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UNIMAS Students' Visit to STA

On 13 June 2025, STA welcomed a study visit from seventeen (17) second-year students enrolled in the Wood Science and Technology course at the Faculty of Resource Science and Technology, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, led by Professor Dr. Wong Sin Yeng.

The visit aimed to provide the students with insights into the roles and functions of STA, while deepening their understanding of the forestry and timber industry in Sarawak. It formed part of their academic learning under the ongoing course.

The visit started with a comprehensive briefing delivered by Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA, who provided an overview of the Association's roles and responsibilities, as well as key insights into Sarawak's timber industry. The session also touched on various aspects including STA's structure and functions, Sarawak's forest resources and export performance, forest governance and certification efforts, Malaysia's sustainability commitments and current challenges faced by the industry, highlighting STA's ongoing efforts to support sustainable forest management.



Professor Dr. Wong (seated 2nd from the right), Ms Annie Ting (seated 3rd from the right) together with the students and staff members from the STA Secretariat

During the question and answer session, the students actively engaged with thoughtful questions on the roles and functions of STA, its research and development initiatives and broader topics such as climate change, carbon trading, forest plantation, the use of bamboo as an alternative natural resource and community engagement.

Some of the students later returned for a guided tour of the STA Exhibition Centre at Level 4 of Wisma STA. The Centre serves as an educational and promotional hub, offering insights into Sarawak's forestry and timber industry through interactive touch screens and multimedia displays.

Individuals interested to visit the Centre can walk in on Monday to Friday from 9am to 12pm and 2pm to 4pm.

Pada 13 Jun 2025, STA telah menerima lawatan sambil belajar daripada sekumpulan pelajar UNIMAS yang mengikuti pengajian Sains dan Teknologi Kayu. Lawatan tersebut merangkumi taklimat oleh Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif STA, sesi Soal Jawab dan lawatan ke Pusat Pameran yang menawarkan maklumat mengenai sektor perhutanan dan industri perkayuan di Sarawak, usaha kelestarian dan perkembangan berkaitan.

本会于2025年6月13日为马来西亚砂拉越大学木材科学与技术课程的学生举办学习访问。此次访问活动包括由本会首席执行官主讲的简报会、互动问答环节，以及参观展览中心，使学生能够深入了解砂拉越的林业、木材工业、可持续发展努力及相关工业发展。



Group photo with the visiting students at STA Exhibition Centre



Professor Dr. Wong presenting a book entitled "Conserving the Gems of Upper Balleh" to Ms Annie Ting as a token of appreciation

STA Carbon Committee Meeting No. 3/2025



Mr Zion Kong, Chairman of STA Carbon Committee (3rd from left) chaired the meeting and led the discussion

Mr Zion Kong Yik Seng, Chairman of STA Carbon Committee convened a committee meeting on 10 June 2025 at Wisma STA, Kuching to review and

deliberate on the draft methodologies for Improved Forest Management (IFM) and Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD), developed by the Malaysia Forest Fund (MFF) for the Malaysia Forest Carbon Offset (FCO) Programme. The Committee's objective was to consolidate technical perspectives and ensure the methodologies reflect operational realities, particularly within the context of Sarawak's forest management framework.

The FCO Programme, a national initiative under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability through the MFF, is designed to incentivise forest conservation and climate action through market-based

mechanisms. To guide its development, MFF has established a Technical Working Group (TWG) comprising representatives from government, industry and subject matter experts, with STA representing the timber industry in Sarawak.

During the meeting, members focused their discussion on the IFM and REDD methodologies, the two (2) core areas identified as priority for STA's engagement. Several key recommendations were put forward, including the need to clarify the recognition of both conventional and sustainable timber harvesting practices, as well as a call for more practical and locally grounded definitions. The committee also emphasised the need for clear, consistent and contextually relevant criteria to uphold the integrity and applicability of the FCO Programme within Sarawak's forest landscape that reflects both local context and international best practices.

Following the meeting, the committee's consolidated comments were finalised and submitted to MFF for consideration in the next stage of methodology refinement.

Pada 10 Jun 2025, Encik Zion Kong Yik Seng, Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Karbon STA telah mengadakan mesyuarat untuk meneliti draf metodologi Penambahbaikan Pengurusan Hutan (IFM) dan Pengurangan Pelepasan dari Penyahhutan dan Kerosotan Hutan (REDD) di bawah Program Pengimbangan Karbon Hutan Malaysia. Jawatankuasa tersebut telah membincangkan isu-isu khusus berkaitan Sarawak dan mencadangkan penambahbaikan yang praktikal bagi memastikan ianya sejajar dengan amalan hutan di Sarawak serta selaras dengan piawaian antarabangsa.

本会碳委员会主席江义声先生于2025年6月10日召开会议，以审议马来西亚森林碳抵消计划下的改善森林管理(IFM)和减少毁林和森林退化所致排放量(REDD)方法的草案。委员会讨论砂拉越的具体问题，并提出务实的改进措施，以确保与砂拉越的森林实践保持一致，同时符合国际标准。

Focus Group Discussion No.2 on the TLAS Strengthening Study

A second Focus Group Discussion was convened on 23 June 2025 at Raia Hotel and Convention Centre, Kuching, as part of the preparation for the draft final report of the "Study on Strengthening Malaysia's Timber Legality Assurance System (TLAS)". The study is commissioned by the Ministry of Plantation and Commodities through the Malaysian Timber Industry Board and undertaken by the appointed consultant, 27 Advisory Sdn Bhd.

The session was attended by representatives from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Urban Development, Forest Department Sarawak, Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation, Harwood Timber Sdn Bhd, and STA. During the discussion, the consultant presented key findings on gaps and opportunities observed along the timber trade value chain, and assessed the digital maturity levels of TLAS processes across Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah, and Sarawak.

To strengthen the national TLAS framework, the consultant proposed the adoption of a common baseline standard that could be accepted and

implemented across all states and regions. They also outlined priority areas identified through the business requirements study and proposed initiatives to address systemic and operational challenges within the timber value chain.

Stakeholders from Sarawak raised several concerns regarding the draft report, particularly the introduction of the proposed "platinum" framework, which requires the exclusion of third-party dispute claims from licensed areas. This requirement contradicts the State's laws and regulations, which only recognise gazetted areas. The stakeholders cautioned that such framework could create market confusion, undermine the credibility of existing regional TLAS systems and increase costs.

Stakeholders strongly advocated for the establishment of a formal mutual

recognition mechanism among the three regions and emphasised the importance of recognising the unique legal and institutional frameworks of each region. Additionally, they recommended establishing a transparent, tiered data-sharing framework agreed upon by all stakeholders.

Perbincangan Kumpulan Fokus kedua mengenai kajian Sistem Jaminan Kesahan Kayu (TLAS) Malaysia telah diadakan pada 23 Jun 2025 di Kuching bagi membincangkan jurang dan cabaran berkaitan aspek kesahan kayu di seluruh wilayah. Wakil-wakil daripada Sarawak menyuarakan kebimbangan terhadap rangka kerja "platinum" dan menggesa pengiktirafan bersama di antara Wilayah. Mereka turut menyeru kepada penyelarasan sistem serantau, naratif nasional yang bersepadu serta pendekatan perkongsian data yang telus dengan mengambil kira autonomi Negeri dan kepelbagaian perundangan.

马来西亚木材合法性保证系统(TLAS)强化研究项目的第二次焦点小组讨论于2025年6月23日在古晋举行，解决各区域在木材合法性方面所面对的差距与挑战。砂拉越代表们对“白金”框架表示关注并敦促区域之间的互认机制。他们主张建立区域体系之间的互认机制，统一的国家叙事，并在尊重州属的自主权和法律多样性的前提下，推行透明的数据共享方式。



Group photo

Courtesy Visit by the Department of Occupational Safety and Health, Sarawak

On 5 June 2025, Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA received a courtesy visit from the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) Sarawak. The delegation was led by Mr Prasad A/L Spor Maoiman, DOSH Sarawak's Head of Enforcement Section.

During the visit, both parties exchanged perspectives and discussed potential collaboration activities to improve the safety and health standards within the logging industry. Ms Ting shared past collaboration activities between STA and DOSH Sarawak, such as safety campaigns, the train-the-trainer programme and seminars, which have strengthened workplace safety and health while reducing the occurrence of work-related accidents.



Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA (3rd from left), receives a memento from Mr Prasad A/L Spor Maoiman, Head of Enforcement Section of DOSH Sarawak, as members of the DOSH delegation and STA officers look on

Pada 5 Jun 2025, Cik Annie Ting, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif STA menerima kunjungan hormat Jabatan Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerja (JKKP) Sarawak yang diketuai oleh Encik Prasad A/L Spor Maoiman, Ketua Bahagian Penguatkuasaan. Kedua-dua pihak membincangkan potensi kerjasama untuk meningkatkan keselamatan dan kesihatan dalam industri pembalakan sambil mengimbas kembali usaha bersama seperti kempen keselamatan, seminar, dan program latihan yang telah membantu mengurangkan kemalangan di tempat kerja.

2025年6月5日，本会首席执行官陈燕贞小姐接待由砂州职场安全与卫生局(DOSH)执法组主管普拉萨德先生率领的礼节性访问代表团。双方讨论加强伐木业安全和卫生的潜在合作，同时也回顾过去有助于减少职场事故方面的合作努力，例如安全活动、研讨会和培训计划等。

STA Training Supports National Training Week 2025 through Sector-Specific Courses

The Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp), in collaboration with the Ministry of Human Resources (KESUMA), organised the National Training Week (NTW) from 14 to 21 June 2025 under the theme "Learning Beyond Borders". The event, held in conjunction with the ASEAN Year of Skills 2025, aimed to foster regional cooperation and promote inclusive skills development across ASEAN member states.

The NTW 2025 was officially launched by the Prime Minister, Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim on 14 June 2025 at Bukit Jalil National Stadium, Kuala Lumpur. In his address, the Prime Minister underlined the importance of upskilling and reskilling as key enablers of Malaysia's economic resilience, growth and regional competitiveness.

