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SECOND BATCH OF 13 INTERNS RECEIVE CERTIFICATES FOR COMPLETING CIP

Thirteen (13) interns of the second batch of Conservation Internship Programme (CIP) for Forest Management Certification (FMC) received their certificates in a ceremony held at the Waterfront Hotel this morning.

The CIP was launched by Sarawak Forestry Corporation Sdn Bhd (SFCSB) under the umbrella of Research for Intensified Management of Bio-Rich Areas of Sarawak (RIMBA) with the inception of the first programme in 2017. The successful conduct of the second batch was made possible with the major financial support from Sarawak Timber Association (STA), with the objective to train conservation experts in the State to be equipped with the necessary technical knowledge and capabilities. The end result would see to it that their focus and in-depth training in the field of conservation would enable them to facilitate the certification of the Forest Management Units (FMUs) in the State from the conservation perspective as it is repetitive on the achieving FMC.

The 9-month CIP which consists of classrooms and in-situ lectures, hands-on learning, fieldwork, and assessment is viewed by the industry as a strategic investment in capacity building. Under the RIMBA set-up, the interns are exposed to the intense working environment of research works as they collaborated with renowned researchers on site. To date, most of the graduates are employed by the timber industry players.

The Chief Executive Officer of Sarawak Forestry Corporation Sdn Bhd (SFCSB), Tuan Haji Zolkipli Bin Mohamad Aton presented the certificates to the interns, witnessed by STA Honorary Treasurer, Mr Philip Choo Kwong Hui, who was in attendance to represent the Chairman of STA, Pemanca Datuk Wong Kie Yik. Also present at the ceremony were representatives from Harwood Timber Sdn Bhd, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) as well as officers from both SFCSB and STA.



CEO of SFCSB, Tuan Haji Zolkipli Bin Mohamad Aton (2nd from Left) presenting certificate to intern of CIP



Interns of 2nd batch of CIP



STA Honorary Treasurer, Mr Philip Choo Kwong Hui (3rd from Left), receiving memento from CEO of SFCSB, Tuan Haji Zolkipli Bin Mohamad Aton