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SEMINAR ON PEST AND DISEASE PERSPECTIVE IN PLANTED FORESTS

The Seminar on Pest and Disease Perspective in Planted Forest was organised by the Sarawak Forest Department, Sarawak Forestry Corporation and Sarawak Planted Forests Sdn Bhd on 24 November 2009 in Bintulu, Sarawak.

In his welcoming address, Mr. Nigel Lim, General Manager for Applied Forest Science and Industry Development Unit, mentioned that the private sector plays an important role in securing sustainable long-term supply of raw materials via enhancement of forest plantation programmes as it underpins future direction in planted forest development and management in the State. According to him the importance of private sector participation was clearly stated and stressed in one of the seven thrusts of the National Timber Industry Policy (NATIP 2009 – 2020) of 'Supply of Raw Materials'.

He said the state government has set a clear direction and mission to establish one million hectares of planted forests in the State by 2020 to satisfy the growing demand in both local and international market for plantation timber. This at the

same time will ease pressure and dependency on the harvesting of natural forests.

Disease outbreaks and pest infestation are inevitable as the State ventures to establish large scale plantations of single and fast growing tree species. However, if pre-emptive and preventive measures are properly taken and managed, this will lead to promising growth, quality timber and better economic returns.

Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh, Deputy Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Planning and Resource Management cum Director of Forests and Managing Director/ CEO of Sarawak Forestry in his officiating speech read by the Deputy Director of Forests, Tuan Haji Ali Yusop, said that to date, more than 350 million trees have been planted and the State is confident of achieving the target of one million hectares of planted forest which will produce 25 million cubic metres of wood annually.

One of the beneficiaries of planted forests is the community. The direct and spill-over benefits of planted forests give great returns to the community as they

complement various government initiatives in combating poverty especially in rural areas. He stressed that the Government places very high priority on the conservation of Sarawak's natural forests. Europe, Scandinavia, Australia, New Zealand and the United States of America are cited as examples of countries that have succeeded in their forest plantation programmes.

The science of tree planting, which is central to forest plantations sustainability, must be properly geared to derive the maximum benefit for all stakeholders. The introduction of exotic species in monoculture environment will inadvertently favour the reproduction, dispersal, infection, infestation of plant pathogens and pests which would adversely affect return on investment as well as the quality of timber. He pointed out the factors in integrated pest management encompassing chemical control, biological control, host plant resistance, quarantine, sanitation, physical control, basic forestry practice and monitoring need to be given equal emphasis.

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Did you know that...

The Selangor state government will no longer issue permits for logging on government land. Most logging permits are set to expire at the end of 2009 and will not be renewed. It is estimated that only 30% of Selangor's forest remains and its mangrove forests have been heavily logged and degraded. The logging freeze is temporary, as the Selangor Forestry Department compiles a detailed report on the state's logging situation.

Source:
The Star
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An important consideration is the setting up of multi-disciplinary research and development (R&D) initiatives encompassing a wide spectrum of forest plantation activities, which must be developed and strengthened to cover not control of pest and diseases but also soil science, growth performance, hydrology, anatomy, morphology and others.

This Seminar attended by some 120 participants, including several experts in the field of forest pests and diseases, was divided into three sessions with the presentation of 11 papers listed as follows:

- **Bio- Protection for Plantation Forestry** by Dr. Robert Hill, Lincoln University, New Zealand
- **Disease of Forest Plantations in Southeast Asia** by Dr. Lee Su See, FRIM
- **Gall Rust Disease**

Epidemic on *Falcataria molucanna* at Java Island, Indonesia by Dr. Sri Rahayu, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia

- **Some Recent Nursery Insect Attacks in Sabah** by Dr. Arthur Chung, FRC, Sabah Forest Department
- **Pest and Disease in *Acacia mangium* Nurseries** by Jerry Bungong, Grand Perfect Sdn Bhd
- **Insect Pests of Plantation Forests** by Dr. Chey Vun Khen, FRC, Sabah Forest Department
- **Incidence of Cricket Problem in *Acacia mangium* Plantations** by Marfaisal Marzuki, SFC
- **Stem Borer of Plantation Grown *Kelampayan* in Sarawak** by Doreen chai, Marfaisal Marzuki, Het Kaliang and John Sabang, SFC