This year's NTW offered over 70,000 free training opportunities to ASEAN citizens through a diverse range of delivery modes, including in-person sessions, live online training, hybrid coaching and self paced e-learning. Supported by more than 1,500 course providers, the programme collectively recorded over 12.3 million learning hours. The broad spectrum of training courses covered digital skills, green technology, leadership and advanced manufacturing, creating a one-stop platform for individuals and industry players to pursue upskilling and reskilling pathways. Importantly, all courses were offered at no cost, reflecting the initiative's commitment to inclusivity and equitable access to lifelong learning.

As an official partner of NTW 2025, STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT), as the training arm of STA, actively participated by delivering five (5) sector-specific online training courses from 19 to 20 June 2025. These courses, conducted by STAT's experienced

trainers, focused on critical technical and environmental areas within the forestry sector, including log extraction using tractor, tree and log identification, log loading using front end loader, tree felling using chainsaw and environmental compliance audit.

These sessions served as an entry points for participants to explore the subject matter and those interested in pursuing in-depth knowledge or obtaining certification are encouraged to enrol in STAT's full training programmes. For further details on the trainings offered by STAT, please contact 082-332222 or email stat-training@sta.org.my.

STA Training Sdn Bhd, cabang latihan di bawah STA telah menyertai Minggu Latihan Kebangsaan 2025 dengan menyampaikan 5 kursus asas dalam talian yang tertumpu kepada topik berkaitan perhutanan dan alam sekitar. Kursus tersebut merangkumi penarikan balak, pengedaran pokok dan balak, pemuatan balak, penebangan pokok dan pematuhan alam sekitar, sekaligus menyumbang kepada pembangunan tenaga kerja dan kelestarian.

Acara tersebut dianjurkan oleh HRD Corp dan Kementerian Sumber Manusia, dengan menawarkan lebih 70,000 peluang latihan percuma di seluruh ASEAN, selaras dengan Tahun Kemahiran ASEAN.

STA Training 有限公司作为本会旗下的培训机构，于2025年全国培训周(NTW 2025)期间开设五项以林业与环境为主题的基础线上课程，内容涵盖原木采运、树木与原木识别、原木装载、伐木作业及环境合规，为劳动力发展与可持续性做出贡献。

由人力资源发展机构(HRD Corp)与人力资源部(KESUMA)联合主办，该活动响应东盟技能年倡议，向整个东盟地区提供逾70,000个免费培训机会。

"STAT's Trainers"

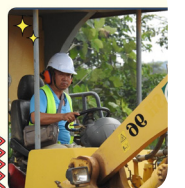
delivered virtual training during the National Training Week 2025



Mr Sang Sanjan presented training on procedures for starting the loading machine

TATACARA UNTUK MENGHIDUPKAN JENTERA PEMUAT

- Duduk & atur kerusi mengikut kesesuaian
- Pastikan alat kawalan dalam keadaan neutral
- Pemanasan enjin lebih kurang 2-3 minit
- Menguji peralatan kawalan untuk memastikan ia berfungsi & selamat digunakan



Mr Kutok Bayang presented training on identifying and managing hazards in logging operations

MENGENALPASTI & MENGURUS BAHAYA DALAM OPERASI PENEBAHAN

- ORANG & OPERASI LAIN
- HAIWAN
- JALAN RAYA
- BAHAYA ALAM SEKITAR
- BENTUK MUKA BUMI
- BELUKAR YANG TEBAL



Mr Sumbang Rani presented training on terminology used in identifying the outer bark of logs

TERMINOLOGI YANG DIGUNAKAN DALAM MENGENALPASTI KULIT LUAR KAYU BALAK

- Papery Outer Bark
- Kulit Luar Berkeras/ Kalkertis
- Calam
- Ulah
- Geronggang

Batang pokok dengan pecahan kulit mati berbentuk silindrik yang tersusun secara tidak seragam di batang



Mr Ginda Uli presented training on the identification and methods for managing hazards

KENALPASTI DAN CARA-CARA MENGURUS BAHAYA

BAHAYA-BAHAYA DALAM OPERASI HUTAN

- BAHAYA OPERASI
- Mesin dan peralatan
- Alat-alat untuk pekerjaan tangan
- Pakaian keselamatan yang tidak lengkap
- Bahan kimia dan perkakas pekerjaan
- Gergaji berantai



Malaysian Timber Association (MTA) Executive Committee Meeting No. 3/2025 and Annual General Meeting

The President, Mr George Yap, chaired his last Malaysian Timber Association (MTA) Executive Committee Meeting No 3/2025 on 30 June 2025 at Menara PGRM, Kuala Lumpur.

During the meeting, Executive Committee members received reports and engaged in in-depth discussions on current issues being addressed by MTA sub-committees and working groups.

Key evolving issues under deliberation include:

- Environmental and social concerns in the timber industry
- The development of a national paper on Industrial Tree Plantations
- The European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) Coalition
- Audit requirements under the Bureau of Indian Standards
- The proposed listing of tropical timber species under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
- The imposition of US tariffs on timber product imports
- The implementation and strengthening of the Timber Legality Assurance System (TLAS)

These discussions reflect MTA's ongoing commitment to sustainable practices, regulatory compliance, and the promotion of Malaysia's timber industry in the face of evolving global standards and challenges.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held immediately thereafter. As it was an election year, members elected the new office-bearers and committee members for the upcoming term. The AGM adopted the Executive Committee's report on the Association's activities for the year 2024, as well as the Honorary Treasurer's report and the audited financial statements for the same period. Additionally, the AGM approved the re-appointment of the current auditor and three (3) officers in accordance with Section

9(b) of the Societies Act 1966 for the ensuing two-year term (2025–2026).



Immediate Past President Mr George Yap (right) passed the Petrified Wood – "The Torch of MTA" to the newly elected President Mr Tan Peng Juan (left)

In his closing remarks, outgoing President, Mr George Yap expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all members for their unwavering support throughout his two-year tenure. He officially handed over the leadership to the newly elected President, Mr Tan Peng Juan, along with the incoming office bearers.

The newly elected office bearers and committee members of MTA for the year 2025 and 2026 are:-

President:	Sabah Timber Industries Association Mr Tan Peng Juan
Vice President:	Association of Malaysian Bumiputra Timber & Furniture Entrepreneurs Haji Faroshamon Naizamohideen
Honorary Secretary:	Malaysian Wood Industries Association Mr Ng Kay Yip
Honorary Treasurer:	Sarawak Timber Association Ms Annie Ting Yien Ding
Committee Members:	Malaysian Furniture Council Mr Tan Boon Hai
	Malaysian Wood Moulding & Joinery Council Mr Ng Boon Kuan
	Timber Association of Sabah Mr Norman Wong Shew Yam
	The Malaysian Panel-Products Manufacturers' Association Datuk Chua Hock Gee
	The Timber Exporter's Association of Malaysia Mr Chua Soon Fong

Members also recorded their deep appreciation to Mr George Yap for his exemplary leadership and wise stewardship of the Association during his term as MTA President.

Congratulations

STA would like to congratulate Mr Tan Peng Juan on his election as MTA President.

Persatuan Perkayuan Malaysia (MTA) telah mengadakan Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Eksekutifnya Bil. 3/2025 pada 30 Jun 2025, dipengerusikan oleh Presiden terdekatnya, Encik George Yap. Isu utama yang dibincangkan termasuk kemampanan, Peraturan Penyahutanan Kesatuan Eropah (EUDR), tarif AS dan Sistem Jaminan Kesahan Kayu (TLAS). Encik Tan Peng Juan telah dipilih sebagai Presiden baharu semasa AGM, yang turut menerima pakai aktiviti dan laporan kewangan 2024, melantik semula juruaudit, dan mengesahkan pegawai untuk penggal 2025–2026.

马来西亚木业联合会(MTA)于2025年6月30日召开本年度第三次执行委员会会议，并由其即将卸任的主席叶展宏先生主持。会议讨论的主要议题包括可持续性、欧盟无毁林法规(EUDR)、美国关税以及木材合法性保证系统(TLAS)。在年度大会中，陈鼎元先生当选为新任主席，会议也通过2024年常年活动和财务报告、重新任命审计员，并确认2025 - 2026年度的委员会会员。

MTCC Hosts 26th Annual General Meeting

On 26 June 2025, the Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) convened its 26th Annual General Meeting (AGM) at its headquarters in Kuala Lumpur. The meeting was chaired by Datuk Wetrom Bahanda, Chairman of MTCC.

Key highlights of the AGM included the adoption of the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024, as well as the presentation and endorsement of the MTCC Annual Report 2024. The report showcased notable achievements and ongoing efforts to enhance sustainable forest management under the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS).

During the meeting, members expressed growing concern over the rising costs of maintaining forest certification, citing limited market incentives and inadequate pricing mechanisms that fail to reflect the true value of certified timber. This ongoing challenge underscores the urgent need for stronger recognition and support from both government and industry to ensure the long-term sustainability of certified forestry practices.

Despite these challenges, all member organisations reaffirmed their shared commitment to advancing responsible forest certification and promoting sustainable practices across Malaysia.



Group photo of MTCC members — seated (from left to right): Mr Mohd Afthar Bin Amir, YB Datuk Wetrom Bahanda, Chairman; Dr Farrah Shameen Mohamad Ashray, Chief Executive Officer; and Ms Annie Ting. Standing (from left to right): Mr Mohamed Azly Bin Yusof, Mr Tan Peng Juan, Mr Azharuzan Mohamad Norizan, and Haji Hamzah Bin Haji Morshidi.

Majlis Pensijilan Kayu Malaysia (MTCC) telah mengadakan AGM ke-26 pada 26 Jun 2025 di ibu pejabatnya di Kuala Lumpur, dipengerusikan oleh Datuk Wetrom Bahanda. Ahli menerima pakai penyata kewangan teraudit 2024 dan Laporan Tahunan yang menonjolkan kemajuan dalam pengurusan hutan lestari di bawah MTCS. Kebimbangan telah dibangkitkan mengenai peningkatan kos pensijilan dan insentif pasaran yang terhad. Semua ahli mengesahkan komitmen mereka untuk memajukan pensijilan hutan yang mampan dan bertanggungjawab di Malaysia.

