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Meeting with Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities

Sedelegasi STA terdiri dari pemegang jawatan STA, ahli-ahli jawatankuasa pensijilan mengadakan dialog bersama Yang Berhormat Datuk Peter Chin, Menteri Perusahaan Perladangan dan Komoditi pada 21 Ogos 2008 di Bangunan Parlimen, Kuala Lumpur. Delegasi STA diketuai oleh Pengerusinya, Datuk Wong Kie Yik. Mesyuarat membincangkan hal-hal berkaitan *Malaysia - European Union Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade - Voluntary Partnership Agreement (FLEGT VPA)*.

■ A meeting of STA Office-bearers and Certification Committee Members with Yang Berhormat Datuk Peter Chin, the Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities was held on 21 August 2008 at the Parliament House, Kuala Lumpur. The STA delegation was led by its Chairman, Datuk Wong Kie Yik. The meeting deliberated on matters relating to the Malaysia - European Union Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade - Voluntary Partnership

Agreement (FLEGT VPA). Also present in the meeting were Dato' Dr. Freezailah Che Yeom, Advisor to Malaysia side on FLEGT VPA, Datuk J. C. Fong, Advisor to STA and the Senior Officials of the Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities including Datuk Wira Ismail Saleh, Secretary General; Puan Nurmala Abdul Rahim, Deputy Secretary General; and Encik Wan Mazlan Wan Mahmood. ❁



Picture: Group photo after the meeting

Government Agencies - Timber Industry Golf Fellowship

■ The event, jointly organised by the Sarawak Timber Association and the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation, was held at the Eastwood Valley Golf and Country Club in Miri on 19 July 2008.

There were 40 participants, 19 on the Government side and 21 on the Industry side. Participants from the Government side included Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh, the General Manager of Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation, Dr. Ngenang Janggu, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Industrial Development; Dr. Penguang Manggil, the Controller of Environmental Quality NREB, Tuan Haji Ali Yusop, Deputy Director of Forests; and officers of the Forest Department Sarawak, Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation, Sarawak Forestry Corporation, Harwood Sdn. Bhd. and government-linked companies. The Industry side comprised senior management of STA member companies in Miri. The Government side was captained by

Datu Haji Len and the Timber Industry side by Mr. Wong Ing Yung STA Council Member.

The prize for a Hole-in-One at Holes No. 3 and No. 8 was a Proton Persona car donated by Datuk Jimmy Lau Hieng Wui, STA Council Member and Managing Director of Jimlogs Sdn Bhd. However, none of the participants struck a Hole in One. Prizes were awarded to the ten top net winners. The top ten scores from each team counted towards the Team Score. The Timber Industry Team beat the Government Team by a score of 729 to 750.

During the prize-winning ceremony, speeches were delivered by Dr. Lee Hua Seng, Chairman of the Organising Committee, Mr. Wong Ing Yung, Captain Timber Industry Team and Datu Haji Len, Captain Government Team. The event had provided an avenue for members from the timber industry to interact with colleagues from the government agencies and had assisted to foster closer networking. 🌳

Permainan golf Agensi Kerajaan Industri Perkayuan anjuran bersama STA dan Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak telah diadakan pada 19 Julai 2008 di Eastwood Valley Golf and Country Club, Miri. Ia disertai oleh 40 orang peserta, terdiri daripada 19 orang dari agensi kerajaan dan 21 orang dari sektor industri kayu.

Acara ini telah membolehkan ahli-ahli dari industri kayu berinteraksi dengan pegawai dari agensi kerajaan memperkukuhkan kerjasama antara satu sama lain.



Left: Mr. Wong Ing Yung receiving the Winning Team's trophy from Y. Bhg Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh while Organising Chairman Dr. Lee Hua Seng looks on

Below: Group photo of the participants



Launching Ceremony of AMC Enterprise Development Project

■ The Anap Muput Community (AMC) Enterprise Development Project was launched on 11 August 2008 at the Bukit Kana Field Station, Anap Muput Forest Management Unit (FMU), Bintulu. STA played a part in this project through a contribution to improve Bukit Kana Field Station as "Sarawak Rainforest and SFM Discovery Centre", where it will be developed gradually into a centre of excellence for research, eco-tourism, conservation and community management.

