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Sarawak Timber Selling Mission to Chennai and Mumbai, India



Photo: Dialogue between Sarawak delegation and members of Bombay Timber Merchants Association



Photo: The Second Minister of Resource Planning and Environment. Datuk Amar Awang Tengah Ali Hassan (3rd from Left) with STA members

The Second Minister of Resource Planning and Environment, Datuk Amar Awang Tengah Ali Hassan led 39-member delegation from Sarawak on a selling timber mission Chennai and

Mumbai, India from 5 to 10 December 2016. The delegation included nineteen (19) participants from the private sector.

The purposes of the mission were to promote Sarawak's timber products, in particular plywood and sawn timber; to enhance the bilateral relationship between India and Sarawak in trading of timber products; to strengthen the existing networking with importers, manufacturers and retailers as well as to expand market share in India.

Both the Seminar and Individual Business Meeting scheduled on 6 December 2016 in Chennai were cancelled due to the demise of the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa on 5 December 2016. Instead, the President of the Chennai Timber Merchants Association, Mr T Raja Sekhar paid a courtesy call to the Second Minister of Resource Planning and Environment on 6 December 2016 at the Taj Coromandel Hotel, Chennai. On the same day, the delegation members also had an opportunity to meet up with Mr Ahmad Fajaruzam Abdul Jalil, the Consul General from the office of the Consulate General of Malaysia in Chennai and Mr Zuaziezie Zulkefli, the Consul (Trade) from the Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) in Chennai for a brief general discussion on the overall market situation for timber products in India over the lunch hosted by the Second Minister of Resource Planning and Environment.

On 8 December 2016, a series of meetings were arranged for Datuk Amar Awang Tengah and the delegation at the Taj Lands End Hotel in Mumbai. The meetings started off with the meeting with the representatives from the office of the Consulate General of Malaysia and MATRADE on the policy and an update on Indian market. This was followed by separate meetings with representatives of Kandla Timber Association and Bombay Timber Merchants Association led by their respective President where they discussed potential ways to increase the importation of timber products from Sarawak. After the meetings, a seminar on "The Sarawak Timber Products for Global Markets" was held in the same venue with the attendance of 120 Indian participants, which was followed by individual business meeting.

共有39名成员的砂拉越代表团在砂第二资源策划与环境部 长拿督阿玛阿旺登雅(译音)带领下于2016年12月5日至 10日前往印度金奈和孟买进行木材销售任务。该代表团包 括19名来自私营部门的参与者。

该任务的目的是促销砂拉越的木材产品,特别是胶合板和 锯材;加强印度和砂拉越在木材贸易方面的双边关系;加 强与进口商、制造商和零售商的现有联系,以及扩大在印 度的市场份额。金奈木材商人协会主席遆拉扎塞克哈先生 (译音)于2016年12月6日礼貌拜会砂第二资源策划与环境

拿督阿玛阿旺登雅与代表团于2016年12月8日接受一系列 的会议安排,了解政策和印度市场的最新进展,并讨论提 高砂拉越木材产品进口的潜在途径。 "砂拉越木材产品的 全球市场"研讨会及个人商务会议于会议过后举行。

Menteri Perancangan Sumber dan Alam Sekitar, Datuk Amar Awang Tengah Ali Hasan mengetuai delegasi seramai 39 anggota dari Sarawak, yang merangkumi 19 anggota dari sektor swasta untuk misi jualan kayu ke Chennai dan Mumbai, India dari 5 hingga 10 Disember 2016.

Tujuan misi ini adalah untuk mempromosi jualan dan eksport produk perkayuan Sarawak, khususnya papan lapis dan kayu gergaji; untuk meningkatkan hubungan dua hala antara India dan Sarawak dalam perdagangan produk kayu; untuk mengukuhkan rangkaian sedia ada dengan pengimport, pengeluar dan peruncit serta untuk mengembangkan pasaran di India.

Presiden Persatuan Pedagang-pedagang Kayu Chennai, Encik T Raja Sekhar turut mengadakan kunjungan hormat kepada Menteri Perancangan Sumber dan Alam Sekitar pada 6 Disember 2016. Pada 8 Disember 2016, beberapa siri mesyuarat diatur untuk Datuk Amar Awang Tengah dan delegasi bagi membincangkan polisi dan perkembangan terkini pasaran India serta potensi untuk mengembangkan pengimportan produk kayu dari Sarawak. Seminar "Produk Perkayuan Sarawak untuk Pasaran Global" telah diadakan selepas mesyuarat-mesyuarat tersebut dan diikuti dengan mesyuarat perniagaan individu.

Sarawak Heart of Bo



Photo: Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh delivering his opening speech

The Sarawak Heart of Borneo (HoB) Seminar 2016 with the theme "Conserving Biodiversity through Sustaining Communities Livelihood" was successfully organised by Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) with the full support from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (NRE) and Ministry of

Resource Planning and Environment (MRPE) Sarawak at Pullman Hotel, Kuching from 7 to 8 December 2016. The objective of the Seminar was to provide a platform and opportunities for relevant stakeholders, local communities and HoB partners to share and exchange ideas on biodiversity conservation and livelihood of communities.

