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STA Hill Logging Category Meeting

Kategori Pembalakan Bukit STA telah bermesyuarat pada 24 Ogos 2009 di Wisma STA, Kuching. Mesyuarat dipengerusikan oleh Datuk Ling Chiong Ho selaku Pengerusi Kategori. Salah satu agenda mesyuarat adalah pengundian Ahli Jawatankuasa di mana telah dipersetujui bahawa Ahli Jawatankuasa haruslah terdiri daripada semua Ahli Majlis yang diundi di bawah kategori ini.

Isu-isu yang dibincangkan termasuk pengeluaran pas pengangkutan untuk mengangkut kayu balak dengan kenderaan darat yang dikeluarkan oleh Harwood Timber Sdn Bhd, latihan yang dijalankan oleh STA Training Sdn Bhd, Penilaian Kesan Alam Sekitar dan isu-isu lain yang dihadapi oleh Ahli-Ahli.

■ The STA Hill Logging Category met on 24 August 2009 at Wisma STA, Kuching. The meeting was presided by Datuk Ling Chiong Ho, the Category Chairman. One of the agenda items of the meeting was the election of Committee Members where it was resolved that the Committee shall comprise all Council Members elected under the Hill Logging Category. They are:

- Datuk Ling Chiong Ho
- Tan Sri Datuk Tiong Hiew King
- Datuk Tiong Thai King
- Dato Henry Lau Lee Kong

- Mr. Law Kiu Kiong
- Mr. Patrick Wong Haw Yeong
- Mr. Wong Ing Yung
- Mr. Yong Nyan Siong

Issues that were deliberated during the meeting were the issuance of transportation passes for logs transported by land vehicles to be issued by Harwood Timber Sdn Bhd effective from 1 September 2009, training courses conducted by STA Training Sdn Bhd, Environmental Impact Assessment and the current issues faced by Members. ❁



Left: Datuk Ling Chiong Ho, the Category Chairman (2nd from left), presiding over the meeting



Below: Members of the Hill Logging Category

Briefing to the Small and Medium Member Companies of STA on the Implementation Memorandum on Training of Skilled Workers

■ The briefing to the Small and Medium Companies of STA on matters relating to the Implementation Memorandum on Training of Skilled Workers under Section 54B of the Forests Ordinance (Sarawak Cap. 126) was held on 7 August 2009 at Wisma STA, Kuching. The objective of this briefing was to obtain feedback from Members on the proposed accelerated training programmes.

At this briefing, the Small and Medium Member Companies were given the background of Section 54B of the Forests Ordinance (Sarawak Cap 126) and the subsequent formulation of the Forests (Trained Workmen) Rules 2008 ('forest rules') by the Forest Department Sarawak (FDS). They were also informed that the Association through its wholly-

owned company, STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT) had submitted to the Director of Forests Sarawak, an application for STAT to be an approved training institution and the Association had made proposals for amendments to the Forests (Trained Workmen) Rules, 2008.

The meeting was informed that the Association is playing an active role in assisting Member Companies to be engaged in the training programmes and to meet the requirement of the Rules. The Association had applied for a grant from FDS to propel and accelerate the implementation of the training programmes. Members are urged to give their full cooperation to achieving the objective of having a trained workforce in compliance with Section 54B. ❁

Satu taklimat telah diberikan kepada Syarikat Kecil dan Sederhana ahli STA pada 7 Ogos 2009 di Wisma STA, Kuching. Taklimat ini membincangkan hal-hal berkaitan dengan pelaksanaan Memorandum Latihan Pekerja-pekerja Terlatih di bawah Seksyen 54B Ordinan Hutan (Sarawak Bab. 126). Tujuan taklimat ini adalah untuk mendapatkan pandangan Ahli-ahli tentang cadangan untuk mempercepatkan program latihan.



