书处，
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