马来西亚木材认证理事会(MTCC)于2025年6月26日在吉隆坡总部召开第26届年度大会，并由其主席拿督韦特隆巴汉达主持。会员们通过2024年审计的财务报表和年度报告，重点介绍在森林认证认可计划(MTCS)下的可持续森林管理的进展。会员们对持续上涨的认证开支和市场激励措施不足表示关注。所有会员组织重申对推动马来西亚可持续和负责任森林认证的承诺。

Discussion with STIDC on Engineered Wood and Timber Product Standards

A discussion between the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) and STA was held on 11 June 2025 at Wisma STA, Kuching. The session was led by Mr Johari bin Zainuddin, Assistant General Manager (Trade Promotion & Facilitation) of STIDC, and Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA. The meeting focused on the implementation of the Sarawak Engineered Wood Blueprint, which was developed by the Government and to be implemented by STIDC as the designated agency.

Ms Ting reiterated the importance of ensuring the Blueprint is practical and effectively communicated to stakeholders to facilitate the successful implementation of its outlined initiatives. She emphasised the need to

address the sourcing of raw materials, particularly those from planted sources, and urged STIDC to engage with all relevant stakeholders to mitigate challenges related to raw material availability.

Other key points discussed included the downsizing of the plywood industry, which further complicates the implementation of the Blueprint. The session also addressed the challenges of attracting investment in engineered wood and value-added timber products, particularly in light of existing barriers such as limited technical support, unfriendly taxation, high labour system charges, competition for natural forest resources, and emerging carbon trading activities. These factors were identified as significant obstacles to the growth of the value-added timber industry in Sarawak. The provision of targeted incentives was highlighted as a critical factor in encouraging industry participation and driving the successful implementation of the Blueprint.

To support the long-term growth of Sarawak's timber industry, both STIDC and STA agreed to explore strategic and collaborative approaches to address

current and emerging challenges. Among the proposed initiatives was the establishment of a dedicated technical committee, comprising representatives from STIDC, STA, practicing architects, and the Fire and Rescue Department. This committee will serve as a platform for in-depth brainstorming and technical discussions to align industry practices with the regulatory compliances.

Additionally, both parties proposed engaging in a dialogue session with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Urban Development Sarawak to present accurate, evidence-based insights and to collaboratively identify and address the root causes that hinder the development and implementation of engineered wood and value-added timber products in Sarawak. These coordinated efforts aim to ensure a more cohesive, informed, and sustainable development pathway for the industry.



Group photo with Mr Johari bin Zainuddin, Assistant General Manager (Trade Promotion & Facilitation) of STIDC (2nd from back on the right)

Pada 11 Jun 2025, STIDC dan STA membincangkan pelaksanaan Pelan Tindakan Kayu Kejuruteraan Sarawak. STA menekankan aspek kepraktisan, penglibatan pihak berkepentingan dan sumber bahan mentah sebagai elemen penting kepada kejayaan Pelan ini. Antara cabarang yang dibangkitkan termasuklah penurunan pengeluaran papan lapis, sokongan teknikal yang terhad dan halangan pelaburan. Kedua-dua pihak mencadangkan penubuhan jawatankuasa teknikal dan sesi dialog bersama Kementerian Sumber Asli dan Pembangunan Bandar Sarawak untuk menangani isu secara bersama dan menyokong pertumbuhan jangka panjang industry kayu bernilai tambah di Sarawak.

2025年6月11日，砂拉越木材工业发展机构(STIDC)与就会就砂拉越工程木材蓝图进行会谈。本会强调，该蓝图的成功有赖于切实可行的操作、利益相关者的积极参与以及稳定的原材料供应。会谈中提出的挑战包括胶合板产量下降、技术支持不足和投资障碍。为应对这些问题，双方提议成立技术委员会，并与相关政府部门进行对话，共同推动砂拉越增值木材行业的长期发展。

Stamp Duty Exemption for Employment Contracts Signed Before 2025

Effective 1 January 2025, the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM) has strengthened enforcement of the Stamp Duty Act 1949 (Act 378) through the implementation of the Stamp Duty Audit Framework. This move highlights a critical but often overlooked area of compliance involving employment-related documents in accordance with Item 4 of the First Schedule of the Stamp Duty Act 1949.

Under the audit framework, the IRBM will inspect company documents, including employment contracts, offer letters, and transfer letters, dating back three (3) years from 1 January 2025. This retrospective

review has taken many employers by surprise, triggering concerns about potential penalties for non-compliance as follows:

Delay Period	Penalty
After 30 days but within 3 months	RM50 or 10% of the stamp duty, whichever is higher
More than 3 months	RM100 or 20% of the stamp duty, whichever is higher

Considering the large number of employment contract documents involved, the emergence of this issue as a new audit finding, and the significant compliance burden on employers, the IRBM issued a media statement on 6 June 2025 confirming that the Ministry of Finance has taken the following key decisions to provide clarity and mitigate impact on affected employers:

Contract Signing Date	Stamp Duty Requirement	Late Stamping Penalty
Before 1 January 2025	Not required	No penalty
1 January – 31 December 2025	Required (RM10.00 per contract)	No penalty if stamped by 31 December 2025
From 1 January 2026 onwards	Required (RM10.00 per contract)	Penalty applies if later than 30 days from the date of signing

The IRBM also reminded that all employers are required to verify and update all existing and upcoming employment contracts to ensure full compliance with the Stamp Duty Act 1949.

The media statement is also available on the IRBM's official portal for further reference:

https://www.hasil.gov.my/media/o2rlyqib/20250606_kenyataan-media-hasil_pengecualian-pengenaan-ds-untuk-kontrak-penggajian-yang-dimuktamadkan-sebelum-1-januari-2025.pdf

For any inquiries and feedback, please contact IRBM via:

- a) Hasil Contact Centre (HCC) at 03-8911 1000 / 603-8911 1000 (Overseas);
- b) HASiL Live Chat; and
- c) Feedback Form on the official HASiL portal at the quick link <https://maklumbalaspelanggan.hasil.gov.my/Public/>

Berkuat kuasa 1 Januari 2025, Lembaga Hasil Dalam Negeri Malaysia (LHDN) telah menguatkuasakan penyeteman kontrak pekerjaan di bawah Rangka Kerja Audit Duti Setem yang baru diperkenalkan. Untuk mengelakkan penalti retrospektif, majikan mesti memastikan kontrak yang ditandatangani pada tahun 2025 disetem pada 31 Disember 2025. Mulai tahun 2026, kelewatan dalam penyeteman akan dikenakan denda, dan semakin menyeluruh terhadap semua dokumen berkaitan pekerjaan amat disarankan.

自2025年1月1日起，马来西亚内陆税局(IRBM)将根据新实施的印花税审计框架施行雇佣合同盖章的规定。为避免被追溯罚款，雇主须确保所有于2025年签署的雇佣合同于2025年12月31日之前完成盖章。自2026年起，凡逾期盖章的合同将面临罚款。为此，强烈建议雇主全面审查相关雇佣文件，以确保符合要求。

The Sarawak Labour Ordinance (Amendment) Act 2025 & Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Act 2024

The Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) organised a course on 26 June 2025 at the Grand Margherita Hotel, Kuching, to equip employers with a clear understanding of recent legal changes under the Sarawak Labour Ordinance (SLO) Act 2025 and the Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA) 2024.

The course specifically addressed two (2) major legislative updates, particularly the amendments to the Labour Ordinance (Sarawak Cap. 76) introduced through the SLO (Amendment) Act 2025, which came into effect on 1 May 2025, and the PDPA (Amendment) Act 2024.



Datuk Hj Shamsuddin Bardan, MEF Advisor during his presentation on SLO

In his presentation, Datuk Hj Shamsuddin Bardan, MEF Advisor, highlighted that the recent amendments to the SLO are aimed at aligning Sarawak's labour laws with the national Employment Act. One of the most significant changes is the expanded coverage of the SLO to include all employees including those earning more than RM4,000 in a month with the exception of certain provisions. Employee is defined as "any person who has entered into a contract of service, whether by oral or written agreement, express or implied." The revised ordinance also mandates that any individual engaged in service for one (1) month or more, whether part-time, temporary, or apprentice workers, must have a written contract of service to formalise employer-employee relationship.

He also underscored the importance of carefully reviewing existing contracts, drawing a clear distinction between a *contract of service*, which establishes a formal employer-employee relationship, and a *contract for service* which does not.

Datuk Hj Shamsuddin also shared that all wage payments must be made via bank transfer or cheque, subject to the employees' written consent. Among the twelve (12) approved issuers of designated payment instruments include Bayo Pay (M) Sdn Bhd, FINEXUS Card Sdn Bhd, Merchantrade Asia Sdn Bhd, MobilityOne Sdn Bhd, TNG Digital Sdn Bhd, BigPay Malaysia Sdn Bhd, Fass Payment Solutions Sdn Bhd, IME (M) Sdn Bhd, Instapay Technologies Sdn Bhd, Kiplepay Sdn Bhd, managePay Services Sdn Bhd and WorkerzDirect Sdn Bhd.

The session addressed a wide range of important topics, including overtime pay, entitlements for working on public holidays and rest days, as well as benefits related to termination and temporary layoffs. It also touched on shift allowances, the revised 45-hour working hours per week, and various types of leave, namely 98 days of maternity leave, 7 days of paternity leave and a newly introduced distinction between 14 days of sick leave and 60 days of hospitalisation leave. He concluded by noting that the penalty for non-compliance with the provisions of the Ordinance have been significantly increased from RM10,000 to RM50,000 per offence.



Dato' Hj Jalaldin Hussain, Senior Principal Consultant – Industrial Relations MEF engaged participants with a comprehensive overview of the latest regulatory changes affecting data privacy and employer responsibilities

Dato' Hj Jalaldin Hussain, Senior Principal Consultant – Industrial Relations at MEF, delivered a comprehensive session on the PDPA 2024. He provided an in-depth overview of Malaysia's updated legal framework for the protection of personal data, highlighting key amendments such as the expanded definitions of personal and sensitive data, strengthened obligations for data users and the introduction of mandatory data breach notifications.

