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REVIEW OF THE MALAYSIAN CRITERIA AND INDICATORS FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION [MC&I(2002)]

The Malaysian Criteria and Indicators for Forest Management Certification [MC&I(2002)] which are the standards used for forest management certification under the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS), operated by MTCC since October 2005, are due for review in 2009. This review is in line with international practices that the certification standard used is to be reviewed at least every five years to ensure continuous improvement.

The first review will begin in April 2009 to be conducted in line with the

requirements specified in the MTCS document. The main body which will review the MC&I(2002) and develop the revised standards will be the Standards Review Committee (SRC). This Committee will serve as the multi-stakeholder "Forum" and its members will comprise representatives nominated by their respective stakeholder groups i.e. the social, environmental and economic interest groups, and the relevant government agencies, from the three regions of Malaysia, i.e. Sabah, Sarawak and Peninsular Malaysia.

On top of that, a Panel of Experts (PoE) will be established. The PoE will comprise experts in the economic, environmental and social aspects of forest management who can provide advice on how comments and proposals received from stakeholder groups related to the Principles, Criteria, Indicators and Verifiers in the MC&I(2002) can be incorporated into the revised standards.

More information can be obtained from MTCC website at <http://www.mtcc.com.my>

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LIGNA HANNOVER 2009

The World Fair for Forestry and Wood Industries, the LIGNA Hannover 2009 organised by Deutsche Messe will be held from 18 to 22 May 2009 in Hannover, Germany.

LIGNA Hannover is the leading international trade fair for the forestry and timber industry and has become the meeting place of choice for the international timber and woodworking trade. The fair's impressive array of specialized, user-oriented presentations, seminars, symposiums, international contact exchanges and conferences further underscored its standing as the leading international event for the forestry and wood industries.

LIGNA Hannover 2007 was by far, the most popular trade fair for the forestry and timber industry with 1,832 exhibitors from all over the world displaying their latest products and attracting 107,279 visitors (including 45,800 from outside Germany). For further information, please visit www.ligna.de

Did you know that...

An international team of scientists have discovered that rainforest trees are getting bigger, storing more carbon from the atmosphere and slowing climate change. Tropical trees in undisturbed forests around the world are absorbing nearly a fifth of the carbon-dioxide (CO₂) released by burning fossil fuels, significantly more than the greenhouse gas emissions produced by the world's transport sector. Remaining tropical forests are estimated to remove a massive 4.8 billion tonnes of CO₂ emissions from the atmosphere each year. Results of the 40-year study, which focused primarily on African tropical forests, show that over decades each hectare of intact African forest has trapped an extra 0.6 tonnes of carbon per year

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MTIB'S TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR 2009

The Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) is offering the following training programmes in 2009. The programmes will be conducted at two venues, namely the Wood Industry Skills Development Centre (WISDEC) located in Kompleks Perabot Olak lempit, Banting, Selangor and WISDEC Sabah in Kota Kinabalu. For further information, please visit MTIB's website at www.mtib.com.my or contact:

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WISDEC Banting

No	Course	Duration	Date	Fee (RM)
1	Introduction to Malaysian Grading Rules	3 days	April 7 – 9	525
2	Technology and Operation of Wood Working Machine	4 days	April 13 – 16	700
3	Safety and Health in the Wood-based Industry	3 days	April 21 – 23	525
4	Timber Drying	15 days	May 11 – 29	1500
5	Furniture Marking (Garden Furniture)	4 days	May 19 – 22	700
6	Machining Technology and Operation of Wood	4 days	June 23 – 26	700
7	Furniture Making (Sofa)	4 days	July 7 – 10	700
8	Forest Plantation	3 days	August 4 – 6	525
9	Strengthening Lean Manufacturing through Kaizen Practices	2 days	August 11 – 12	350
10	Total Productive Maintenance (TPM) for Industries	2 days	October 6 – 7	350
11	Furniture Production Management	3 days	November 17 – 19	525

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WISDEC Sabah

No	Course	Duration	Date	Fee (RM)
1	Identification of Malaysian Timbers	4 days	April 6 – 9	700
2	Safety and Health in the Wood-based Industry	3 days	April 21 – 23	525
3	Application of CAD in Furniture Design (Basic)	4 days	May 5 – 8	700
4	Safety and Health in the Wood-based Industry for Supervisors	3 days	May 18 – 20	525
5	Furniture Making (Kitchen Cabinets)	4 days	June 2 – 5	700
6	Creative Finishing	4 days	June 15 – 18	700
7	Technology and Operation of Wood Working Machine – CNC Router	4 days	July 6 – 9	700
8	Machine Technology and Operation of Wood Working Machine	4 days	July 27 – 30	700
9	Wood technology	3 days	August 3 – 5	525
10	Strengthening Lean Manufacturing through Kaizen Practices	2 days	August 11 – 12	350
11	Forest Plantation	3 days	November 9 – 11	525

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REGIONAL CONSULTATION ON NATIONAL HIGH CONSERVATION VALUE FOREST (HCVF) TOOLKIT

The Regional Consultation on National High Conservation Value Forest (HCVF) Toolkit was organised by WWF Malaysia on 11 February 2009 at the Grand Margherita Hotel, Kuching. The session was attended by approximately 30 participants from the relevant government agencies and private sector.

The consultation aimed to provide an

introduction and understanding of the National HCVF Toolkit as a practical guidance for forest managers and stakeholders to comply with the requirements of forest certification. Two other sessions had been conducted in Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah. This session in Sarawak was to collect the comments and feedbacks from the stakeholders in Sarawak. During this session facilitated by WWF, participants went through

the third draft of the Toolkit. They deliberated on the practicality and applicability of the six HCV values, the management recommendations and guidance.

After this consultation, WWF Malaysia will produce another draft of the toolkit, before testing it on site. The final draft of the toolkit is expected to be ready in the middle of this year.

Did you also know that...

Prices of Malaysian timber products remained low even as timber traders resisted further price reduction. Although timber traders continued to have idle inventories, many were holding out for the US economic stimulus plan and mortgage bailout plan to take effect and move the industry forward. However, some timber traders believed it would take at least six months or more to see any real business activities returning to the industry

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STA CHINESE NEW YEAR OPEN HOUSE



*Picture: (top) Guests enjoying lunch and
(right) Lion dance*



STA had its Chinese New Year Open Office on 4 February 2009 at Wisma STA, Kuching. This annual event of the Association is a gesture of appreciation to associates who had worked closely with the Association throughout the year.

Around 200 guests from the various government agencies and private sector attended this gathering. Guests were entertained to a lion dance and music performance by a traditional Chinese orchestra.