Left & Below: Members at the meeting



Briefing on Issuance of Transportation Passes for Logs Transported by Land Vehicles

Harwood Timber Sdn Bhd (Harwood) telah mengadakan taklimat tentang Pengeluaran Pas Pengangkutan untuk Kayu Balak yang diangkut menggunakan Kenderaan Darat pada 24 Ogos 2009 di Wisma STA, Kuching.

Taklimat dimulakan dengan pengenalan latar belakang Harwood, visi dan misinya, peranan dan fungsinya diikuti dengan penerangan tentang pengumuman oleh Pengarah Hutan di mana Harwood diberi kuasa untuk mengeluarkan pas pengangkutan.

Pas Pengangkutan merupakan pas yang dikeluarkan oleh Harwood untuk semua kenderaan darat yang mengangkut kayu balak di Sarawak, yang menyerupai Pas Kapal Harwood yang dikeluarkan kepada semua kapal yang mengangkut kayu balak di sungai-sungai Sarawak. Oleh itu, semua kenderaan darat yang mengangkut kayu balak dari kem pangkalan ke kilang berlesen tempatan atau dari kilang ke kilang memerlukan pas pengangkutan ini.

Harwood Timber Sdn Bhd (Harwood) had a briefing on the Issuance of Transportation Passes for Logs Transported by Land Vehicles on 24 August 2009 at Wisma STA, Kuching. The briefing was attended by approximately 80 representatives from STA Member Companies, senior officers from Harwood, the Sarawak Forestry Corporation and the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC).

Datuk Wong Kie Yik, Chairman of STA, in his welcoming address made a request to Harwood to consider the appeal for reduction in administration fees put forward by the Association pertaining to the issuance of transportation passes. Also present were Tan Sri Datuk Amar Haji Bujang Mohd Nor, the Executive Chairman of Harwood and Haji Hashim Haji Bojet, the Deputy General Manager of STIDC.

The briefing was conducted by Haji Abdul Hadi Datuk Haji Abdul Kadir, the General Manager and Mr. Ong Lip Kheng, the Deputy General Manager. The presentation started with an introduction to Harwood, its

vision, mission, roles and functions, followed by the explanation on the recent announcement by the Director of Forests where Harwood has been authorised to issue the transportation passes.

A Transportation Pass is a Pass issued by Harwood to all land vehicles transporting logs in the State of Sarawak, similar to the Harwood Shipping Passes issued to all shipping vessel transporting logs via the Sarawak river system. The purposes of this Pass are:

- To standardize and regularize the issuance of transportation passes for both shipping vessels and land vehicles;
- To enable better control and monitoring of log movement transported by land vehicles and to ensure legality of logs being transported; and
- To ensure that the logs carried by the land vehicles tallied with the log specifications and that the logs are delivered to the final destinations.

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The turnout at the Seminar



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Thus, all land vehicles transporting logs from the base camp to local licensed mill or from mill to mill will require the Transportation Pass.

As of 1 September 2009, Harwood will be authorised to issue the transportation passes to all land vehicles transporting logs in the State of Sarawak. An administration fee of RM0.50/m³ will be charged to the owner of the land vehicle for the tallying of the logs and issuance of

the transportation pass.

At the end of the briefing, Tuan Haji Abdul Hadi urged licensees and transporters to give their full cooperation to ensure that all procedures can be carried out smoothly. He reminded that a healthy timber industry will generate a long term positive effect on the economy of the State that will lead to the sustainable management of the forest. ❁



Question and Answer session with Harwood. From left: Mr. Ong Lip Kheng, the Deputy General Manager, Haji Abdul Hadi Datuk Haji Abdul Kadir, the General Manager and Mr. Ishak Haji Bohari, the Assistant General Manager (Endorsement & Shipping)

Postponement on Implementation of Issuance of Land Transportation Pass

STA has received a letter from Harwood Timber Sdn Bhd, Ref: HSTB/GM/GC-48/09, announcing that Harwood has **postponed** the implementation of issuance of transportation passes (as scheduled to be effective 1 September 2009) to a **later date**.