Dato' Hj Jalaldin also shared about the seven (7) core data protection principles such as the general, notice and choice, disclosure, security, retention, data integrity and access, as well as their practical application across different organisational contexts.

The course also covered key areas such as the development of internal data protection policies, the appointment of Data Protection Officer (DPO), the management of cross-border data transfers, and the implementation of data breach response procedures. The DPO registration module is accessible via the Personal Data Protection System <https://www.pdp.gov.my/> and is operational starting 24 June 2025.

Pada 26 Jun 2025, Persekutuan Majikan-Majikan Malaysia (MEF) mengadakan kursus di Kuching untuk memberi taklimat kepada majikan mengenai pindaan utama di bawah Ordinan Buruh Sarawak dan Akta Perlindungan Data Peribadi (PDPA) 2024. Sesi itu merangkumi liputan pekerja yang diperluas, kontrak bertulis mandatori, waktu kerja yang disemak dan penalti yang dinaikkan. Ianya juga menangani prinsip perlindungan data peribadi, keperluan pemberitahuan pelanggaran, dan pelantikan Pegawai Perlindungan Data, menawarkan panduan praktikal untuk memastikan pematuhan undang-undang di bawah rangka kerja pengawalseliaan yang dikemas kini.

马来西亚雇主联合会(MEF)于2025年6月26日在古晋举办课程,为雇主解说砂拉越劳动法以及2024年个人数据保护法令(PDPA)的主要修订内容。该课程涵盖扩大雇员覆盖范围、强制书面合同、修改的工作时长以及增加罚款等课题。其中也包括个人数据保护原则、违规通知要求以及任命数据保护负责人,提供实用指导,以确保在更新后的监管框架下符合法律规定。

Meeting of NSC 22 Technical Committee 1 - Timber

The members of Technical Committee 1 - Timber, being one of the technical committees under the National Standards Committee (NSC) 22 - Timber, Timber Products and Timber Structures, met virtually for the first time this year on 24 June 2025. The meeting was chaired by its Chairman, Prof Dato' Dr. H'ng Paik San from Universiti Putra Malaysia.

The Department of Standard Malaysia, as the secretariat of NSC 22 Technical Committees, informed the meeting that both the proposed scope for NSC 22/TC 1 and the members' nominations has been approved by NSC 22. The revised scope is now defined as **"Standardisation in the field of specifications and testing of round logs, sawn and processed timber, including aspects of sustainability and renewability, chain of custody, tree and/or timber tracking and measurement."**

Members also reviewed the projects developed and adopted by Technical Committee 1, and took note of the voting activities conducted via the ISOLution Portal for various ISO standards. Additionally, members were informed that Malaysia will not be hosting the meeting of ISO/TC 287, one of the national mirror committees under NSC 22/TC – Timber.

Jawatankuasa Teknikal 1 – Perkayuan, di bawah Jawatankuasa Standard Kebangsaan (NSC) 22, telah mengadakan mesyuarat pertama tahun ini pada 24 Jun 2025, dipengerusikan oleh Prof Dato' Dr H'ng Paik San. Fokus jawatankuasa dikemaskini untuk memberi panduan kepada penggunaan kayu, kualiti, kemampunan dan pengesanan. Jawatankuasa turut menyemak projek semasa, aktiviti pengundian ISO, dan membincangkan keutamaan kerja masa hadapan.

国家木材、木制品与木结构标准委员会(NSC 22)的第一木材技术委员会于2025年6月24日召开本年度首次会议,由拿督方毕山博士主持。技术委员会会员获悉委员会的新工作重点,包括木材的使用、质量、永续性以及追踪。会议也审议正在进行的项目、国际标准化组织(ISO)投票事项并讨论未来工作的优先事项。

Expansion of Sales and Service Tax Framework

As part of its broader fiscal reform strategy, the Ministry of Finance gazetted five (5) key legislative instruments on 9 June 2025, following the announcement made during the tabling of Budget 2025 on 18 October 2024.

These tax reforms are central to the government’s strategy to broaden Malaysia’s tax base, strengthen fiscal sustainability, and increase national revenue, all while avoiding excessive burden on the public. The Minister of Finance has reiterated that the expansion of SST is intended to strengthen the country’s social safety net while maintaining a balanced approach that supports domestic manufacturing, curbs import dependency, and promotes the use of locally produced goods. Essential goods remain exempt from sales tax to reduce the impact on consumers.

The revised Sales and Service Tax (SST) framework, effective 1 July 2025, introduces significant changes that impact all taxable goods and services in Malaysia. The new framework significantly broadens the scope of taxable products, applying a standard 10% sales tax on most goods, unless the goods are:

- specifically exempted under the *Sales Tax (Goods Exempted from Sales Tax) Order 2025*, or
- listed in the First or Second Schedule of the *Sales Tax (Rate of Tax) Order 2025*, in which case a reduced rate of 5% or a specific rate applies.

For example, sawntimber and plywood not exceeding 6mm in thickness, which were previously exempt, will now be subject to a 5% sales tax when sold domestically. In contrast, locally harvested logs will remain exempt as they are still classified as agricultural products, whereas imported logs will be taxed under the revised regime.

Manufacturers already registered for sales tax must begin charging the applicable tax on taxable goods starting 1 July 2025. Unregistered manufacturers are required to register once their taxable sales exceed RM500,000.

Exports of timber products remain exempt from sales tax, in accordance with Schedule A of the *Sales Tax (Persons Exempted from Payment of Tax) Order 2018*. This exemption is intended to maintain the global competitiveness of Malaysian timber exports.

Beyond goods, the scope of service tax has also been significantly expanded. The revised framework now includes previously untaxed sectors such as rental and leasing services, construction services, financial services, private education, private healthcare, and beauty and wellness services.



Mr Mohd Ramdhan bin Musa from the Consultation and Customer Services Sub-Unit of the Internal Tax Division was the speaker of the webinar

Businesses are urged to consult the relevant gazetted Orders to confirm applicable sales tax rates and compliance requirements under the new system. For tariff code classification assistance, businesses may consult the Classification Branch of the Technical Services Division. Full legislation, implementation guidelines and reference materials are available on the MySST portal at mysst.customs.gov.my.

To support affected businesses in navigating these changes, the Internal Tax Division of the Royal Malaysian Customs Department (RMCD) Sarawak organised a Sales and Service Tax Scope Expansion Awareness Webinar on 23 June 2025, with plans for an additional in-depth session in August 2025.

It is important to note that strengthening the country’s fiscal position through the expanded SST should be supported by transparency and strong governance. Striking a balance between the government’s need to increase revenue and ensuring sustainable business growth, without eroding the rakyat’s purchasing power, is crucial. Businesses need to sustain their growth as they are the engine of the economy. Addressing challenges related to revenue management, such as leakages, will help ensure that tax reforms achieve their intended goals.

For further enquiries on SST, businesses may contact the following:

RMCD Headquarters

☎ 03-8323 7406 / 7407 / 7409 / 7412 / 7414 / 7415 / 7416 / 7417
✉ gerak.dasarcp@customs.gov.my

RMCD Sarawak

☎ 082-647854 / 082-647653 / 082-442147 / 082-443825 / 082-647902
✉ y60.sst@customs.gov.my

Pada 9 Jun 2025, Kementerian Kewangan telah mengumumkan kemas kini penting kepada rangka kerja Cukai Jualan dan Perkhidmatan (SST) Malaysia yang akan berkuatkuasa mulai 1 Julai 2025. Rangka kerja yang disemak semula ini memperluaskan skop barangan bercukai dengan mengenakan cukai jualan standard sebanyak 10% ke atas kebanyakan barang, kecuali yang dikecualikan secara khusus atau tertakluk kepada kadar yang dikurangkan. Pengilang, sama ada berdaftar atau tidak, wajib mematuhi peraturan baharu ini, termasuk keperluan pendaftaran apabila jumlah jualan melebihi RM500,000. Bagi memastikan pematuhan yang lancar, perniagaan digalakkan untuk meneliti peraturan yang dikemas kini dan boleh mendapatkan panduan lanjut melalui portal MySST.

财政部(MOF)于2025年6月9日宣布将于2025年7月1日起实施的马来西亚销售与服务税(SST)制度的重大调整。该修改制度扩大应税货品范围,对大多数商品征收10%的标准销售税,除非该商品被特别豁免或适用较低税率。无论注册与否,制造商都必须遵守新规定,包括销售额超过50万令吉就必须注册的要求。为确保顺利合规,鼓励企业尽早审查最新规定,并可通过MySST门户网站获取进一步的指导。

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Innovator Training

The Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) organised the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Innovator Training from 25 to 26 June 2025 at Pusat Latihan YES International Advancement Centre, Kuala Lumpur. The training, facilitated by internationally recognised ESG expert Mr Matthias Gelber, brought together participants from the Ministry of Plantation and Commodities, the Forest Department of Peninsular Malaysia, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), MTCC staff and MTCC’s Board of Directors and members, including STA. The programme aimed to deepen awareness of ESG trends and forestry product innovations at the global level through interactive presentations, workshops, and case discussions.

Mr Gelber emphasised that ESG is no longer merely a compliance exercise but a strategic pathway to creating long-term business value within the forestry and timber sectors. He shared research showing that ESG can drive value through risk reduction, operational efficiency, regulatory readiness, and enhanced stakeholder trust. Notably, he highlighted the role of forests and wood products in carbon management, illustrating how products like mass timber and engineered wood can act as long-term carbon sinks and support low-carbon construction, with examples from companies

such as Stora Enso and Microsoft’s timber-based construction initiatives.

Participants explored practical ESG opportunities within the local context, including decarbonising forestry operations, expanding certified sustainable timber products, and leveraging digital tools to track ESG performance across supply chains.

In conclusion, ESG should be viewed as a core business driver, not a cost burden. Integrating ESG enables companies to access green financing and investment opportunities, capture value from emerging green markets such as carbon credits and mass timber, and actively contribute to climate goals while enhancing competitiveness.

