

# STA Review

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## Presentation of Scholarships, STA Prizes and Financial Contributions

STA于2009年2月10日假古晋，STA大厦颁发STA奖状和大建集团奖学金。

STA通过旗下全资拥有公司，STA Mutual有限公司提供奖学金予在马来西亚砂拉越大学(UNIMAS)和马来西亚太子大学(UPM)攻读有关森林和木材贸易工业相关课程的本地大专生。STA奖状是项颁发予成绩杰出的大专生的奖励。

透过本会协助管理的大建集团奖学金提供奖学金予在本地大专院校攻读有关森林和木材业相关课程的砂州合格学生。

STA拨款捐赠予砂拉越孤儿福利社(PERYATIM)，砂州14间私立华文独中学府，美里，峇甘1间私立华文独小，砂拉越华文独立中学董事会联合总会及华文独立中学董事联合会。

Satu majlis penyampaian biasiswa STA dan Daiken Corporation serta hadiah STA telah diadakan pada 10 Februari 2009 di Wisma STA, Kuching.

STA melalui STA Mutual Sdn Bhd memberi biasiswa kepada pelajar Sarawak

■ The presentation of STA and Daiken Corporation scholarships and STA Prizes was made in a ceremony held on 10 February 2009 at Wisma STA, Kuching.

STA through STA Mutual Sdn Bhd provides scholarships to Sarawak students pursuing degree courses related to forestry and the

timber trade at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) and Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) while the STA Prizes are a reward to recipients who have achieved outstanding results during their course of study. The recipients for the STA Scholarships were Mr. Wong How Chu, Ms. Nurafiza binti Aman and Mr. Abdul Gafar bin Mahdi while the recipient

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Above: The recipients of the STA Scholarships and STA Prizes



Above: Recipients of Daiken Scholarship with Mr. Goro Higaki, the Executive Director of Daiken Sarawak Sdn Bhd

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for Best Graduating Student 2008 went to Ms. Jocelyn anak Jonip and for Best Final Year Project Paper 2008 went to Ms. Nur Kusaira binti Khairul Ikram . All the recipients are from the Faculty of Resource Science and Technology, UNIMAS.

The Daiken Scholarship, administered by STA, provides scholarships to deserving students from Sarawak pursuing study courses related to forestry, the timber industry and engineering at the local institutions of higher learning. Daiken Corporation hopes that through these scholarships, they can contribute towards the development of skilled and knowledgeable human resource for the timber industry in Sarawak. The recipients for these scholarships were Ms. Freda Emmanuel Idely Dom and Ms. Liew Cai Foon from UNIMAS and Mr. Lau Swee Kong

from Swinburne University of Technology, Sarawak Campus.

At the same ceremony, a donation was also made to Kompleks Kebajikan Anak-Anak Yatim Sarawak (PERYATIM) as part of STA's many effort to contribute to the society. Financial contributions were made to 14 Private Chinese Secondary Schools in Sarawak, a private Chinese Primary School in Bakam Miri, the Sarawak United Association of Private Chinese Secondary Schools Management Board and the United Association of Private Chinese Secondary School, Sibul Division. The contributions were to assist the schools in providing better facilities for the students, to improve their upkeep and to help the Board of Management to organize training courses for the teachers to upgrade their skills. ❁

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Left: Datuk Wong Kie Yik, Chairman of STA receiving a memento from Prof. Dr. Fasihuddin Badruddin Ahmad, Dean of the Faculty of Resource Science and Technology, UNIMAS

Right: Prof. Dr. Fasihuddin Badruddin Ahmad, Dean of the Faculty of Resource Science and Technology, UNIMAS presenting a memento to Mr. Goro Higaki



yang menjalani kursus berkaitan dengan perhutanan dan industri kayu di Universiti Malaysia Sarawak dan Universiti Putra Malaysia. Hadiah STA diberi sebagai galakan kepada pelajar yang memperolehi keputusan cemerlang semasa jangkamasa pembelajaran mereka.

