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INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON LEGALITY VERIFIED WOOD 2010



Picture: The Malaysian delegates to Symposium

The International Symposium on Legality Verified Wood 2010 cum poster presentation, with a theme "Activities in Japan to tackling Illegal Logging Issues", was jointly organised by the Japan Federation of Wood Industry Associations (JFWIA) and the Japan Lumber Inspection & Research Association (JLIRA) from 10 to 11 December 2010 in Tokyo, Japan. It was sponsored by the Forestry Agency of Japan.

This 2-day Symposium was the on-going efforts by the Japanese Government on its commitment to boost up the supply of Goho-wood (legal wood) in Japan as well as to increase the recognition of Japan's legality verified wood supply system. This was

the fifth International Symposium organised where speakers and panelists shared and presented their experiences on measures and actions taken in Japan, Indonesia, Sarawak (Malaysia), China, European Union Countries and United States of America to tackle illegal logging and its associated trade to ensure the supply of legal wood and wood products.

Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh, the Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Planning and Resource Management Sarawak, the Director of Forests Sarawak and the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of the Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) led a delegation of 12 senior officers from Sarawak, including the General

Manager of Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC), the Honorary Secretary of Sarawak Timber Association (STA) and the General Manager of Harwood Timber Sdn Bhd to attend the Symposium and to make presentation on "Legality Verification of Logs in Sarawak".

Mr. Yoshitsugu Minagawa, the Director-General of the Forestry Agency mentioned in his address that the United Nations had declared the year 2011 as the International Year of Forests. The Japanese Government is looking forward to the International Year of Forests and will inform the people of Japan and the rest of the world of their undertakings which was aimed at rehabilitating the Japan's forests and forestry industry. He believed that this Symposium will provide an excellent opportunity for all participants to share information on counter measures to illegal logging in Japan and other countries which will add greater momentum to activities aimed at eliminating illegal wood and wood products from the global markets.

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Did you know that...

The Indonesian Pulp and Paper Association announced that following the constant increase in demand from export and domestic markets, pulp and paper industry in Indonesia is expected to grow by 5% in 2011. Utilisation of industrial plantation forests by pulp and paper sector in Indonesia has reached 4.4mn hectares. Indonesia currently has 85 pulp and paper companies with 13mn-ton production capacity.

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The demand of Goho-wood has been expanding in the Japanese market over the last five years and has now gone beyond the government and to the private sector was highlighted by Mr. Motoaki Okuma, the Chairman of the Council for Tackling Illegal Logging and Promotion of Goho-wood at his opening address during the second day of the Symposium.

The Symposium was divided into three parts with the following topics:

- “Development and Operating of Wood

Traceability System for Legality Verification of Wood and Wood Products and Relational Policies”– Four (4) presentations

- “Japanese Activities of Wood Legality Verification and Tackling Illegal Logging Issue”– Six (6) presentations
- “Japanese Activities of Legality Verification, Development of Tackling Illegal Logging Issue and Forecasts”– Five (5) presentations

Participants took note of the Japan-Indonesia

collaborative effort in combating illegal logging and the trade of illegal logged wood and wood products in Indonesia since 2003 which is expected to complete in 2011. With this collaboration effort, a wood traceability system in the form of 2-dimensional bar code was developed and now is operating in Indonesia on trial run basis.

About 150 participants attended the Symposium. A large number of participants were from Indonesia, Japan and Malaysia as well as participants from China, Europe and United States of America.

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WORKSHOP ON CONFLICT RESOLUTION GUIDELINE FOR SFM

A Workshop and a field test on Conflict Resolution Guidelines (CRG) for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) was carried out in Long Lellang, of the Sela'an-Linau FMU on 9-11 December 2010 following the Workshop which was held in Miri on November 2010.

The Workshop aimed to create awareness on the CRG and the importance of forming the Community Representative Committee (CRC) to the Kelabits of Long Lellang A and Long Lellang B, and the Penans of Long Main, Long Kepang, Ba Keramok and Long Sabai. The CRG serves as a reference to

assist any Forest Management Unit (FMU) when there is any problem and when the FMU does not know of any means to settle the problem. It also provides a forum for the community to communicate with FMU managers.