The brand new Toyota Hilux 4x4 double cab pickup truck that was handed over to Zedtee Sdn Bhd as a manager of Anap Muput FMU in a simple ceremony earlier on 9 July 2008 at Wisma STA, Kuching. It was then handed over to the Anap Muput Community on that day, witnessed by the District Officer of Tatau, Mr. Johnathan Lugoh in the presence of representatives from the Sarawak Forestry Corporation, the Wildlife Conservation Society and the local communities. 🌿

Projek Kemajuan Masyarakat Anap Muput telah dilancarkan pada 11 Ogos 2008 di Stesen Lapangan Bukit Kana, Unit Pengurusan Hutan Anap Muput, Bintulu.

Sebuah Toyota Hilux truk "pickup" 4x4 yang diserahkan kepada Zedtee Sdn Bhd selaku pengurus Unit Pengurusan Hutan Anap Muput pada 9 Julai 2008 di Wisma STA turut diserahkan kepada masyarakat Anap Muput dalam majlis. Majlis ini disaksikan oleh Pegawai Daerah Tatau, Encik Johnathan Lugoh dan wakil-wakil dari Sarawak Forestry Corporation, Persatuan Pemeliharaan Hidupan Liar dan masyarakat tempatan.



Left: Miring ceremony during the Launching



Right: The Toyota Hilux 4x4 double cab pickup truck



Left: Handing over ceremony

MTC and Industry Members Fact Finding and Trade Dialogue

■ On 4 August 2008, a delegate of 15 members of the timber industry from Peninsular Malaysia, led by Mr. Cheah Kam Huan, the Chief Executive Officer of Malaysian Timber Council paid a courtesy visit to STA. This visit aimed to discuss trade issues and to explore the possibility of promoting closer collaboration among the private sectors in the two regions in promoting trade and market development.

In the dialogue session with STA Members, members of the delegation voiced their interest in sourcing for raw materials from Sarawak as they are facing shortages in some timber species used for their production. The dialogue session ended with a lunch hosted by STA.

The group also had the opportunity to visit the factories located around Kuching during their two-day visit. ❁

Pada 4 Ogos 2008, satu delegasi terdiri daripada 15 orang dari industri perkayuan Semenanjung Malaysia yang diketuai oleh Encik Cheah Kam Huan, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Majlis Kayu Kayan Malaysia telah mengadakan kunjungan kehormat kepada STA. Kunjungan ini bertujuan untuk membincangkan isu-isu perdagangan dan meneroka peluang untuk bekerjasama antara agensi swasta dari dua rantau ini demi mempertingkatkan perdagangan dan pembangunan pasaran.



Picture: Members of the delegation being given a briefing on the timber industry in Sarawak

STA Moulding Category Meeting

■ Members of the STA Moulding Category met on 27 August 2008 at Wisma STA, Kuching. The meeting was presided by Mr. Philip Law Buong Hoo, the Category Chairman.

One of the agenda of the meeting was the election of the Category Committee. The following are the elected Committee Members:

Chairman:
Mr. Philip Law Buong Hoo

Vice Chairman:
Mr. Tiong Chiong Chung

Honorary Secretary:
Mr. Tiang Kwong Ung

Honorary Treasurer:
Mr. Tiang Kuong Hieng

Committee Members:
Y.Bhg. Dato' Tiong Ing
Mr. Kong Yu-Wei

Other issues discussed included Ramin Quota and the annual budget for the Category's activities for 2009. ❁

Ahli-ahli Kategori Kayu Kumai STA telah bermesyuarat pada 27 Ogos 2008 di Wisma STA, Kuching. Salah satu agenda mesyuarat adalah mengenai pemilihan Jawatankuasa Kategori. Isu-isu lain yang dibincang termasuk Kuota Ramin dan belanjawan tahunan untuk aktiviti-aktiviti bagi Kategori tersebut bagi 2009.