Biasiswa Daiken yang diuruskan oleh STA pula ditawarkan kepada pelajar yang melanjutkan kursus yang berkaitan dengan perhutanan, industri kayu dan kejuruteraan di institusi pengajian tinggi tempatan.

Dalam Majlis yang sama, STA juga membuat derma kepada Kompleks Kabajikan Anak-Anak Yatim Sarawak dan sumbangan kewangan kepada 14 sekolah menengah swasta Cina di Sarawak, sebuah sekolah rendah Cina di Bakam Miri, Lembaga Pengurusan Persatuan Bersatu Sekolah-sekolah Menengah Swasta Cina Sarawak dan Persatuan Bersatu Sekolah-sekolah Menengah Swasta Cina Sarawak, Bahagian Sibu.



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Right: Datuk Wong Kie Yik, Chairman of STA presenting a mock cheque to Puan Hajjah Julyanah Abdul Hamid, General Manager of PERYATIM



Below: One for the album



STA常年会员大会和STA特别会员大会将在2009年3月31日，星期二假古晋，STA大厦召开。

Mesyuarat Tahunan STA dan Mesyuarat Luarbiasa STA akan diadakan pada hari Selasa, 31 Mac 2009 di Wisma STA, Kuching.

## NOTICE

### STA Annual General Meeting & STA Extraordinary General Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, 31 March 2009

**Time:** 10.30 am STA Annual General Meeting  
(Registration starts at 9.30 am)

11.30 am STA Extraordinary General Meeting

**Venue:** Level 4, Wisma STA, Kuching

Please note that this is **not** an election year. Notice and Agenda of the Annual General Meeting will be posted out to all Members in early March 2009 while the Notice and Agenda of the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) has been posted out to all Members on 30 December 2008. The purpose of the STA EGM is to consider and approve the proposed amendments to the Memorandum and Articles of the Association.

## STA Chinese New Year Open House

■ STA had its Chinese New Year Open Office on 4 February 2009 at Wisma STA, Kuching. This annual event of the Association is a gesture of appreciation to associates who had worked closely with the Association throughout the year.

Around 200 guests from the various government agencies and private sector attended this gathering. Guests were entertained to a lion dance and music performance by a traditional Chinese orchestra. 🌸

Right: The Lions paying their respect to Datuk Wong Kie Yik, Chairman of STA while touring the STA Secretariat office on Level 10 and 11



Left: Witnessing the lion dance performance at the STA Chinese New Year Open House

Right: Datuk Wong Kie Yik, Chairman of STA receiving good wishes from the lion at the end of the performance



Left: Datuk Wong Kie Yik, Chairman of STA with the Chinese New Year wishes, together with the Council Members and invited guests

STA于2009年2月4日在STA大厦举办年度新春午餐聚会于酬谢过去一年里一直与本会有着密切工作联系的各界人士。

共有200位来自各政府及私人界的朋友出席这项聚餐。现场娱乐节目有舞狮和华乐演奏表演。

STA telah mengadakan Pejabat Terbuka Tahun Baru Cina pada 4 Februari 2009 di Wisma STA, Kuching sebagai tanda penghargaan kepada rakan-rakan sekerja yang bekerja rapat dengan Persatuan sepanjang tahun lepas.

Majlis dihadiri oleh lebih kurang 200 tetamu dari agensi-agensi kerajaan dan swasta. Para tetamu dihiburkan dengan tarian singa dan kumpulan orkestra tradisional cina.



## STA Chinese New Year Open House .....



## Lacey Act Update: USDA Eases Declaration Requirements

■ STA received an update from Malaysia Timber Council (MTC) on the Lacey Act. The letter is reproduced below:

*Market Alert 0810 dated 13 October 2008 gave notice of the enforcement for initial products affected by the amended Lacey Act with effect from 1 April 2009. Enforcement for wooden furniture is to begin on 1 July 2009.*

*However, in response to public comments, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending the schedule of phased-in enforcement of the declaration requirement and has provided an updated list of products that fall within each phase. As of now, the following are the phased-in dates and the products that correspond to them:*