The participants of the Workshop expressed that they are comfortable with and confident in Associate Professor Dr Ramy Bulan, Director Centre for Malaysian Indigenous Studies, University Malaya and Dr Henry Chan, Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) to assist in the formation of the CRC. The participants resolved to:

- Accept the CRG and implement it.
- Form a CRC based on the Guidelines with a few appropriate adjustments as discussed during the Workshop.
- Organise a training course to strengthen the implementation of the Guidelines.
- Have all funding managed independently by the contributor.
- Nominate three representatives from the respective villages.
- Hold a meeting on the formation of CRC in January 2011 at Long Lellang.

10TH HORNBILL WORKSHOP

The Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) organised the 10th Hornbill Workshop with the theme *Managing Ecosystem for Sustainability* at Mega Hotel, Miri on 15 – 17 December 2010.

In his keynote address, Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh, the Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Planning and Resource Management Sarawak, the Director of Forests Sarawak and the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of the Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) said that the state's conservation of biodiversity and sustainable forest management is an effort to leave a legacy for

future generations. He added that the State now was actually borrowing biodiversity resources from the future generation.

He further said that the present efforts by the State Government were the best way to conserve its natural resources which will benefit all stakeholders. Among the stakeholders are the people, the Government, the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the media.

Len pointed out that Sarawak's thrust of ecosystem approach are based on three important factors namely economic prosperity, social well-being and environmental sustainability. He further

explained that these three thrusts of preserving the ecosystem are based on the 12 guiding principles for the implementation of the ecosystem management approach. Among others these principles' emphasis was given to ensure evolutionary changes, dynamic ecology, and landscape ecology to continue unabated with human activities into the equation.

The 3-day Workshop covered 43 presentations from experts in the various fields. Some 150 participants from various government agencies, institutions of higher learning and the media fraternity attended the three-day workshop.

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SEMINAR ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S RIGHTS

A seminar on Indigenous People's Rights was organised by the Delegation of the EU in partnership with Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) at the Prince Hotel, Kuala Lumpur on 2 December 2010. The Seminar was held to commemorate the second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People. Over 100 representatives from Indigenous peoples' organisations, environmental and

human rights NGOs, Malaysian Bar Council, SUHAKAM, academia, the Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC), the Malaysian Timber Council (MTC) and industries attended the seminar.

The welcoming speech was delivered by H. E. Vincent Piket, the Ambassador, Head of Delegation of EU followed by the keynote address of Professor Datuk Dr Khaw Lake Tee, the Vice Chairman of SUHAKAM. Datuk Dr Khaw emphasised that

the Government should obtain informed consent and participation from the indigenous communities before embarking on any massive project that may affect their lives and provide continuous and wider dissemination of information, and ample time for the affected people to highlight their concerns.

Datuk Dr Khaw accentuated the concern of indigenous peoples over the acquisition of

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Did you also know that...

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) has reported that the UK is the fourth biggest importer of illegally harvested or traded wood products globally. It says that illegally sourced wood is used in various products, including flooring and furniture. The WWF found that 50% of UK consumers did not realise that paper or wood products may be illegally sourced, while only 28% of surveyed consumers had heard of the Forestry Stewardship Council logo that is applied to sustainably-sourced wood.

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agriculture land by the state authorities, and wanted the latter to give recognition to their ancestral land as their source of economy, and social and spiritual development by not taking away their land. She informed the participants of the new initiatives of SUHAKAM:

- To set up an Indigenous People Rights Committee to focus on monitoring cases on infringing indigenous people rights; and
- To conduct first ever national inquiry on native issues and land matters (in Miri on 11

December 2010).

The panelists have presented their respective papers as follows:-

- Government Policy On Improving The Life Of Indigenous People In Malaysia – by Dato' Hj. Mohd Sani Bin Mistam
- Rights Of Indigenous People To Customary Land – Legal Implications – by Mr. Steven Thiru, Co-Chair of the Bar Council Orang Asli Sub-Committee
- Problems Indigenous People Are Facing In 21st Century Malaysia by Mr. Mark Bujang, Executive Director of Borneo Resources Institute (BRIMAS)

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- Corporate Social Responsibility Towards Indigenous Communities – by Dato' Mah King Thian, President of MHC Plantations Bhd
- Orang Asli Culture And Art – by Dato' Suki Mee, Head of the Perak Indigenous People Foundation