Majlis Pensijilan Kayu Kayan Malaysia (MTCC) mengadakan Latihan Inovator Alam Sekitar, Sosial dan Tadbir Urus (ESG) pada 25–26 Jun 2025 di Kuala Lumpur, diketuai oleh pakar ESG Encik Matthias Gelber. Peserta daripada pelbagai sektor meneroka ESG sebagai pemacu perniagaan strategik, menawarkan peluang pembiayaan hijau, dan daya saing dalam pasaran hijau yang sedang berkembang.

马来西亚木材认证理事会(MTCC)于2025年6月25日至26日在吉隆坡举办环境、社会与治理(ESG)创新者培训,并由ESG专家马蒂亚斯先生主讲。来自各个领域的参与者探讨ESG作为战略业务驱动因素的作用,如何为绿色融资、运营效率及在新兴绿色市场中的竞争力开辟新路径。

MEF East Malaysia (Sarawak) Regional Meeting No. 6/2025

The Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) East Malaysia (Sarawak) Region held its sixth meeting on 24 June 2025, facilitated by Ms Dayang Jamillah binti Tun Abang Muhd Salahuddin, Consultant of Industrial Relations at MEF Sarawak. The meeting featured an informative session on the Progressive Wage Policy (PWP), presented by Ms Norhashimah binti Haron, Principal Assistant Director from the Ministry of Economy (Population & Employment). She highlighted that the PWP is part of a national initiative to reform Malaysia's wage structure and systematically raise workers incomes in support of economic growth. The PWP is voluntary, incentive-based, and linked to productivity.

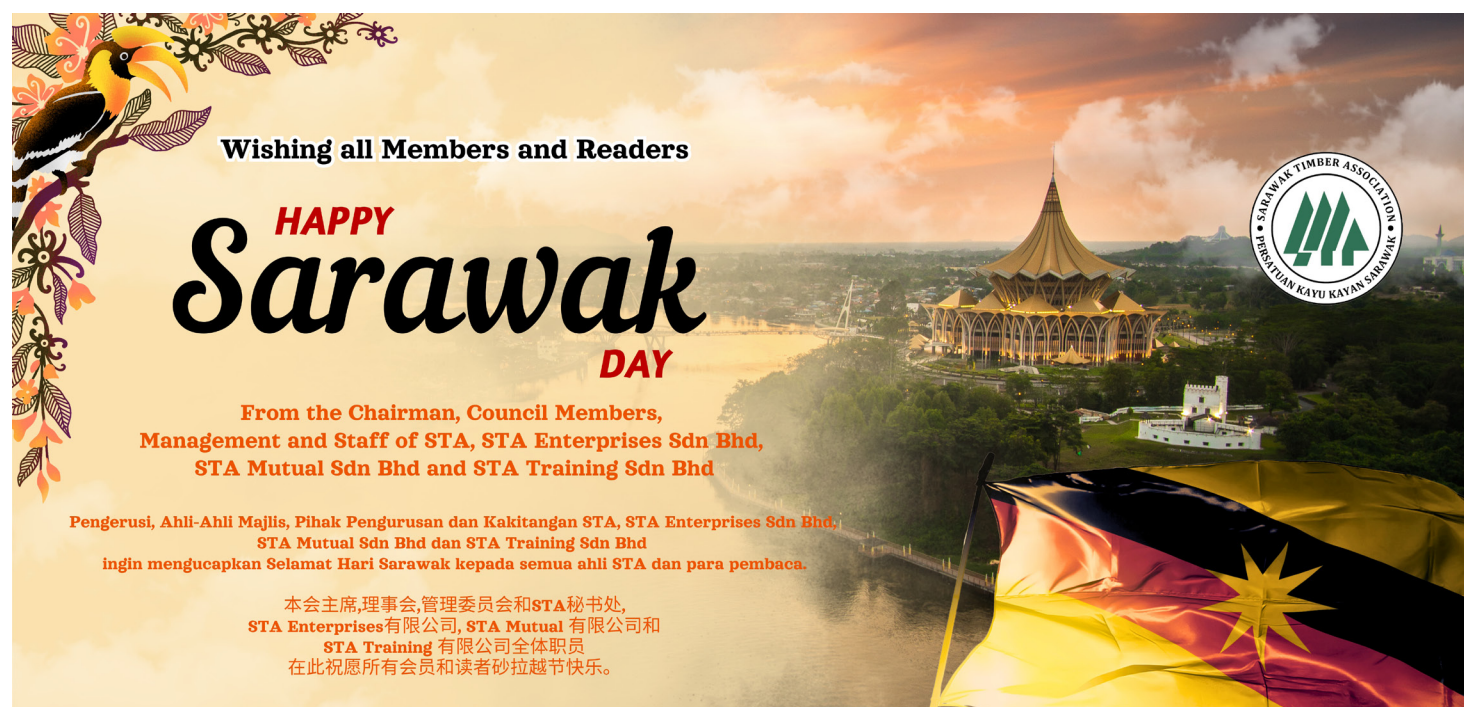
She emphasised that the government has introduced an incentive scheme for employers under the PWP, offering monthly allowances of RM200 for entry-level employees and RM300 for non-entry-level workers. This initiative covers Malaysian workers earning below RM4,999 and applies across all sectors, excluding government-linked companies and multinational corporations. Eligible companies must be registered with the Companies Commission of Malaysia, the Social Security Organisation (PERKESO), and the Employees Provident Fund.

Employers must fulfil several criteria to qualify for the incentive scheme, including compliance with the policy's prescribed salary and increment structure, submission of employee salary data through an online reporting system, and provision of formal confirmation of salary increases under the PWP. Additionally, employees are required to complete compulsory training prior to any incentive payments can be processed.

The incentive is available for a three-year period, from 2025 to December 2027 and is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Employers who wish to participate can complete registration via the official portal at gajiprogresif.gov.my using the employer's PERKESO code.

MEF Wilayah Malaysia Timur (Sarawak) telah mengadakan mesyuarat keenam pada 24 Jun 2025 yang turut menampilkan taklimat mengenai Dasar Gaji Progresif (PWP). Dasar ini bersifat sukarela dan berasaskan insentif, dengan matlamat untuk meningkatkan pendapatan pekerja. Majikan yang layak boleh menerima elaun bulanan bagi pekerja yang memenuhi syarat, tertakluk kepada keperluan pematuhan, dengan insentif ditawarkan dari tahun 2025 hingga 2027 berdasarkan konsep "siapa cepat, dia dapat".

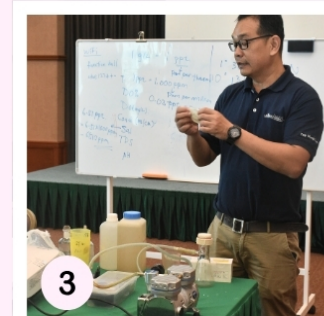
马来西亚雇主联合会(MEF)东马(砂拉越)区域于2025年6月24日召开第六次会议,发表有关渐进式薪资政策(PWP)的简报。该以自愿且激励为基础的政策旨在提高雇员收入。符合条件的雇主在遵守相关规定的前提下,可根据符合资格的雇员领取每月津贴,激励措施将在2025年至2027年期间按照先到先得的原则发放。



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MONITORING TRAINING



The STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT) in collaboration with the Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) and Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) had organised an Environmental Quality Monitoring (EQM) Training from 11 to 12 June 2025 at Wisma STA Kuching. The training was conducted by Associate Professor Dr Tay Meng Guan, an experienced trainer in water sampling and water quality analysis.



The training provided participants with adequate knowledge and hands-on experience in water sampling, handling of equipment and samples, identifying potential sources of contaminants, and the format of reporting. With the implementation of Environmental Compliance Audit (ECA), the water quality will be reported in the Chapter 5 of ECA report, replacing the existing quarterly Environmental Monitoring Reports.

Individuals interested in this training may contact STAT at 082-332222 or email to howchu@sta.org.my



Image Captions:

1. Hands-on practical in water sample collection
2. Group photo with EQM participants. Ms Annie Ting, CEO of STA seated 5th from the right with Mr Mathew Anak Losey from NREB on her right and Associate Professor Dr Tay Meng Guan, EQM Trainer on her left
3. Demonstration of water quality analysis and data interpretation
4. Associate Professor Dr Tay Meng Guan, EQM Trainer demonstrating usage of in-situ water meter probe to determine water quality
5. On-site group photo after completion of hands-on practical

PRODUCTION OF LOGS FROM NATURAL FORESTS BY REGION FROM SARAWAK-
HILL AND SWAMP SPECIES
PENGELUARAN BALAK DARI HUTAN SEMULA JADI MENGIKUT BAHAGIAN DARI SARAWAK - SPESIS HUTAN BUKIT DAN
HUTAN PAYA
砂拉越各区域天然林原木生产量 - 丘陵与沼泽地树种

Region	Mar '25	Mar '24	Apr '25	Apr '24	May '25	May '24	Jan - May '25	Jan - May '24
	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)
Kuching (Hill)	289	---	171	---	---	913	660	1,327
(Swamp)	---	---	958	---	593	---	2,304	---
Sibu (Hill)	20,047	15,419	20,641	26,750	26,026	18,718	100,072	101,923
(Swamp)	1,442	1,608	1,221	1,034	3,550	780	9,298	8,042
Bintulu (Hill)	41,197	64,738	42,910	53,533	56,797	55,567	222,092	282,725
(Swamp)	1,274	2,688	6,558	1,276	4,258	---	14,541	7,117
Miri (Hill)	6,408	7,440	10,823	6,776	8,719	6,836	40,852	36,640
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Kapit (Hill)	42,303	45,939	55,809	50,564	59,798	42,561	224,645	234,096
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Limbang (Hill)	5,231	10,992	8,214	7,786	8,403	4,301	27,458	39,991
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sarikei (Hill)	842	4,140	1,542	1,047	2,645	3,564	5,322	17,818
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sri Aman (Hill)	793	---	429	432	---	---	1,404	432
(Swamp)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Subtotal (Hill)	117,110	148,668	140,539	146,888	162,388	132,460	622,505	714,952
(Swamp)	2,716	4,296	8,737	2,310	8,402	780	26,143	15,159
TOTAL	119,826	152,964	149,276	149,198	170,790	133,240	648,648	730,111

Source of data : Forest Department Sarawak
(Please note that the figures for June 2025 Edition may be subject to change in the next Edition due to revised data from source)