The tone for the Seminar was set by the keynote address entitled "Having the Cake and Eating It Too: Benefiting from Conservation of Biodiversity in Sarawak" delivered by Professor Emeritus Dato Dr Haji Mohamed bin Abdul Majid from University of Malaya. He highlighted the importance of keeping the forests intact, given the various ecosystem services that the forests provide.

Tuan Haji Sapuan Ahmad, the Director of Forests in his speech read by Mr Jack Liam, Deputy Director I, FDS welcomed the approximately 200 participants from various Sarawak's HoB stakeholders such as Government agencies, universities, private sectors and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

Following that, Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh, Assistant Minister of Workforce Development and Training and Assistant Minister for Environment Sarawak in his officiating speech informed participants of the Seminar that Sarawak's HoB covers an area of 2.1million hectares (ha), spanning across areas with a population of 12,481 people from nine (9) ethnic groups. At present, there is a marked increase of almost 70% in Totally Protected Areas (TPAs) gazetted in Sarawak HoB, from 311,715 ha when HoB was first implemented in 2007 to 526,652 ha.

The Seminar was divided into three (3) sessions with their respective papers as follows:

Session 1: Biodiversity Conservation and Local Community Livelihood

- 1. Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) Orang-Utan Conservation Initiatives in the HoB Sarawak
 - by Dr Melvin Gumal from WCS, Malaysia
- 2. Biodiversity and Community Initiatives at Sarawak's HoB
 - by Dr Jason Hon from World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF), Sarawak

- 3. Gingers of HoB Sarawak
 - by Dr Qammil Muzzammil Abdullah from University Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS)
- 4. Assessment on Bird Diversity in Payeh Maga Highland Conservation Area
 - by Dr Zamri bin Rosli from Universiti Putra Malaysia UPM) (Bintulu Campus)
- 5. Tree Diversity at Payeh Maga Highland Conservation Area
 - by Dr Ong Kian Huat from UPM (Bintulu Campus)
- 6. Documenting Traditional Knowledge of Useful Plants among Lun Bawang of Payeh Maga, Lawas, Iban of Ulu Mentawai, Limbang and Sa'ban of Long Banga, Baram, HoB, Sarawak
 - by Ms Arlene Alicia from Sarawak Biodiversity Centre (SBC)
- 7. Assessing Biodiversity of Upper Baleh Catchment (A Quick Summary Report)
 - by Professor Dr Gabriel Tonga Noweg from UNIMAS
- 8. Geographical Information System (GIS) Cloud Mapping Technology Application of Sarawak Totally Protected Areas (TPAs) within HoB
 - by Mr Marconi Anak Stephen Jone and Mr Harem Peri from FDS

The first session of the Seminar provided participants with findings made from efforts carried out by various stakeholders in the global conservation efforts which are aimed to conserve biodiversity in the area. Forest inventory conducted in the area has revealed over 400 species of plants and animals, some of which are endemic to the area.

SBC, concerned with the loss of knowledge as a result of changing lifestyles and priorities, assisted the local communities in preserving their traditional knowledge through proper recording and documenting techniques. NGOs such as WCS and WWF-Malaysia have also provided the local communities with the tools and skills to improve the quality of their work, consequently their source of income.

Session 2: Local Communities Initiatives and Livelihood

- 9. Asia Pacific Forests Network (APFNet) Community Development Project at Long Napir, Limbang
 - by Mr Derek Paran Morris from APFNet
- HoB Initiative on Community Development Promoting Non Timber Forest Products (NTFP) for Enhancing Livelihood
 - by Ms Rowena Ruth from FDS
- 11. Tagang Fisheries Conservation System in Sarawak
 - by Haji Hariffin Haji Awang Bini from Department of Agriculture (DOA), Sarawak
- 12. Beginning of a Journey Implementation of Gaharu Agronomy at Rumah Manggat, Batang Ai
 - by Mr Suliman Jamahari from FDS

The second session of the Seminar highlighted the various initiatives taken by the local communities, with the support of various agencies in the pursuit of enhancing their livelihood. The various community development

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projects which are participatory in nature are intended to provide infrastructures such as solar power set and gravel road as well as alternative livelihood activities such as poultry raising and vegetable farming. Among some of the community development projects are Tagang fisheries conservation system and Gaharu Tea™.