STA telah menerima surat dari Harwood Timber Sdn Bhd, mengumumkan **penangguhan** pelaksanaan pengeluaran pas kenderaan darat (seharusnya berkuatkuasa pada 1 September 2009) kepada **satu tarikh yang akan ditetapkan kelak**.

EU-East ASEAN Growth Area Business and Technology Partnership

■ The EU-East ASEAN Growth Area Business and Technology Partnership (EU-EAGA Biztech Partnership) will be organising the Business Match-Making Event, Business Partnering Seminar, International Conference and Capacity Building Programme from 16-19 November 2009 at the Imperial Hotel, Miri, Sarawak.

The project aims to improve the competitiveness of SMEs in both the

EU and EAGA regions via trade and investment linkages, technology transfer and cooperation, capacity building within the four key priority sectors of Environment and Energy, Natural Resources (Forestry), Agriculture/ Aquaculture and Ecotourism.

For further information, please visit the website at www.eu-eaga.org. ❁

Perkongsian Perniagaan dan Teknologi Kawasan Pertumbuhan Asean Timur-EU (EU-EAGA BizTech) akan menganjurkan Majlis Padanan Perdagangan, Seminar Perkongsian Perdagangan, Persidangan Antarabangsa dan Program Pembangunan Keupayaan dari 16-19 November 2009 di Miri, Sarawak. Untuk maklumat lanjut, sila layari www.eu-eaga.org

Seminar on Application of ILO Core Conventions in Forestry and Timber Industry

Majlis Pensijilan Kayu Malaysia (MTCC), Kesatuan Pekerja-Pekerja Kayu Semenanjung Malaysia (TEUPM) dan "Building and Wood Workers International" (BWI) bersama-sama menganjurkan Seminar tentang Pelaksanaan Konvensyen Teras Pertubuhan Buruh Antarabangsa (ILO) dalam perhutanan dan industri kayu. Seminar ini bertujuan mendedah dan meningkatkan kesedaran mengenai pelaksanaan teras ILO atau konvensyen asas yang berkaitan dengan perhutanan dan industri kayu di Malaysia. Ia dihadiri oleh lebih kurang 120 peserta dari agensi kerajaan, kesatuan pekerja, industri kayu dan perbadanan pensijilan yang diiktiraf oleh MTCC.

■ The Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC), the Timber Employees Union Peninsular Malaysia (TEUPM) and the Building and Wood Workers International (BWI) jointly organised a Seminar on Application of International Labour Organisation (ILO) Core Conventions in Forestry and Timber Industry. The objective of this Seminar was to educate and raise awareness on the application of the ILO core or fundamental conventions in relation to the forestry and timber industry in Malaysia. Approximately 120 participants from the Government agencies, workers' unions, timber industry and notified Certification Body (CB) with MTCC attended the Seminar.

There are eight ILO core conventions, namely C29 (Forced Labour), C98 (Right to Organize and Collective Bargaining), C100 (Equal remuneration), C87 (Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organize), C105 (Abolition of Forced Labour), C111 (Discrimination (Employment and Occupation), C138 (Minimum Age Convention), C182

(Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour). Out of these eight (8) Core Conventions, six (6) had been included in the MC&I(2002), namely C29, C87, C98, C100, C105, C111 and out of these six (6) Core Conventions, Malaysia has ratified C29, 98 and 100 and has not ratified C87, 105 and 111.

Six papers were presented during the Seminar namely:

1. *Core Conventions of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and PEFC* by Mr. William Street of PEFC Council
2. *Application of the ILO Core Conventions in the Forest and Timber Industry in Malaysia* by Mr. Enchana Atto, Labour Department of Sabah
3. *Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS) - Trade Union Perspective* by Mr. Mohd Khalid Atan, Timber Employees' Union Peninsular Malaysia
4. *Application of the ILO Core Conventions in the Forestry and*

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Questions and Answer session.