Use of PEFC International Chain of Custody Standard (Annex 4) under MTCS

Pada 19 Ogos 2008, STA telah menganjurkan taklimat tentang penggunaan Piawaian Rantaian Jagaan Antarabangsa PEFC di bawah Skim Pensijilan Kayu Malaysia yang dikendalikan oleh Majlis Pensijilan Kayu Malaysia (MTCC). Sesi taklimat yang dihadiri oleh 46 wakil dari syarikat-syarikat ahli dikendalikan oleh Encik Harnarinder Singh, Pengurus Kanan dan Cik Sabrina Mawasi, Eksekutif (Produk) dari MTCC.

■ The new institutional arrangement for the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS) operated by the Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) was implemented on 1 July 2008. This is an important requirement for the endorsement of MTCS by the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes (PEFC) Council. Under the new institutional arrangement, for the Chain of Custody, MTCS will be adopting the PEFC International Chain of Custody Standard (Annex 4).

On 19 August 2008, STA organised a briefing by MTCC on the use of PEFC International Chain of Custody Standard (Annex 4) under MTCS. The briefing session, attended by 46 representatives from Member Companies, was conducted by Mr. Harnarinder Singh, Senior

Manager and Ms. Sabrina Mawasi, Executive (Product) of MTCC.

The briefing covered the following topics:

- Overview of Implementation of New Institutional Arrangement for MTCS
- Introduction to International Chain of Custody Standard (Annex 4)
- Analysis of Compliance of Requirements of Chain of Custody with PEFC Annex 4
- Use of MTCC and PEFC Logos under the New Institutional Arrangement
- Implication of New Institutional Arrangement on Existing Chain of Custody Certificate Holders and New Applicants ❁



Left: Mr. Harnarinder Singh giving his presentation

Kategori Kilang Papan STA telah bermesyuarat pada 4 Ogos 2008 di Wisma STA, Kuching. Dalam mesyuarat, ahli-ahli berbincang tentang keadaan semasa bekalan balak di Sarawak dan bertukar maklumat mengenai pasaran kayu gergaji.

STA Sawmilling Category Meeting

■ The STA Sawmilling Category met on 4 August 2008 at Wisma STA, Kuching. The meeting was presided by Ms. Annie Wong Haw Bing, the Category Chairperson. At the meeting, Members discussed the current log supply situation in

Sarawak and exchange information on the sawntimber market. Proposals were made to negotiate with the Logging Members on utilisation of tree branches and rejected log ends left behind in the felling sites. ❁

STA Panel Products Committee Meeting

■ On 6 August 2008, the STA Panel Products Committee held a meeting at Wisma STA, Kuching chaired by Mr. Stephen Lau, the Committee Chairman.

The meeting discussed matters related to EN636, data and statistics on plywood trade and export and the current log situation. There was also an exchange of information on the markets in the various regions. ❁



Picture: Meeting in progress

STA Forest Plantation Category Meeting

■ The STA Forest Plantation Category called for a meeting on 14 August 2008, held at Wisma STA, Kuching. The meeting was chaired by Datuk Haji Abdul Hamed bin Haji Sepawi, the Category Chairman.

The meeting discussed the harvesting of planted forests, cess for harvested timber, chain of custody, training of forest plantation personnel and the draft Malaysian Criteria and Indicators for Forest Plantations. ❁



Picture: Meeting in progress

Pada 6 Ogos 2008, Jawatankuasa Produk Panel STA telah mengadakan mesyuarat di Wisma STA, Kuching. Mesyuarat membincangkan isu-isu berkaitan dengan EN636, data dan statistik dagangan dan eksport papan lapis dan keadaan kayu balak semasa. Mereka juga bertukar maklumat mengenai pasaran di pelbagai kawasan.

Kategori Perladangan Hutan STA telah mengadakan mesyuarat pada 14 Ogos 2008 di Wisma STA, Kuching. Mesyuarat berbincang mengenai pembalakan di ladang hutan, rantaian jagaan, latihan tenaga perladangan hutan dan cadangan piawaian Kriteria dan Indikator Pengurusan bagi Perladangan Hutan.

Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Science

Modul terakhir bagi subjek terakhir, Kemampanan -Teori dan Praktis untuk pelajar jurusan Diploma Lepas Ijazah dalam Sains Tambahan telah diadakan dari 25-29 Ogos 2008 di Unit Pengurusan Hutan Melatai, Kapit yang dihadiri oleh 21 orang pelajar. Kursus ini dikendalikan oleh Profesor Madya Dr. Hugh Bigsby dan Encik Gan Boon Keong, perunding teknikal hutan. Kursus ini meliputi aktiviti dalam dan luar kelas. Sesi dalam kelas telah dijalankan di kem induk manakala sesi luar kelas pula diadakan di beberapa blok unit pengurusan hutan.

■ The last module for the final subject, Sustainability - Theory and Practice for the Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Science, held from 25 to 29 August 2008 at the Melatai Forest Management Unit, Kapit, was attended by 21 students. The course was conducted by Associate Professor Dr. Hugh Bigsby and Mr. Gan Boon Keong, a technical forest consultant.

The course consisted of classroom and field sessions. The classroom sessions were held at the

Base Camp while the field trips were held at various blocks of the forest management unit.

For field visits, the students were brought to various blocks in the forest management unit for practical sessions. The practical sessions exposed the students to procedures of assessment carried out by assessors during the certification process. There was also a demonstration on Reduced Impact Logging. 🌱



Left: Class presentation by the students



Right: Students interviewing the tractor driver after the demonstration

Below: Group photo at base camp



Seminar on Komatsu Swing Yarder and Log Yarder for Reduced Impact Logging

■ UMW (East Malaysia) Sdn Bhd and Komatsu Asia Pacific Pte Ltd, with assistance from STA, jointly organised a one-day Seminar on Komatsu Swing Yarder and Log Yarder for Reduced Impact Logging on 20 August 2008 in Sibu. The seminar was attended by more than 200 participants comprising players from the logging industry, STA Members, and staff of relevant government agencies, STA Secretariat, UMW and Komatsu.

At the seminar, participants were

briefed on Sustainable Forest Management Requirements in Sarawak by Sarawak Forestry Corporation, Environmental Impact Assessment Requirements for Forestry and Forestry Plantation Operation by the Natural Resources and Environmental Board and the various models of Swing Yarder and Log Yarder and a tracking system by Komatsu. A PC200-7 Komatsu Swing Yarder was on show near the seminar venue for the viewing of participants. ❁

UMW (East Malaysia) Sdn Bhd dan Komatsu Asia Pacific Pte Ltd, dengan kerjasama dari STA, telah bersama-sama menganjurkan seminar sehari tentang "Swing Yarder" dan "Log Yarder" Komatsu bertujuan untuk mengurangkan impak pembalakan pada 20 Ogos 2008 di Sibu. Seminar ini dihadiri oleh lebih kurang 200 orang peserta terdiri dari peneraju industri pembalakan, ahli-ahli STA, dan kakitangan agensi kerajaan, urusetia STA dan UMW dan Komatsu.



Above: Participants at the Seminar



Left: The PC200-7 Komatsu Swing Yarder on show

Seminar on Capitalising Forestry and Climate Change in Malaysia

Seminar mengenai "Capitalising Forestry and Climate Change in Malaysia" telah diadakan pada 11 Ogos 2008 di Auditorium FRIM, Kepong, Selangor Darul Ehsan.

Seminar ini memberi laporan aktiviti berkaitan Perhutanan CDM. Ia juga meninjau peluang untuk menghasilkan program pengimbangan karbon secara am bagi sektor perhutanan pada masa akan datang. Peluang ini berhubung kait dengan projek "Reduced Emission from Deforestation and Degradation in Developing Countries" (REDD) dan "Voluntary Emission Reduction" (VER).

■ The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, the CDM Forestry Secretariat of Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) and the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) jointly organised a Seminar on Capitalising Forestry and Climate Change in Malaysia on 11 August 2008 at the FRIM Auditorium, Kepong, Selangor Darul Ehsan. The seminar was attended by approximately 80 participants from the private sector, relevant government agencies and institutions of higher learning.