Session 3: Bio-Tourism and Community Livelihood

- 13. Role of Community Based Eco-Tourism in **Biodiversity Conservation**
 - by Mr Cr John Tarawe from Forum Masyarakat Adat Dataran Tinggi Borneo (FORMADAT)
- 14. Ecotourism Initiative in Batang Ai, Sri Aman
 - by Mr Robert Basiuk from Borneo Adventure Sdn
- 15. Bird Watching Tourism in HoB
 - by Mr Yeo Siew Teck from Cat City Holidays Sdn Bhd

The forests in HoB are still intact and serve as good habitat for wildlife such as orang utan and birds. However, the lack of licensed tour guides, facilities such as homestay and marketing efforts have deterred the communities from developing ecotourism. Therefore, the support from other stakeholders are vital in ensuring that ecotourism in the area could be sustained for the benefit of the people and environment, at large.

砂拉越森林局(FDS)在自然资源和环境部(NRE)和资源管 理及环境部(MRPE)的充分支持下于2016年12月7日至8 日假古晋铂尔曼酒店主办2016年婆罗洲之心(HoB)研讨 会,今年主题为"通过维持社区生活保持生物多样化" 研讨会旨于为利益相关者,当地社区和HoB合作伙伴提供 一个分享和交流有关生物多样化保护和社区生计观点的平 台和机会。

马来亚大学名誉教授拿督哈芝穆罕默博士(译音)在致主 旨辞中强调保持原始森林完好的重要性,因原始森林提供 各种生态系统服务。研讨会分成3段平行会议进行。第一项 平行会议向与会者讲解各利益相关者在全球保护努力中所 作的努力,这旨在保护该地区的生物多样化。

研讨会第二项平行会议则强调各地方社区在各机构支持下 所采取的各种举措于改善相关社区的生计。缺乏持有导游 执照的导游,设施如民宿和营销策略阻碍社区发展生态旅 游。因此,对于确保该地区的生态旅游能够维持以造福居 民和环境,其他利益相关者的支持至关重要。

Seminar Heart of Borneo 2016 dengan tema "Memulihara Biodiversiti dengan Mengekalkan Kehidupan Komuniti" telah dianjurkan dengan jayanya oleh Jabatan Hutan Sarawak dengan sokongan penuh daripada Kementerian Sumber Asli dan Alam Sekitar dan Kementerian Perancangan Sumber dan Alam Sekitar Sarawak di Hotel Pullman, Kuching pada 7 dan 8 Disember 2016. Objektif Seminar ini adalah untuk mewujudkan sebuah platform dan peluang untuk pihak berkepentingan yang berkaitan, masyarakat setempat dan rakan HoB untuk berkongsi dan bertukar idea mengenai pemuliharaan biodiversiti dan kehidupan komuniti.

Ucaptama disampaikan oleh Profesor Emeritus Dato Dr Haji Mohamed bin Abdul Majid daripada Universiti Malaya menekankan kepentingan mengekalkan hutan dalam keadaan yang baik kerana hutan memberikan pelbagai manfaat terutamanya dari segi perkhidmatan ekosistem. Seminar tersebut dibahagikan kepada 3 sesi. Sesi pertama berkongsi hasil usaha bersama pelbagai pihak berkepentingan dalam usaha pemuliharaan global yang bertujuan untuk memulihara biodiversiti di kawasan tersebut.

Sesi kedua pula menekankan inisiatif yang diambil masyarakat tempatan, dengan sokongan daripada pelbagai agensi dalam usaha untuk meningkatkan taraf hidup mereka. Namun, seperti yang diutarakan melalui sesi ketiga, kekurangan pemandu pelancong yang berlesen, kemudahan penginapan dan usaha pemasaran telah menghalang pembangunan ekopelancongan.

Oleh itu, sokongan daripada pihak berkepentingan yang lain adalah penting dalam memastikan ekopelancongan di kawasan itu dapat dikekalkan untuk manfaat rakyat dan alam sekitar.

Sarawak Heart of Borneo - Seminar on Scientific **Expedition to Upper Baleh**

Forest Department Sarawak (FDS), in collaboration with Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), Sarawak Energy Berhad (SEB) and World Wide Fund (WWF)-Malaysia, organised Sarawak Heart of Borneo - Seminar on Scientific Expedition to Upper Baleh, Kapit on 9 December 2016 at Pullman Hotel, Kuching. With the theme "Conserving the Gems of Upper Baleh, Kapit', the Seminar was aimed to disseminate findings made by researchers during the expedition to Upper Baleh, which is located within the Sarawak's Heart of Borneo (HoB).

Professor Dr Gabriel Tonga Noweg, Director of Institute of Biodiversity and Environmental Conservation (IBEC), UNIMAS in his welcoming remarks, gave an overview of the Scientific Expedition of Upper Baleh participated by a group of thirty nine (39) researchers and students from FDS, UNIMAS, SEB and WWF-Malaysia from 21 to 27 November 2015.

He explained that the Expedition was set forth to achieve several goals namely; to gather baseline biodiversity



Photo: Professor Dr Gabriel Tonga Noweg delivering his presentation

data to document the diversity of the flora and fauna of Upper Baleh catchment area, support the gazettement of the proposed Baleh National Park as well as facilitate the development and implementation of good conservation and catchment management plan at Upper Baleh. Professor Dr Gabriel also expressed his appreciation to the Elite Honour Camp under WTK Group of Companies whose staff had provided transport and logistics during the course of the Expedition.