From left: Mr. Mohd Khalid Atan, Timber Employees' Union Peninsular Malaysia; Mr. Enchana Atto, Labour Department of Sabah; Mr. Chew Lye Teng, MTCC, Session Chairman; Mr. William Street, PEFC Council; and Tuan Haji Shamsuddin Bardan, Malaysian Employers' Federation

(Photo courtesy of MTCC)

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Timber Industry in Malaysia - The Industry's Perspective in Relation to MC&I(2002) by Tuan Haji Shamsuddin Bardan, Malaysian Employers' Federation (presenting on behalf of Malaysian Timber Association)

5. Application of ILO Core Conventions under MTCS by Mr. Yong Teng Koon, MTCC
6. *Auditing Compliance with ILO Core Conventions under MTCS* by Mr. Salahudin Yaacob, SGS (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd

During the Questions and Answer Session, concerns were raised on the Conventions that are not ratified by Malaysia and therefore should be removed from the list of verifiers in the

MC&I(2002) in compliance to the domestic laws. The Session deliberated on the practicability of the coexistence of domestic laws and those incompatible ILO Core Conventions and proposed for the spirit of ILO Core Convention to be adopted in the event of any conflict arises. However, Mr. William Street, the President-Elect of PEFC informed that the ILO Core Conventions had always been and will continue to be the requisite criteria for PEFC and since the national certification scheme (MC&I(2002)) has been endorsed by PEFC, ILO Core Conventions would be superimposed as criteria in the national certification scheme.

Note: Presentation papers are available for reference at the STA Resource Centre.

Seminar on "Wooden Furniture Industry 2009 - Competitiveness and Sustainability"

■ The Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM), with the support of eight government agencies and trade associations namely, the Forest Department Peninsular Malaysia, the Sabah Forest Department, the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation, the Malaysian Timber Industry Board, the Malaysia Furniture Entrepreneurs Association, the Malaysia Furniture Industry Council, the Sabah Timber Industry Association and STA, organised the Seminar on Wooden Furniture Industry 2009 held from 4 to 6 August 2009 at the FRIM Auditorium, Kepong, Selangor Darul Ehsan. With the theme "Competitiveness and Sustainability", it attracted 145 participants from the government agencies, trade associations and private sectors.

The seminar aimed to disseminate the latest market development, investment opportunities, national timber industry policy, government financial assistance scheme, and research and development (R&D) findings on the wooden furniture industry to stakeholders who would like to see the sector to continue to flourish and contribute to sustainable development of the industry and the nation.

The Seminar was officiated by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (NRE), Y. Bhg. Dato' Zoal Azha Yusof on behalf of the Minister, Y.B. Datuk Douglas Uggah Embas. In his speech, he said that the export value for furniture industry grew from RM58.8 million in 1988 to RM6.5 billion in 2008. Although the industry

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Institut Penyelidikan Perhutanan Malaysia Institut Penyelidikan Perhutanan Malaysia (FRIM) dengan sokongan lapan agensi kerajaan dan persatuan perdagangan, Jabatan Hutan Semenanjung Malaysia termasuk Jabatan Hutan Sabah, Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak, Lembaga Perindustrian Kayu Malaysia, Persatuan Pengusaha-pengusaha Perabot Malaysia, Majlis Industri Perabot Malaysia, Persatuan Industri Kayu-kayan Sabah dan STA, telah menganjurkan Seminar Industri Perabot Kayu 2009 pada 4 hingga 6 Ogos 2009 di Auditorium FRIM, Kepong, Selangor Darul Ehsan

bertemakan "Persaingan dan Ketahanan".

Seminar bertujuan untuk menyebarkan mengenai perkembangan terbaru pasaran, peluang pelaburan, polisi industri kayu kayan kebangsaan, skim pinjaman kewangan kerajaan dan keputusan penyelidikan dan pembangunan industri perabot kayu kepada mereka yang ingin sektor ini berkembang dan menyumbang kepada pembangunan industri dan negara.