PRODUCTION OF LOGS FROM NATURAL FORESTS BY HILL SPECIES FROM
SARAWAK
PENGELUARAN BALAK DARI HUTAN SEMULA JADI MENGIKUT SPESIS HUTAN BUKIT DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越丘陵地树种之天然林原木生产量

Hill Species	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jan - May '25
	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)
Bindang	204	994	68	2,148	647	4,061
Meranti	40,315	45,233	50,404	63,004	71,461	270,417
Kapur	2,617	3,785	3,246	4,047	4,839	18,534
Keruing	1,824	2,326	2,572	2,864	4,145	13,731
Sepetir	107	141	165	240	222	875
Selangan Batu	1,652	973	1,551	2,469	2,945	9,590
Nyatoh	664	1,036	1,050	1,323	1,622	5,695
Other species	46,148	54,449	58,054	64,444	76,507	299,602
TOTAL:	93,531	108,937	117,110	140,539	162,388	622,505

PRODUCTION OF LOGS FROM NATURAL FORESTS BY SWAMP SPECIES
FROM SARAWAK
PENGELUARAN BALAK DARI HUTAN SEMULA JADI MENGIKUT SPESIS HUTAN PAYA DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越沼泽地树种之天然林原木生产量

Swamp Species	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jan - May '25
	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)
Jongkong	---	6	---	13	18	37
Kapur	27	169	20	596	385	1,197
Keruing	17	24	5	6	26	78
Meranti	217	385	109	599	600	1,910
Other species	3,083	2,361	2,582	7,523	7,372	22,921
TOTAL:	3,344	2,945	2,716	8,737	8,401	26,143

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PRODUCTION OF LOGS FROM INDUSTRIAL FOREST PLANTATION BY REGION FROM SARAWAK
PENGELUARAN BALAK DARI PERLADANGAN HUTAN INDUSTRI MENGIKUT BAHAGIAN DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越各区域工业人工林原木种类生产量

Region		Mar '25	Mar '24	Apr '25	Apr '24	May '25	May '24	Jan - May '25	Jan - May '24
		Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)
Sibu	(ACMG)	3,258	3,442	3,653	6,907	762	8,364	11,237	30,868
	(ALBZ)	---	1,427	1,372	1,081	---	535	4,825	3,755
	(EUCA)	2,054	---	729	---	---	---	2,783	---
	(KLPN)	---	1,303	44	841	---	400	123	4,023
Bintulu	(ACMG)	13,314	58,504	15,733	41,368	15,603	47,749	79,006	251,213
	(ALBZ)	1,986	5,118	3,608	5,595	7,530	9,845	15,076	25,273
	(EUCA)	3,170	1,511	1,510	794	152	2,069	11,324	9,041
	(GMELINA)	---	---	---	---	---	292	---	292
	(KLPN)	---	91	---	144	---	---	---	235
Miri	(ACMG)	7,477	15,050	11,997	15,832	10,411	8,542	40,098	65,741
	(ALBZ)	3,376	1,958	2,977	1,438	4,181	1,336	17,116	8,157
	(EUCA)	6,495	8,662	5,112	8,512	10,386	7,014	29,174	35,362
	(GMELINA)	---	---	---	---	490	---	490	---
	(KLPN)	120	---	---	---	46	---	166	---
Limbang	(ACMG)	---	1,241	---	1,320	---	2,576	---	8,282
Subtotal	(ACMG)	24,049	78,237	31,383	65,427	26,776	67,231	130,341	356,104
	(ALBZ)	5,362	8,503	7,957	8,114	11,711	11,716	37,017	37,185
	(EUCA)	11,719	10,173	7,351	9,306	10,538	9,083	43,281	44,403
	(GMELINA)	---	---	---	---	490	292	490	292
	(KLPN)	120	1,394	44	985	46	400	289	4,258
TOTAL:		41,250	98,307	46,735	83,832	49,561	88,722	211,418	442,242

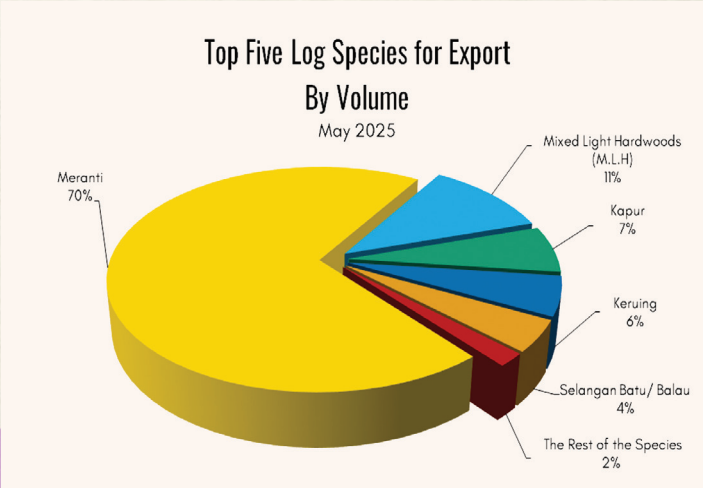
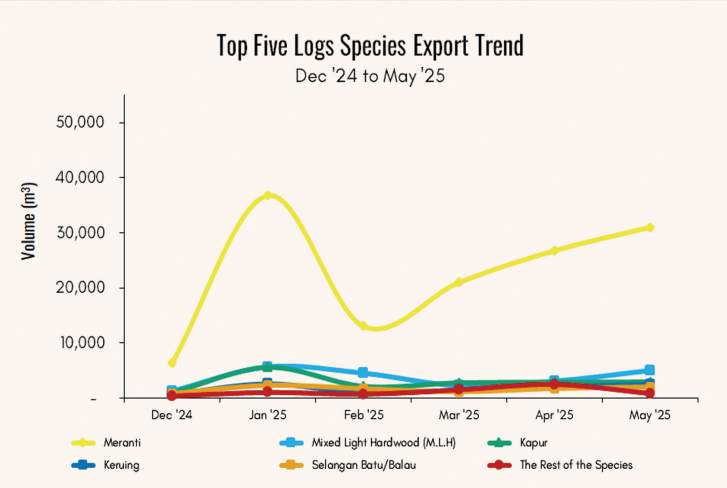
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*ACMG - Acacia mangium ALBZ - Albizia EUCA - Eucalyptus GMELINA - Gmelina arborea KLPN - Kelampayan MHGN - Mahogany

EXPORT OF LOGS BY SPECIES FROM SARAWAK
EKSPORT BALAK MENGIKUT SPESIS DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越原木树种出口量

Species	Mar '25		Apr '25		May '25		Jan - May '25		Jan - May '24	
	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)	Vol (m³)	Val (RM)
Arau	112	142,444	99	116,695	131	151,491	652	784,591	1,227	1,421,966
Kapur	2,799	3,130,974	2,917	3,302,500	2,962	3,199,877	16,462	18,208,597	20,942	23,646,108
Keranjii	---	---	4	2,599	102	56,679	319	189,282	70	41,814
Keruing	1,454	1,177,251	2,034	1,605,050	2,496	2,072,739	9,498	7,657,564	26,856	20,999,376
Meranti	21,024	15,561,608	26,788	20,724,690	31,032	24,657,019	128,694	96,822,335	132,815	97,871,116
Mersawa	101	90,620	279	240,694	199	178,513	948	833,455	3,281	2,356,077
Mixed Light Hardwoods (M.L.H)	2,245	1,485,552	3,058	1,974,417	4,986	3,197,925	20,439	12,375,749	21,550	13,731,981
Nyatoh	90	54,789	82	48,945	64	38,787	412	243,680	147	97,440
Resak	101	88,350	409	330,480	256	221,024	1,278	1,068,697	1,761	1,539,325
Selangan Batu/Balau	1,170	1,973,787	1,748	2,962,533	2,000	3,208,261	8,900	14,504,117	10,246	16,055,009
Other Species	1,098	1,017,608	1,605	1,510,580	82	70,497	2,962	2,714,444	80	48,857
TOTAL:	30,194	24,722,983	39,023	32,819,183	44,310	37,052,812	190,564	155,402,511	218,975	177,809,069

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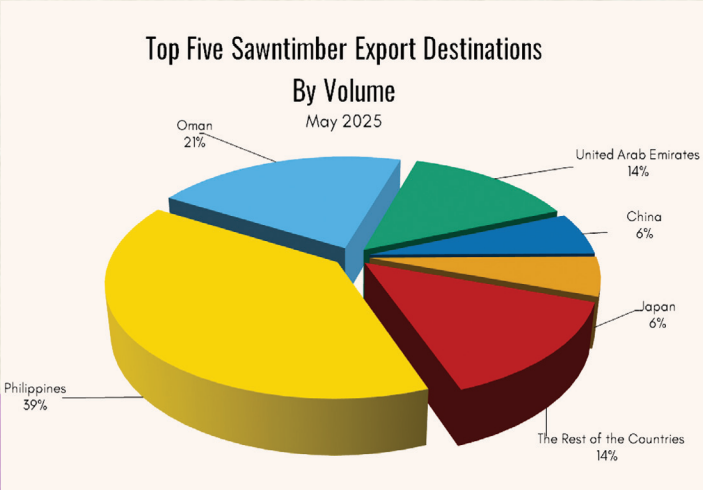
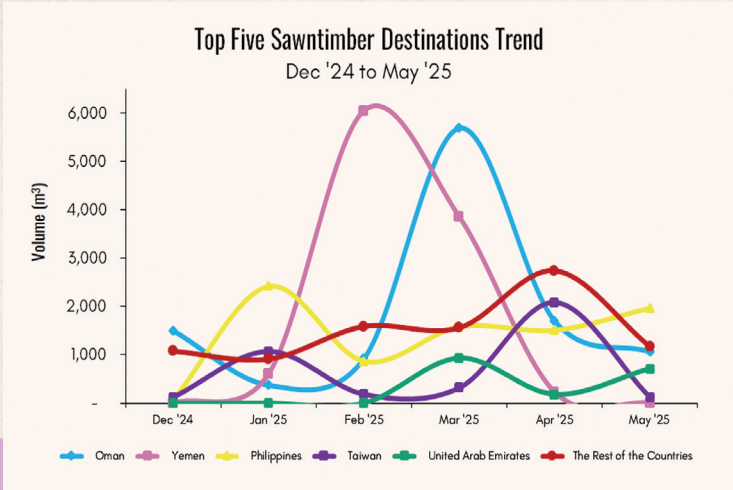


SARAWAK timber trade statistics

EXPORT OF SAWNTIMBER BY DESTINATIONS FROM SARAWAK
EKSPORT KAYU BERGERGAJI MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之锯木出口量

Table with 11 columns: Country of Destination, Mar '25 (Vol, Val), Apr '25 (Vol, Val), May '25 (Vol, Val), Jan - May '25 (Vol, Val), Jan - May '24 (Vol, Val). Rows include China, Japan, Korea, Oman, Philippines, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Other Countries, and a TOTAL row.