• **Isolation of *Trichoderma* spp as Biological Control Agents for Use Against Root Rot Disease of *Acacia mangium*** by Norhayati Ahmad, SFC, Annya Ambrose, SFC and Dr Robert Hill, Lincoln University, New Zealand

• ***Trichoderma* spp – A Biological Control Tool to Improve *Acacia mangium* Growth and to control Seedling Diseases in the Nursery** by Annya Ambrose, SFC, Norhayati Ahmad, SFC and Dr. Robert Hill, Lincoln University, New Zealand

• **How Site Factors Can Influence Plantation Forest Health** by Dr. Mark Bloomberg, University of Canterbury, New Zealand and John Sabang, SFC

Note: Papers presented are available upon request from the STA Secretariat.

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR ISSUANCE OF HARWOOD TRANSPORTATION PASSES

STA received a reply from Harwood Timber Sdn Bhd (Harwood), Ref. No.: HWT/DGM/sh/L032/2009 dated 29 October 2009 from the General Manager of Harwood with regards to STA's appeal to defer the implementation date for issuance of Harwood Transportation Passes.

The Executive Chairman of Harwood has agreed and endorsed the actual implementation date of the Harwood Transportation Passes to be effective **1 January 2010**. At the meantime, Harwood would carry out trial implementation to ensure that the successful implementation of the Harwood Transportation Passes on 1 January 2010.

SUHAKAM'S ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON CSR OF LOGGING AND PLANTATION COMPANIES

The Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) organised a Roundtable Discussion (RTD) on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) of Logging and Plantation Companies on 25 November 2009 at Mega Hotel, Miri. The objectives of the RTD are as follows:

- To promote awareness on human rights and corporate social responsibility;
- To ascertain current CSR practices by logging and plantation companies in Sarawak;
- To identify impeding factors that have hampered social responsibility in Sarawak; and
- To make recommendations to improve social responsibility practices in Sarawak in particular and Malaysia as a whole.

The RTD attended by six SUHAKAM Commissioners, 21 representatives from the logging and plantation companies, and about 15 representatives from various government agencies such as the Ministry of Land Development Sarawak, Ministry of Planning and Resource Management, Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB), State Planning Unit (SPU), Land Custody and Development Authority (PELITA), Sarawak Land Consolidation and Rehabilitation Authority (SALCRA), Sarawak Timber Industry and Development Corporation (STIDC), etc.

Three presentations were made during the RTD as follows:

“Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) – Issues and Challenges” by Dr. Jothimani K. Muniandy of Bursa Malaysia Bhd. The presentation looked at CSR as critical for the

sustainability of a corporate company and how it is critical for strategy planning to be integrated into the business operations.

“CSR and the Sarawak Forestry and Timber Industry” by Dr. Lee Hua Seng of STA. The presentation indicated that the forestry and timber industry recognises the importance of CSR. However the physical characteristics and environment of the forests in Sarawak, pose a challenge to such effort.

Presentation by Mr. Anthony Nogeh Gumbek of SALCRA where he spoke about SALCRA's existing CSR as well as their pillars and key focus areas and actions plans to achieve excellent CSR.

An open discussion session among the participants and the organisers followed the presentations.

Did you also know that...

At a Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meeting, world leaders decided to delay agreement of a legally binding treaty on climate change at Copenhagen. Instead, they will focus on developing a framework for political agreement and aim for a legally binding instrument as soon as possible in 2010.

Source:
New York Times
November 2009

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IMPLEMENTATION OF ASEAN-INDIA FREE TRADE AREA (AIFTA) SCHEME & ASEAN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND FTA (AANZFTA)

The Association received a letter from the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) Sarawak Regional Office informing that the AIFTA Scheme and AANZFTA will be implemented with effect from 1 January 2010, subject to the legal enactment passed by the Customs.

Exporters who are exporting products to India, Australia and New Zealand are to submit/forward the Cost Analysis Application Form to MITI or its branch offices as soon as possible to enable MITI to issue an approval before

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Christmas and
Happy New Year 2010.*



*From Chairman, Council
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and STA Group of
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its implementation date.

A copy of the Cost Analysis Application form can be downloaded from STA website www.sta.org.my

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