Perbadanan Pembangunan Perdagangan Luar Malaysia (MATRADE) mengadakan Bengkel tentang "Perkembangan Perniagaan Global: Panduan Mengeksport" pada 13 Ogos 2009 di Kuching. Bengkel ini bertujuan membantu syarikat-syarikat Malaysia terutamanya Syarikat Kecil dan Sederhana dalam menjalankan aktiviti-aktiviti pembangunan pasaran eksport.

Dua kertas kerja telah dibentangkan iaitu (1) Panduan Pemulaan Eksport dan (2) Memperluaskan Pasaran Antarabangsa: Melalui Program Bantuan MATRADE oleh Encik Asman Md Yusof, Pengurus Kanan, Bahagian

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facing severe challenges such as raw material supply, competition from low-cost producing countries and substitutes, he believed that with the cooperation and efforts of the wood and furniture industry players, the industry could be able to come out with more efficient technology and offer new products to the market.

The Director-General of FRIM, Y.Bhg. Dato' Dr Abd. Latif Mohmod, in his welcoming address, gave the current scenario of the wooden furniture industry as well as research and development (R&D) works carried out by FRIM. He mentioned FRIM has been entrusted with the task of conducting R&D on forestry and forest products to ensure that the R&D work fulfills the needs of the industry. All the R&D works

conducted are guided by the FRIM Strategic Plan and supported by the action plan that was prepared in line with the other economic plans and policies related to the forestry sector.

A total of 15 papers were presented covering topics related to the supply and demand of resources; economic productivity; branding, marketing and trade competitiveness; and sustainability and policy.

In conjunction with the Seminar, industrial visit was organised for interested participants to two selected mills, Seng Yip Furniture Sdn Bhd in Semenyih and Samling Housing Products Sdn Bhd in Port Klang.

Note: Presentation papers are available for reference at the STA Resource Centre.

Workshop on "Expanding Your Business Globally: Guides to Exporting"

■ The Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) organised the Workshop on Expanding Your Business Globally: Guides to Exporting on 13 August 2009 at the Grand Margherita Hotel, Kuching. The objective of this workshop was to guide/assist Malaysian companies especially the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to undertake activities for the development of the export market. The seminar was attended by representatives from various government agencies, NGOs, trade associations and private sector.

The Director of MATRADE Sarawak Office, Mr. Omar Mohd Salleh, in his welcoming remark urged companies to register with MATRADE. Currently, there are a total of 14,000 companies throughout Malaysia that are registered with

MATRADE with only 284 companies from Sarawak.

He mentioned that MATRADE has reviewed the two principal grants for assisting exporters in terms of market access, principally the Market Development Grant (MDG) and the Services Export Fund (SEF). The scope of these grants has been widened for the benefit of Malaysian exporters to mitigate promotional costs and sustain promotional activities in foreign markets. To ease the financial burden of Malaysian exporters, especially SMEs, MATRADE will seek out premium buyers from selected potential markets to participate in the Incoming Buying Missions, a programme through which buyers are brought to Malaysia to meet exporters, thus dispensing with the need for exporters to travel abroad.

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Two papers were presented in the Seminar namely (1) Beginner's Guide to Exporting and (2) Expanding Your Market Internationally: Leveraging on MATRADE's Assistance Programmes by Mr. Azman Md Yusof, Senior Manager, Exporters Development Division MATRADE. In his presentation, Mr. Azman reminded exporters that they should take utilize the incentives given by the Government and advised them to seek MATRADE for information and

Advice. MATRADE has also been given the task to act as a focal point for matters related to Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

During the seminar, the participants also went through a case study entitled "Am I Exportable?" conducted by Encik Hasril Noordin, Business Advisor from Murni Allianze Consults Sdn Bhd. ❁

Note: Presentation papers are available for reference at the STA Resource Centre.