The three (3) sessions of the Seminar saw a total of seventeen (17) presentations covering a wide range of topics including biodiversity, geophysical and human environment of the Upper Baleh. After each session, participants of the Seminar were given the opportunities to raise questions.

砂拉越森林局(FDS)在与马来西亚砂拉越大学(UNIMAS),砂拉越能源公司(SEB)和世界自然基金会(WWF)联合下于2016年12月9日假古晋铂尔曼酒店联合主办砂拉越婆罗洲之心-加帛上峇类科学考察研讨会,主题为"保护加帛中的宝石,上峇类"。研讨会旨于传播研究人员在远征期间对位于砂拉越婆罗洲之心(HoB)上峇类所总结的调查结果。

UNIMAS生物多样化与环境保护研究所(IBEC)主任加布里埃尔教授博士(译音)在致欢迎辞中概述上峇类的科学探险旨在实现数个目标,即;收集基线生物多样化数据,记录上峇类流域地区动植物的多样化数据,支持峇类国家公园提议方案宣传以及促进上峇类良好保护和流域管理计划的制定和实施。

研讨会3段平行会议共呈现17张课题报导,这覆盖上峇类生物多样化,地球物理和人类环境等各广泛范围课题。

Jabatan Hutan Sarawak, dengan kerjasama Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Sarawak Energy Berhad dan World Wide Fund (WWF)-Malaysia telah menganjurkan Sarawak Heart of Borneo – *Seminar Ekspedisi Saintifik Hulu Baleh, Kapit* pada 9 Disember 2016 di Hotel Pullman, Kuching. Dengan tema "*Memelihara Permata Hulu Baleh, Kapit*", Seminar tersebut bertujuan untuk menyebarkan penemuan yang dibuat oleh penyelidik melalui ekspedisi tersebut.

Profesor Dr Gabriel Tonga Noweg, Pengarah Institut Biodiversiti dan Pemuliharaan Alam Sekitar, UNIMAS dalam ucapan alu-aluannya, memberi gambaran keseluruhan Ekspedisi Santifik Hulu Baleh telah ditetapkan untuk mencapai beberapa matlamat iaitu; untuk mengumpul data biodiversiti asas untuk mendokumentasikan kepelbagaian flora dan fauna di kawasan tadahan air Hulu Baleh, menyokong pewartaan cadangan Taman Negara Baleh serta memudahkan pembangunan dan pelaksanaan kerja yang baik dan pelan pengurusan kawasan tadahan di Hulu Baleh.

Sejumlah 17 pembentangan merangkumi topik-topik seperti biodiversiti, geofizik dan alam sekitar Hulu Baleh telah disampaikan oleh para penyelidik sepanjang 3 sesi Seminar tersebut.

Carnival on Non-Timber Forest Products of Heart of Borneo Sarawak 2016

The Forest Department Sarawak had organised a *Carnival on Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP) of Heart of Borneo (HoB)* from 30 November to 4 December 2016 at the Kuching Waterfront. Eighty (80) local communities from Sarawak's HoB areas participated in the 5-day Carnival.

The Carnival with the theme "Enhancing Community Livelihood through NTFP" was aimed to bring together local communities within Sarawak's HoB areas to showcase and sell their NTFP such as handicrafts, food and health products as well as promoting these products to tourists.

During the launching ceremony which was held on 1 December 2016, Tuan Haji Sapuan Ahmad, the Director of Forests in his opening speech said that the Carnival, organised by the Department was in line with the 5th pillar of the Sarawak's HoB initiative, which is to conduct community based or rural poverty eradication programme. He hoped that through this Carnival, local entrepreneurs



Photo: Opening Ceremony with Datuk Amar Awang Tengah Ali Hasan (5th from Left)

from rural areas statewide will have the opportunity to market their products and improve community livelihood by raising their income through promoting and selling NTFP. The Carnival was officiated by Datuk Amar Awang Tengah Ali Hasan, the Second Minister of Resource Planning and Environment. In his officiating speech, he mentioned that the State Government is aware of the importance of NTFP to the local communities especially those living close to the forests and therefore has gazetted communal forests and Totally Protected Areas (TPAs) to sustain the source of NTFP. He also urged other Government agencies and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to work together in the development, promotion and the marketing of NTFP.

There were a total of forty (40) booths set up by local communities during the Carnival to display and sell their NTFP.