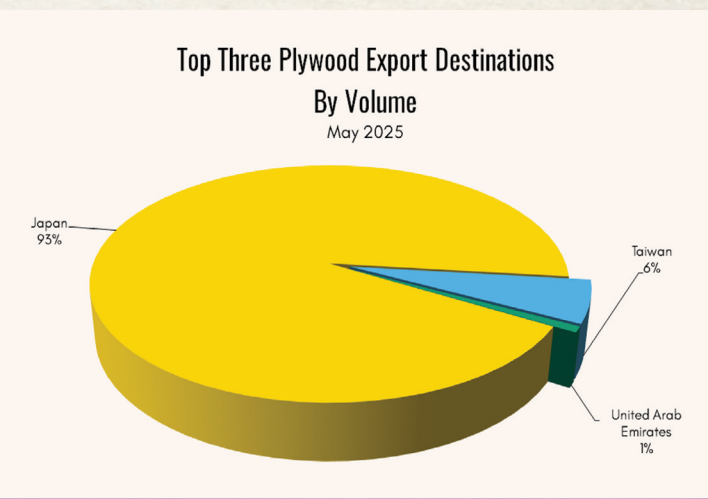
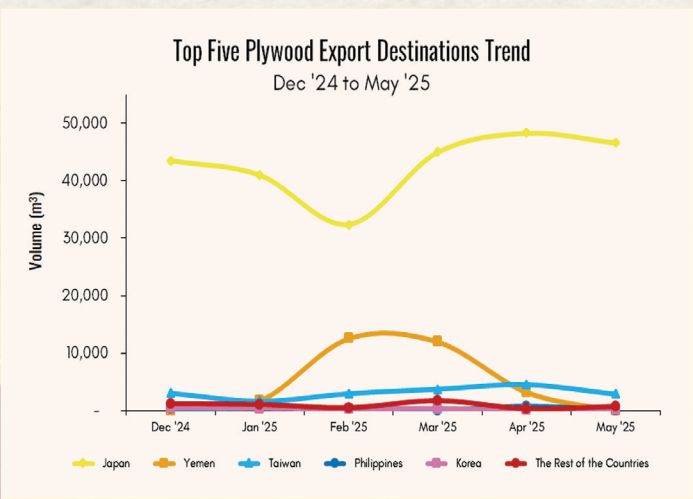
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EXPORT OF PLYWOOD BY DESTINATIONS FROM SARAWAK
EKSPORT PAPAN LAPIS MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之胶合板出口量

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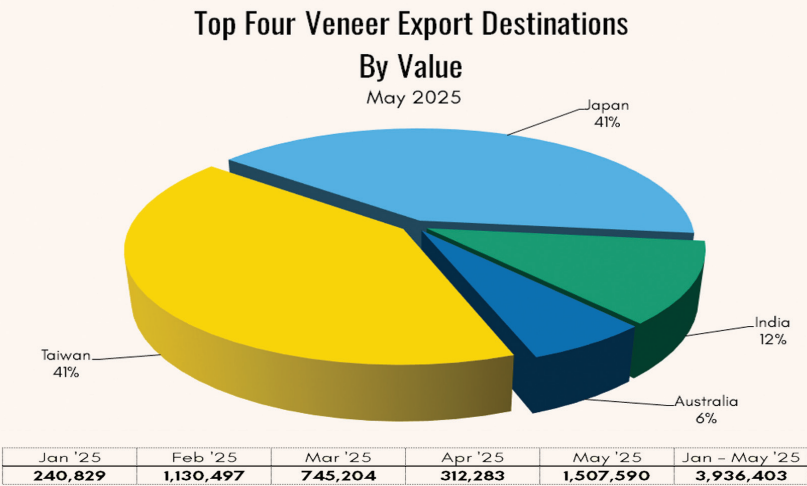
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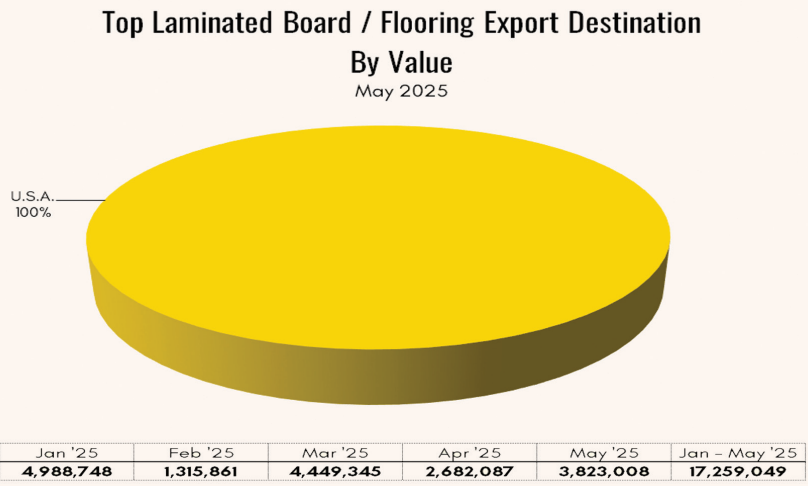
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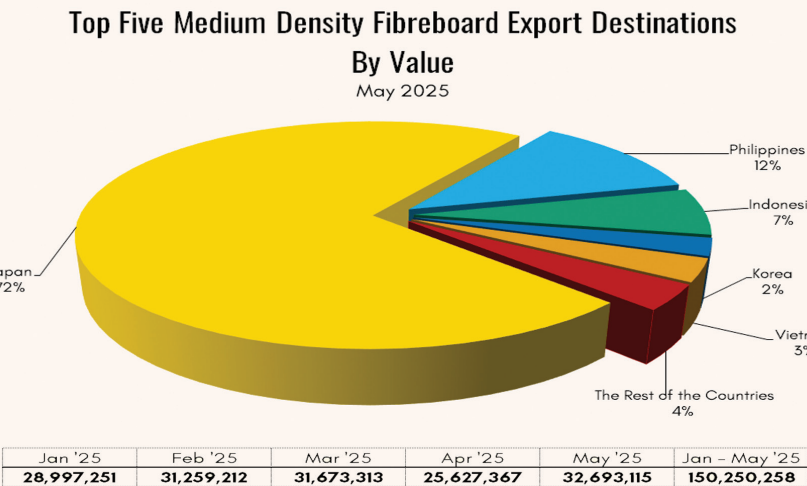
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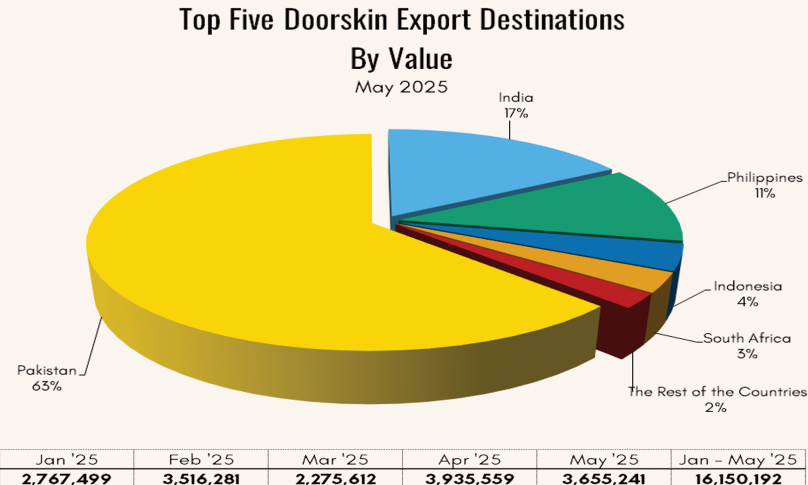
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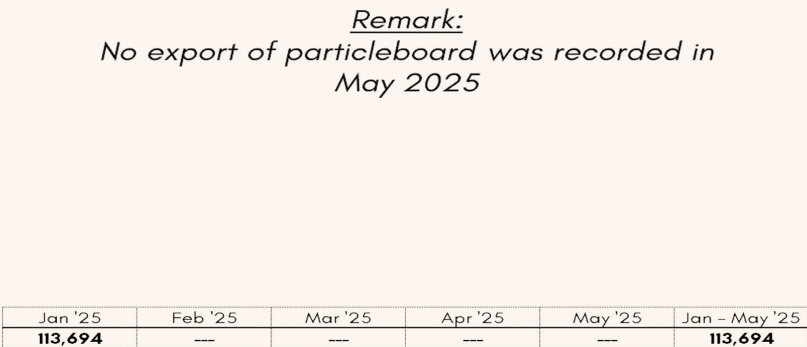
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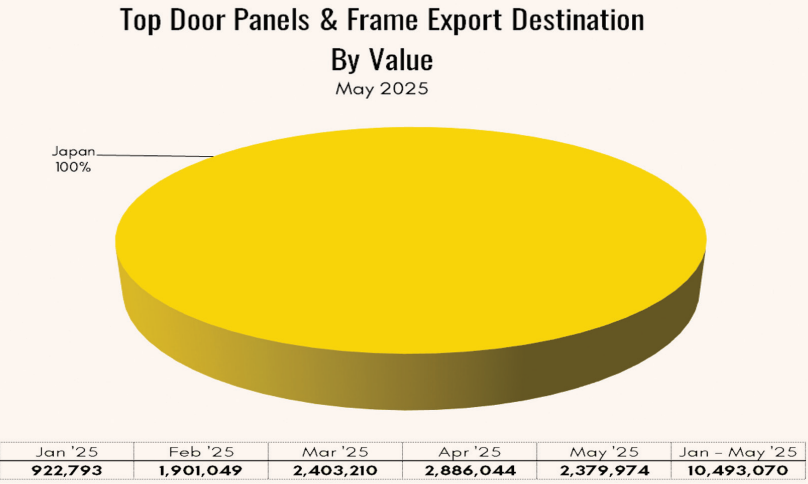
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EXPORT VALUE OF DOOR PANELS & FRAME BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK

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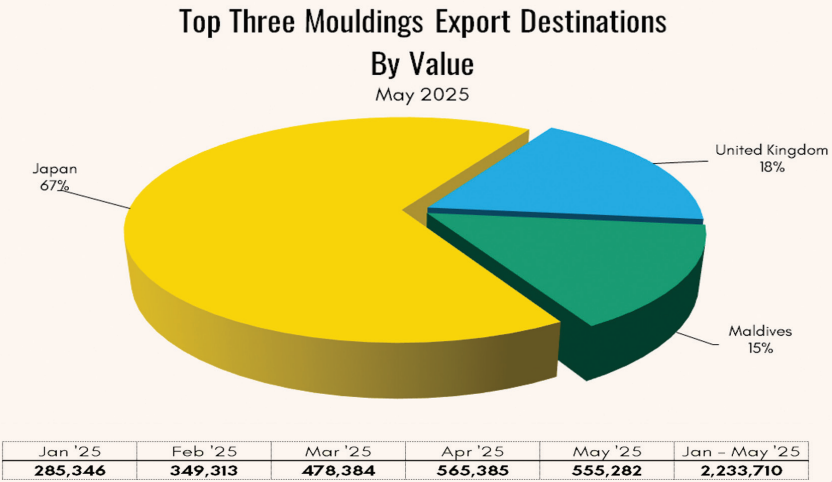


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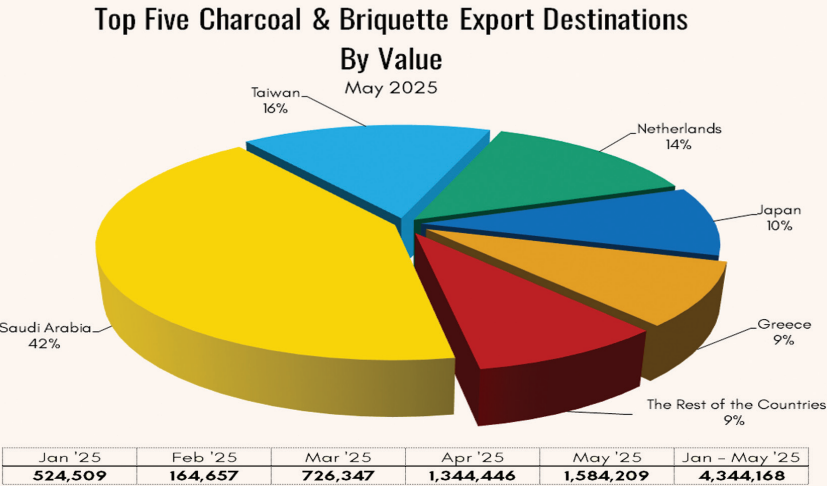
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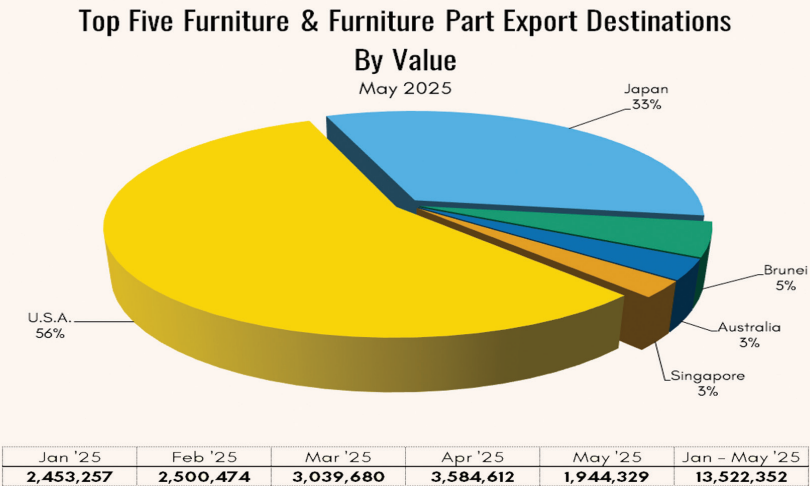
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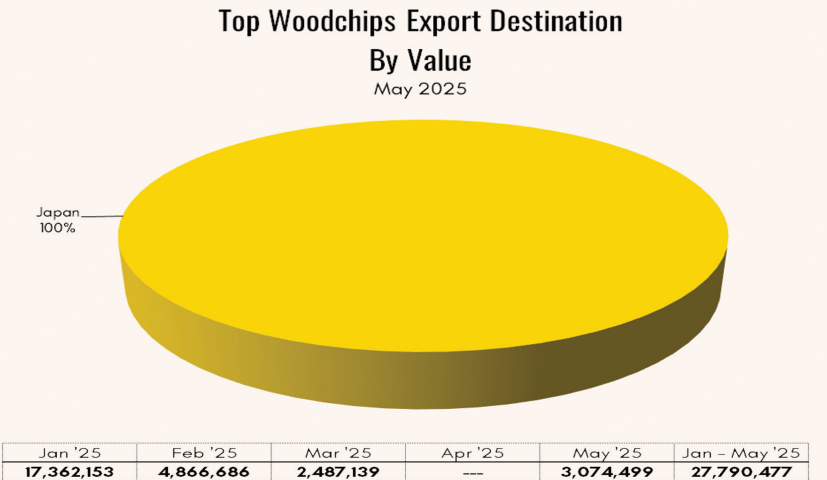
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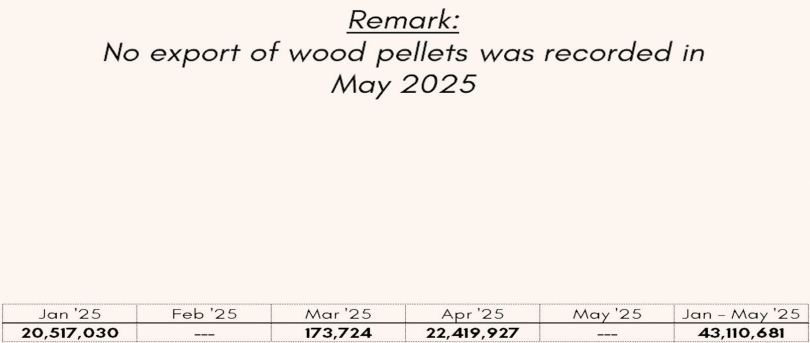
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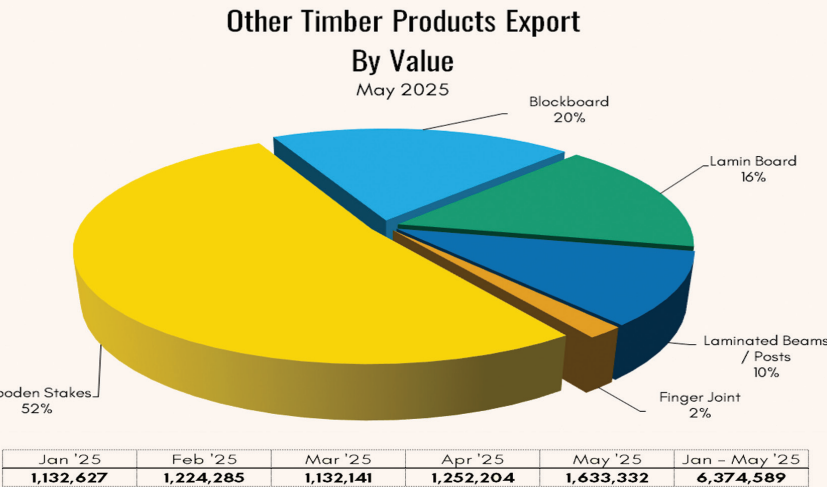
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砂拉越至各目的地之木屑出口值



EXPORT VALUE OF WOOD PELLETS BY DESTINATION FROM SARAWAK
NILAI EKSPORT PELET KAYU MENGIKUT DESTINASI DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越至各目的地之木屑颗粒出口值



EXPORT VALUE OF OTHER TIMBER PRODUCTS FROM SARAWAK
NILAI EKSPORT PRODUK KAYU LAIN DARI SARAWAK
砂拉越其它木制品出口值



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OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAMME JUNE 2025

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), a subsidiary company of STA, offers training to workmen in the forestry and timber industry. Presently, there are twelve (12) skills sets offered by STAT.

For this month, STAT conducted ground operator training programme as follows:

> **Tree Felling - Chainsaw (Natural Forest)**

STAT Trainer / Assessor : Mr Kutok Bayang
Date : 12 – 19 June 2025
Location : Limpah Mewah Camp, Putai
Company : Sumber Lumayan Sdn Bhd



> **Log Extraction - Tractor (Natural Forest)**

STAT Trainer / Assessor : Mr Ginda Uli
Date : 12 – 19 June 2025
Location : Limpah Mewah Camp, Putai
Company : Sumber Lumayan Sdn Bhd



> **Log Loading - Front End Loader (Natural Forest)**

STAT Trainer / Assessor : Mr Sang Sanjan
Date : 12 – 19 June 2025
Location : Limpah Mewah Camp, Putai
Company : Sumber Lumayan Sdn Bhd



Under Section 51 of the Forests Ordinance 2015, forest workmen are required to receive training from a training provider and demonstrate their competence through assessment. STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT) is the appointed training provider by Forest Department Sarawak to provide skills training for the five (5) prescribed forestry activities (PFAs) as listed in Schedule 1 The Forests (Trained Workmen) Rules, 2015.

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