Pembangunan Eksport MATRADE. Satu analisis kajian kes bertajuk "Adakah Saya Boleh Dieksport?" dipimpin oleh Encik Hasril Noordin, Penasihat Perniagaan dari Murni Allianze Consults Sdn Bhd.

Sarawak Investment & Trade Dialogue and Seminar on the Manufacturing and Service Sector

■ The Sarawak Investment & Trade Dialogue and Seminar on the Manufacturing and Services Sector jointly organised by Malaysian Industrial Development Authority (MIDA), Ministry of Industrial Development Sarawak (MID) and Small and Medium Industries Development Corporation (SMIDEC) was held from 18- 19 August 2009 at Riverside Majestic Hotel, Kuching. This dialogue and seminar was attended by over 800 participants from various government departments, trade associations, private sectors and NGOs.

The objectives of the dialogue and seminar were:

- To provide the latest updates on government policies, incentives, facilities and support services available to the business community in Malaysia.
- To highlight the investment opportunities available to investors in Sarawak.
- To increase awareness of the functions of agencies relating to industrial development.

- To serve as a forum for the business community to network with key government agencies.

The Deputy Chief Minister and Minister of Modernisation of Agriculture and Minister of Industrial Development Sarawak, Y.B. Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Dr. George Chan in his welcome address reported that the State was able to achieve a 5% growth in 2008 despite the global slowdown, with the manufacturing sector recording a commendable 5.3% expansion. The State's economy is expected to slow down to 2.0% in 2009. For the manufacturing sector, it is likely to slow down to 0.5% in 2009. This is due to the lower demand for timber and petroleum products. He stated that the Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy (SCORE) is the catalyst for the involvement of the public and private sectors in developing the State's economy through value-added products and providing various service businesses and job opportunities.

In his opening address, the Minister of International Trade and Industry, Y.B. Dato' Mustapa Mohamed, informed that Sarawak was

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Dialog Pelaburan dan Dagangan Sarawak dan Seminar tentang Sektor Pengeluaran dan Perkhidmatan yang dianjurkan bersama oleh Lembaga Kemajuan Perindustrian Malaysia, Kementerian Pembangunan Perindustrian dan Perbadanan Pembangunan Industri Kecil dan Sederhana telah diadakan dari 18 hingga 19 Ogos 2009 di Kuching.

Tujuan dialog dan seminar ini adalah:

- i. Memberi perkembangan terbaru berkenaan polisi kerajaan, insentif, kemudahan dan perkhidmatan sokongan untuk komuniti perdagangan di Malaysia
- ii. Menekankan tentang peluang-peluang pelaburan yang terdapat di Sarawak
- iii. Meningkatkan kesedaran mengenai fungsi-fungsi agensi yang berkaitan dengan pembangunan

industri
iv. Sabagai forum untuk komunity perdagangan untuk bekerjasama dengan agensi utama kerajaan

Seminar ini dibahagikan kepada dua sesi. Sesi pertama merupakan sesi dialog antara komuniti perdagangan di Sarawak dan sesi kedua merupakan pembentangan 18 kertas kerja oleh agensi-agensi kerajaan, persatuan perdagangan dan sektor swasta.

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the largest recipient of approved investment in Malaysia for the first six months of 2009. Sarawak's approved investment was valued at RM7.3 billion, accounting for 45.9% of the country's total approved investment of RM15.9 billion in the manufacturing sector. The major investments during the period were in chemical and chemical products, basic metal products and wood and wood products.

The seminar was divided into two sessions with the first session being a dialogue session with business community in Sarawak while the second session was the presentation of 18 papers from various government agencies, trade associations and private sector.