砂拉越森林局于2016年11月30日至12月4日假古晋河滨公园举办婆罗洲之心(HoB)非木材森林产品(NTFP)嘉年华。来自砂拉越婆罗洲之心区域的80个本地社团参加了为期5天的嘉年华。

以"通过非木材森林产品提高社区生活"为主题的嘉年华旨在聚集砂婆罗洲之心区域内的本地社团,以展示和销售其非木材森林产品,如手工艺品、食品和保健产品,以及向游客推销这些产品。

在2016年12月1日举行的开幕礼上,砂森林局局长哈芝沙布安阿末(译音)在致词时表示希望通过这次的嘉年华,来自州内农村地区的本地企业家能有机会推销他们的产品以及通过促销和销售非木材森林产品提高他们的收入并改善社区生活。

Jabatan Hutan Sarawak telah menganjurkan *Karnival Produk Hasil Hutan Bukan Kayu (HHBK) dari Heart of Borneo* dari 30 November hingga 4 Disember 2016 di Kuching Waterfront. Seramai 80 masyarakat tempatan dari kawasan HoB Sarawak menyertai Karnival 5-hari tersebut.

Karnival tersebut yang bertemakan "Meningkatkan Kehidupan Komuniti melalui HHBK" adalah bertujuan untuk mengumpulkan masyarakat-masyarakat tempatan dalam kawasan HoB Sarawak bagi mempamerkan serta menjual HHBK seperti kraf tangan, makanan dan produk kesihatan di samping memasarkan produk-produk ini kepada pelancong.

Tuan Haji Sapuan Ahmad, Pengarah Hutan dalam ucapan perasmian beliau pada majlis pelancaran yang berlangsung pada 1 Disember 2016 berharap Karnival tersebut membuka peluang kepada usahawan tempatan dari kawasan luar bandar di seluruh negeri untuk memasarkan produk mereka bagi meningkatkan pendapatan dan taraf hidup mereka melalui promosi dan penjualan HHBK.

MTA Timber Workshop 2016



Photo: Group photo

The Malaysian Timber Association (MTA) organised the first of its kind, a one-day Timber Workshop on 13 December 2016 at the Hilton Hotel, Kuching. A total of 101 participants from MTA member companies as well as State and Federal Government/timber agencies attended the Workshop.

The MTA Timber Workshop 2016 with the theme "One Nation, One Timber Industry" served as a platform for players from the timber industry and policy makers from relevant forestry and timber agencies across Malaysia, i.e. Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak to share knowledge and discuss challenges as well as ways to integrate and work together as one industry.

Dato' Low Kian Chuan, MTA President in his introductory remarks informed participants of the Workshop that MTA as the only association comprising nine (9) members, covering the timber industries of the three (3) regions, namely Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak, has a key and vital role to play in the integration of the industry in Malaysia and forging a united approach to address issues in market promotion, downstream development, supply of raw material, labour shortage, training, environment, sustainability and Research & Development. As such, this Workshop shall come out with ways to further strengthen MTA as the lead organisation to represent the whole timber industry in Malaysia.



Photo: Dato' Low Kian Chuan with the 4 moderators of the breakout sessions

This was followed by a plenary session whereby Mr George Tan, Advisor of Malaysian Timber Industry Forum Association, Mr Ricky Lim, Honorary Treasurer of Timber Association of Sabah and Ms Annie Ting, Senior Manager of Sarawak Timber Association (STA) delivered presentations on the current status and challenges as well as opportunities and way forward for the timber industry for each of the region; Peninsular, Sabah and Sarawak.

After the plenary session, participants of the Workshop were divided into the following four (4) groups during the breakout session:

Session 1 Policy

Moderated by Dato' Supperamaniam Manickam,
 Distinguished Fellow, Institute for Strategic and
 International Studies Malaysia

Session 2 Raw Materials

 Moderated by Mr Stephen Chaw, Secretary General, Sabah Timber Industries Association

Session 3 Marketing & Trade

 Moderated by Dr Peter Kho, General Manager, Sarawak Timber Association

Session 4

Industry Development (Downstream Industry)

 Moderated by Mr Tham Sing Khow, Advisor/ Coordinator, Timber Task Forces, Timber Industry Forum

Before the conclusion of the Workshop, all 4 moderators from the breakout sessions took the opportunity to present the outcomes from the breakout sessions after an extensive discussion/deliberation among the participants. These outcomes shall be further studied to develop a concrete proposal to be submitted to the relevant government agencies on how to resolve the issues and to move forward as a united timber industry.

Being the only MTA member in Sarawak, STA hosted a networking dinner for all the participants of the Workshop in the same evening.