In 2007, Malaysia has set up a secretariat and standard operating procedures to assist interested stakeholders in engaging in climate forestry projects. This was achieved under the short-term capacity development project financed by DANIDA and implemented by FRIM. The seminar reported on activities related to CDM forestry. The seminar also looked into future opportunities for creating carbon offset programmes in the forestry sector in general. These opportunities are related to Reduced Emission from Deforestation and Degradation in Developing Countries (REDD) and Voluntary Emission Reduction (VER) projects.

REDD was formally launched as part of an international climate change framework post-2012 at the Conference of Parties (COP) meeting in Bali in December 2007. It is envisioned that demonstration activities will take place in the coming two years to gain experience with different approaches before decisions are made at the COP 15 scheduled in Copenhagen in December 2009. VERs are as the name indicates, voluntary measures and typically spearheaded by private sector

initiatives.

The topics presented at the seminar were:

- **Developments in Climate Change Negotiations Relating to Forestry** by Mr. Michael Dutschke, BioCarbon Consult
- **Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for Forestry CDM Projects in Malaysia** by Mr. Chow Kok Kee, Sustainable Technology Resource Centre Sdn Bhd
- **Eligible Lands for Afforestation & Reforestation (A&R) CDM in Peninsular Malaysia** by Dr. Gary William Theseira, Dr. Norini Haron and Encik Ariff Fahmi Abu Bakar, FRIM
- **Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) Inventory in Malaysia** by Dr. Elizabeth Philip and Dr. Abdul Rahim Nik, FRIM
- **Malaysia Airlines Carbon Offset Project** by Captain Dr. Ooi Teong Siew,
- **Outlook for Reducing Emissions from Forest Degradation and Deforestation (REDD) in Malaysia** by Encik Shamsudin Musa, Dr. Mohd Yunus B. Zakaria and Dr. Serafina Christine, FRIM and Forest Department Peninsular Malaysia
- **FCPF: First Steps in REDD** by Mr. Michael Dutschke, BioCarbon Consult
- **Private Sector Movements in the Carbon Market** by Mr. Michael V. Galante, Forestry Development, Equitech
- **Carbon Neutral Export? Show Me the Money** by Mr. Marcus Chee, Business Council for Sustainable Development Malaysia

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

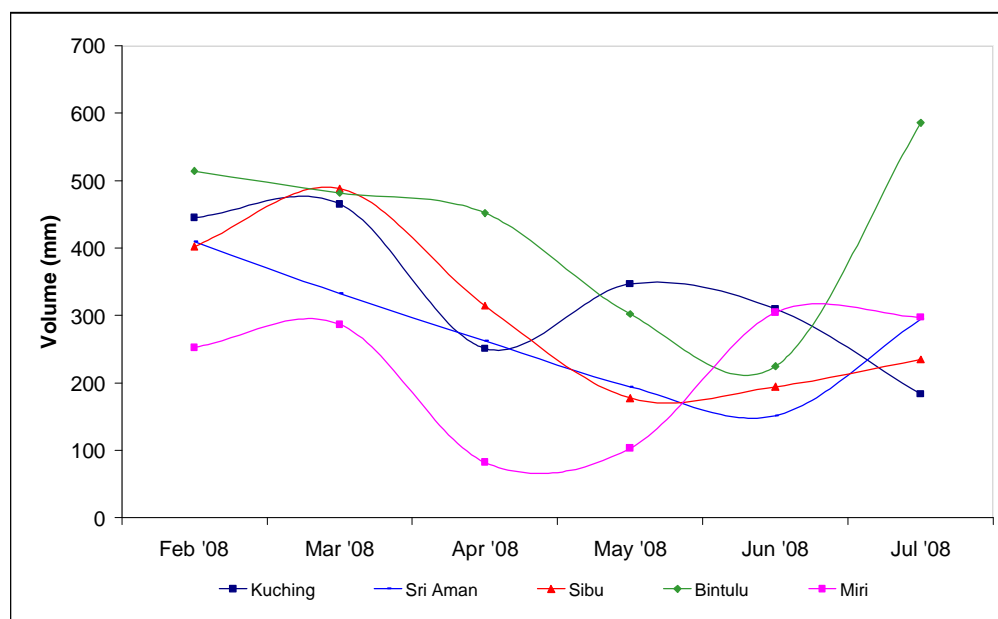


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