The following papers were presented:

1. *Free Trade Agreements (FTA) - Latest Developments & Opportunities for Malaysian Business Community* by Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI)
2. *Development in Sarawak and SCORE* by State Planning Unit, Chief Minister's Department Sarawak (SPU)
3. *An Update on Investment Opportunities in the Manufacturing and Services Sector* by Malaysian Industrial Development Authority (MIDA)
4. *Anti-dumping Countervailing and Safeguard Measures Available to Domestic Industry* by Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI)
5. *Policies, Incentives & Programmes for SMEs Development* by SMIDEC
6. *Sustaining Export Growth in Challenging Times* by Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE)
7. *PEMUDAH Initiatives* by the Special Taskforce to Facilitate Business (PEMUDAH - 'Pasukan Petugas Khas Pemudahcara Perniagaan')
8. *Harnessing Business Efficiency Through Productivity and Quality* by Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC)
9. *Services Sector Capacity Development Fund* by Malaysian Industrial Development Authority (MIDA)
10. *MIDF - The Solution To Your Financing Challenges* by Malaysian Industrial Development Finance Berhad (MIDF)
11. *SME Bank's Role in Promoting the Establishment and Growth of SME's in Malaysia* by SME Bank
12. *Cash Management - Why Move To E-Initiatives & Go Beyond "Enquiry"* by RHB Bank Berhad
13. *EXIM Bank - Your Partner in Globalisation* by Export Import Bank of Malaysia Berhad (EXIM Bank)
14. *Credit Schemes Provided by CGS* by Credit Guarantee Corporation (CGC)
15. *The Role of SIRIM Berhad in Enhancing Technology Innovation for SME* by SIRIM Berhad
16. *Technology Funding and Incubation Programme* by Malaysian Technology Development Corporation (MTDC)
17. *Opportunities in Biotech - BioNexus Status, Incentives & Support* by Malaysian Biotechnology Corporation Sdn Bhd (Biotech Corp)
18. *MyBizPoint* by TM Berhad

Note: Presentation papers are available for reference at the STA Resource Centre.

INTRADE Malaysia 2009

■ The Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) will be organising the INTRADE Malaysia 2009, an international trade exhibition from 10 to 12 November 2009. The three-day exhibition will be held at the MATRADE Exhibition and Convention Centre (MECC), Menara MATRADE, Kuala Lumpur.

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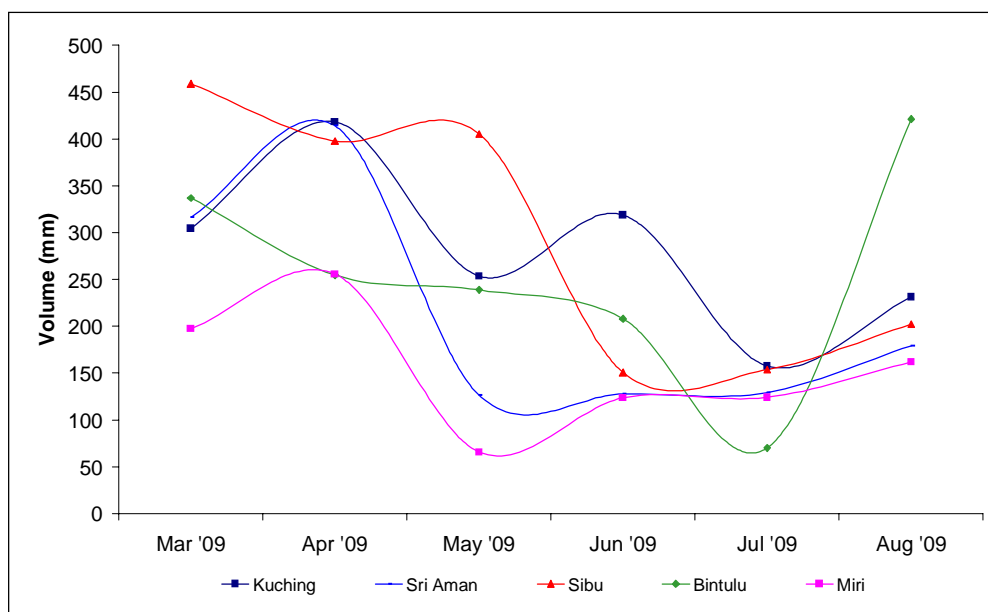
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