马来西亚木材公会(MTA)于2016年12月13日假古晋希尔顿酒店举办前所未有的MTA木材研讨会。 总共101位MTA会员公司以及砂州和联邦政府木材机构代表参与此为期1天的研讨会。

研讨会题为"一国,一木材业"旨于提供平台让马来西亚即半岛,沙巴和砂拉越的木材业者和相关森林和木材机构决策者一起共享知识和讨论挑战课题以及如何合作统合国家木材业。

MTA主席,拿督卢成全在致欢迎词时告知出席者MTA在统合马来西亚木材业中可发挥重要的角色,以代表国家整个木材业,建立一个统一的方法解决问题。

研讨会在集体会议后分组研讨4项课题。

4位小组主席在研讨会未结束前呈现各组组员所讨论和审议的课题结果。MTA将进一步探讨这些讨论结果以制成一具体建议书呈交于相关政府机构,让双方策划如何解决这些课题和为统合木材业一起前进。

Persatuan Kayu Kayan Malaysia menganjurkan Bengkel Perkayuan yang pertama seumpamanya pada 13 Disember 2016 di Hotel Hilton, Kuching. Seramai 101 peserta dari syarikat-syarikat ahli MTA serta wakil dari agensi-agensi Kerajaan Negeri, Persekutuan dan perkayuan menghadiri Bengkel tersebut.

Bengkel Perkayuan MTA 2016 yang bertemakan "Satu Bangsa, Satu Industri Perkayuan" berfungsi sebagai platform untuk pemain-pemain industri perkayuan dan pembuat dasar dari agensi-agensi perhutanan dan perkayuan yang berkaitan dari seluruh Malaysia, iaitu Semenanjung Malaysia, Sabah dan Sarawak untuk berkongsi pengetahuan dan membincangkan cabaran serta cara-cara untuk mengintegrasi serta bekerjasama sebagai satu industri.

Dato' Low Kian Chuan, Presiden MTA memaklumkan peserta Bengkel dalam ucapan aluan beliau yang MTA memainkan peranan utama dan penting dalam mengintegrasikan industry perkayuan dalam Malaysia, menjalinkan pendekatan bersepadu dalam menangani isu-isu serta mewakili keseluruhan industri perkayuan di Malaysia. Ucapan beliau diikuti dengan sesi plenari dan 4 sesi selari.

Sebelum tamatnya Bengkel, moderator daripada setiap sesi selari membentangkan hasil sesi perbincangan dalam kalangan peserta sesi selari masing-masing. Hasil perbincangan tersebut akan dikaji dengan lebih mendalam dalam usaha membangunkan satu cadangan kukuh yang akan dikemukakan kepada agensi-agensi kerajaan mengenai langkah menyelesaikan isu-isu dan langkah kehadapan sebagai satu industri perkayuan.





Financial Assitance to Mdm Ani anak Nios, Wisma STA, Kuching, 27 January 2016



Discussion cum Training Session on the MC&I FP.v2, Wisma STA, Kuching, 7January 2016



Panel Interview for the Institut Kemahiran Mara Student Awards, IKM, Kuching, 18 January 2016



STA Forest Plantation Committee Meeting No 1/2016, Wisma STA, Kuching, 8 January 2016



Financial Assitance to PIBAKAT, Wisma STA, Kuching, 27 January 2016



Signing of MoU for Planted Forests Research, RH Hotel, Sibu, 29 January 2016

FEB

Workshop on Developing Standard and Compliance Checklist for Sarawak Timber Legality Verification System, Riverside Majestic Hotel, Kuching, 1-2 February 2016



STA Board of Honorary Advisers Meeting No 1/2016, Wisma STA, Kuching, 29 February 2016



Interview Session with Students from Institut Latihan Perindustrian Kota Samarahan, Kota Samarahan 16 February 2016



9th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade Meeting, Lima, Peru, 20-21 February 2016



Presentation of Cheques to Schools, Parkcity Everly Hotel, Miri, 23 February 2016



MAR



STA Council Meeting No 1-2016, Wisma STA, Kuching, 1 March 2016



Trade and Market Study Mission to the Philippines

– Builder's Joinery & Carpentry Articles,

Mouldings as well as Furniture Sector,

Manila, Philippines, 9 - 13 March 2016



Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Science (Sustainable Tropical Forest Management/Sustainable Tropical Plantation Management)
- Log Grades and Wood Quality, Wisma STA, Kuching, 5 - 11 March 2016





Technical Meeting on Planted Forest Research Programme, Bintulu, 16 - 17 March 2016



Corporate Social Responsibility Programme, Sarawak Society for the Blind (Top) and Rumah Seri Kenangan (Bottom), Kuching, 16 March 2016

















APR



First Meeting of the Standards Review Committee for the Review of MC&I (Natural Forest), Kuala Lumpur, 12 - 14 April 2016



Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Science (Sustainable Tropical Forest Management/ Sustainable Tropical Plantation Management) -Forest Engineering, Kemena Plaza Hotel, Bintulu, 16 - 22 April 2016



Schools in the Limbang and Lawas Districts Get a Helping Hand from Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation and Sarawak Timber Association, Sarawak, 20 and 25 April 2016



Training Workshop on Statistic, Forest Inventory and Growth Modelling, Bintulu, 25 - 28 April 2016



Consultation Workshop with the Timber Industry on the Revised Sarawak Timber Legality Verification System, Sibu, 12 April 2016



STA and Daiken Scholarship Award, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), Kota Samarahan, 19 April 2016



Sarawak Delegation to Japan, Tokyo, Japan, 26 April 2016

MAY



Forum on High Temperature Drying Technology, Kota Sentosa, Kuching, 5 May 2016



Malaysian Timber Association Executive Committee Meeting No 2/2016, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, 10 May 2016



Workshop on National Roadmap on Social Forestry in Sarawak, Dynasty Hotel, Miri, 17 - 19 May 2016



The 15th Meeting of the Working Group on a Pan ASEAN Timber Certification Initiative, Thai Elephant Conservation Center, Lampang Province, Thailand, 2 - 3 June 2016



STA Panel Products Category Meeting and STA Panel Products Committee Meeting No 2/2016, Wisma STA, Kuching, 13 June 2016



26th Illegal Logging Update and Stakeholder Consultation Meeting, The Crystal, Royal Victoria Docks, London, 16 - 17 June 2016



STA Forest Plantation Category Meeting No 1/2016 and STA Forest Plantation Committee Meeting No 2/2016, Wisma STA, Kuching, 14 June 2016



The Malaysian Timber Association Annual General Meeting 2016, Menara PGRM Kuala Lumpur, 27 June 2016

JUL



Hill Logging Category and Committee Meeting No 1/2016, Wisma STA, Kuching, 1 July 2016



STA Furniture & Other Woodworking Category Meeting No 1/2016 and Committee Meeting No 1/2016, Wisma STA, Kuching, 12 July 2016



STA Sawmilling Category Meeting No 1/2016 and Committee Meeting No 1/2016, Tanahmas Hotel, Sibu,13 July 2016



STA Moulding Category Meeting No 1/2016 and Committee Meeting No 1/2016, Tanahmas Hotel, Sibu, 13 July 2016



Task Force on Forest Management Certification, Wisma STA, Kuching, 15 July 2016



STA Timber Products Marketing Category Meeting No 1/2016 and Committee Meeting No 1/2016, Tanahmas Hotel, Sibu, 13 July 2016





Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Science (Sustainable Tropical Forest Management/Sustainable Tropical Plantation Management) - Communities and the Forest Industry, Wisma STA, Kuching, 16 - 22 July 2016



STA Board of Honorary Advisers Meeting No 2/2016, Wisma STA, Kuching, 20 July 2016











Japan Lumber Inspection and Research Association's Visit to Sarawak, Kuching, 18 - 21 July 2016



STA Permanent Council Meeting No 1/2016, Wisma STA, Kuching, 25 July 2016



Discussions cum Field Visits to Members' Forest Plantations Programme, Miri, 26 - 28 July 2016

AUG



SARAWAK FORESTRY Corporation Wood Properties Workshop, Timber Technical Centre, Kuching, 1 - 2 August 2016



International Conference on Sustainable Forest Development in View of Climate Change 2016, Hotel Bangi-Putrajaya, Selangor, 8 - 11 August 2016



ne 7th Forestry and Timber Technical Working Group Meeting, Canberra, Australia, 4 August 2016



Field Visit to Ta Ann Kelampayan Inter-Planting Project in LPF Peatland Oil Palm Plantation Naman, Sibu, 4 August 2016



The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade Workshop and Meetings, Lima Convention Centre in Lima, Peru, 15 - 19 August 2016





Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Science (Sustainable Tropical Forest Management/Sustainable Tropical Plantation Management)

— Plantation Forest Protection and Sustainability, Wisma STA, Kuching, 20 - 26 August 2016



STA Panel Products Committee Meeting No 3/2016,



Dialogue Session between the Ministry of International Trade and Industry and Members of Sarawak Timber Association, Tanahmas Hotel, Sibu, 30 August 2016





STA Forest Plantation Committee Meeting No 3/2016, Wisma STA, Kuching, 1 September 2016



Presentation Ceremony of Financial
Contributions for Education, STA and Daiken
Scholarships, and Signing Ceremony of the
Educational Financial Assistance Agreement
with Institut Latihan Perindustrian Kota
Samarahan and Institut Kemahiran Mara, Wisma STA, Kuching, 8 September 2016





19th Tri-Nations Joint Meeting of JLIA/JPMA/APKINDO/STIA/STA, Wisma STA, Kuching, 19 September 2016





2nd Environmental Compliance Audit Training Course Part 1, Kuching, 26 - 30 September 2016

OCT



STA Council Meeting No 3/2016, Wisma STA, Kuching, 7 October 2016



STA Board of Honorary Advisers Meeting No 3/2016, Wisma STA, Kuching, 6 October 2016



STA Enterprises Sdn Bhd Board of Directors Meeting No 2/2016, Wisma STA, Kuching, 6 October 2016



STA Training Sdn Bhd Board of Directors Meeting No 2/2016, Wisma STA, Kuching, 6 October 2016



2nd Series of Discussion cum Field Visit to Members' Forest Plantations and Mill, Bintulu, 17 - 20 October 2016



Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Science (Sustainable Tropical Forest Management/Sustainable Tropical Plantation Management) - Communities and the Forest Industry, Deramakot Forest Reserve, Sandakan, Sabah, 8 - 14 October 2016



Sarawak Delegation to Promote Sarawak Timber Legality Verification System, Imperial Hotel, Tokyo, Japan, 18 - 19 October 2016



2nd Environmental Compliance Audit Training Course Part 2, Wisma STA, Kuching, 26 - 30 October 2016



Mr Stephen Hii Hium Ung (Left) presenting a memento to Mr Charlie Liu, Chairman of PWPA (Right) during the Philippine Wood Expo and Forum, Manila Hotel, Philippines, 25 to 26 October 2016



STA Tea Talk - Medicinal and Aromatic Essential Oils from Sarawak's Indigenous Plants, Wisma STA, Kuching, 29 October 2016

NOV



52nd Session of the International Tropical Timber Council, Yokohama, Japan, 7 - 12 November 2016



5th Series of Campaign on Occupational Safety and Health for the Timber Industry in Sarawak, Kemena Plaza Hotel, Bintulu, 22 - 24 November 2016



Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Science (Sustainable Tropical Forest Management/Sustainable Tropical Plantation Management) – Harvest Planning, Wisma STA, Kuching, 26 November 2016 - 2 December 2016



Exchange of MoU (signed between SFC and key collaborators) between Dato Henry Lau Lee Kong (representing STA) (Right) and Mr Wong Ting Chung (Left) during the launching of RIMBA Rumblings (Photo Courtesy of SFC). Hilton Kuching, 3 November 2016



Briefing by Sawmill Machinery Manufacturers and Fact Finding Trip, Bintulu, 14 November 2016



STA Certification Committee Meeting No 1/2016, Wisma STA, Kuching, 15 November 2016



STA Forest Plantation Category Meeting No 2/2016 and STA Forest Plantation Committee Meeting No 4/2016, Wisma STA, Kuching, 25 November 2016

PRODUCTION OF PLANTED FORESTS LOGS BY SECTION FROM SARAWAK - ACACIA MANGIUM & ALBIZIA SPECIES

PENGELUARAN BALAK LADANG HUTAN MENGIKUT BAHAGIAN DARI SARAWAK-

SPESIS ACACIA MANGIUM & ALBIZIA 砂拉越各区域人工林原木生产量-大叶相思与南洋楹

Section		September '16	September '15	October '16	October '15	November '16	November '15	Jan - Nov '16	Jan - Nov '15
		Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)	Vol (m³)
Kuching	g (ACMG)								
	(ALBZ)								
Sibu	(ACMG)	3,192	1,693	2,343	2,681	1,102	1,590	27,229	12,083
	(ALBZ)								
Bintulu	(ACMG)	87,834	43,921	118,695	69,546	116,727	65,760	1,100,508	773,622
	(ALBZ)	4,134	7,219	4,759	5,487	4,943	2,758	42,858	35,600
Miri	(ACMG)	567	600	128	721	30	1,420	4,824	3,482
	(ALBZ)	413	1,330	990	1,132	1,095		6,285	10,525
Subtota	I (ACMG)	91,593	46,214	121,167	72,948	117,859	68,770	1,132,560	789,188
	(ALBZ)	4,547	8,549	5,749	6,618	6,037	2,758	49,142	46,125
Total:		96,140	54,763	126,916	79,566	123,897	71,528	1,181,702	835,313

Source of data: Sarawak Forestry Corporation Sdn Bhd

* ACMG - Acacia Mangium

ALBZ - Albizia

Visit by the Malaysian Furniture Council



Photo: Group photo

The President of the Malaysian Furniture Council (MFC), Mr Chua Chun Chai led a delegation of five (5) comprising Mr Sunny Ter, Mr Daniel Hu Tian Sum, Mr Lai King Min, Mr Kang Choon Hong and Ms Wong Pue Suan to Sarawak Timber Association (STA) on 14 December 2016 at Wisma STA, Kuching. The visit aimed to discuss and promote a better working relationship between MFC and STA, in particular the development of the furniture industry in Malaysia.

During the discussion session, MFC and STA exchanged information pertaining to the production, usage and marketing of furniture as well as timber products made from planted timber.

马来西亚家具总会总会长蔡春才于2016年12月14日率领5人会员代表团拜访本会。这次拜访主要是商讨彼此间的合作关系,特别是国家家具业发展事项。

Presiden Majlis Perabot Malaysia, Encik Chua Chun Chai mengetuai delegasi seramai 5 orang ke Persatuan Kayu Kayan Sarawak pada 14 Disember 2016 di Wisma STA, Kuching. Lawatan tersebut bertujuan untuk membincangkan dan menggalakkan hubungan kerja yang lebih baik di antara MFC dan STA, khususnya dalam pembangunan industri perabot di Malaysia.