*Present - March 2009 (Phase I)*

*Plant import declaration form available on USDA Web site; domestic and international outreach will be conducted.*

*1 April - 30 September 2009 (Phase II)*

*HTS headings 4401 (fuel wood), 4403 (wood in the rough), 4404 (hoopwood; poles, piles, stakes), 4406 (railway or tramway sleepers), 4407 (wood sawn or chipped lengthwise), 4408 (sheets for veneering), 4409 (wood continuously shaped), 4417 (tools, tool handles, broom handles), and 4418 (builders' joinery and carpentry of wood).*

*1 October 2009 - 31 March 2010 (Phase III)*

*HTS headings 4402 (wood charcoal), 4405 (wood wool [excelsior]), 4410*

*(particle board), 4411 (fiberboard of wood), 4412 (plywood, veneered panels), 4413 (densified wood), 4414 (wooden frames), 4415 (packing cases, boxes, crates, drums), 4416 (casks, barrels, vats, tubs), 4419 (tableware and kitchenware), 4420 (wood marquetry; caskets; statuettes), 4701 (mechanical wood pulp), 4702 (chemical wood pulp, dissolving), 4703 (chemical wood pulp, sulfate), 4704 (chemical wood pulp, sulfite), and 4705 (combination mechanical and chemical)*

*1 April - 30 September 2010 (Phase IV)*

*HTS headings 4421 (articles of wood, not elsewhere specified or included), 4801 (newsprint), 4802 (uncoated writing paper), 4803 (toilet or facial tissue stock), 4804 (uncoated kraft paper), 4805 (other uncoated paper and board), 4806 (vegetable parchment, etc.), 4807 (composite paper and board), 4808 (corrugated paper and board), 4809 (carbon paper), 4810 (coated paper and board), 4811 (paper coated, etc. other than 4803, 4809 or 4810), 9401.69 (seats with wooden frames), 9403.30 (wooden office furniture), 9403.40 (wooden kitchen furniture), 9403.50 (wooden bedroom furniture), 9403.60 (other wooden furniture), 9403.90.70 (wooden furniture parts)*

*USDA is allowing for comments on these new phases and their corresponding products to be channelled up till 24 March 2009. The comments are to address the products currently under Phases III and IV, meaning that the possibility exists that changes (either by addition or deletion) could be made to the products under Phases III and*

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马来西亚木材理事会(MTC)致函予本会告知有关莱西法案最新的进展。莱西法案要求所有的美国进口商在进口植物及植物产品时必须呈上申报单, 申报单里需列有植物的科学名称, 进口的价额, 植物的总量及采伐该植物的原产国家。该公函<sup>10</sup>。

STA menerima berita dari Majlis Kayu Kayan Malaysia mengenai perkembangan Akta Lacey. Akta Lacey memerlukan pengimport US yang mengimport tumbuhan dan produk tumbuhan menyerahkan borang pengisytiharan yang mengandungi nama saintifik tumbuhan, nilai import, kuantiti tumbuhan dan negara di mana tumbuhan diperolehi.



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IV. MATRADE will update any further changes to the Lacey Act requirements and deadlines as they occur.

**Note:**

The Lacey Act requires US importers that import plants and plant products to submit a declaration form containing the scientific name of the plant, the value of the importation, the quantity of the plant and the

name of the country from where the plant was harvested. Although the requirement of import declarations is imposed on importers, Malaysian exporters of wood products such as furniture, frames and timber mouldings need to be aware of the requirement. They may be asked by importers to provide the relevant information prior to the shipment of their products to the US. ❁

第13届英国皇家国际关系研究所非法采伐及利益相关者协商会议于2009年1月19日和20日在英国，伦敦举行。大约200名来自世界各地组织的代表出席此会议。

Mesyuarat mengenai Pengemaskinian Isu Pembalakan Haram merangkap Rundingan Pemegang Taruh 'Chatham House' ke-13 telah diadakan dari 19 hingga 20 Januari di London, United Kingdom. Mesyuarat ini dihadiri seramai 200 orang peserta dari pelbagai organisasi sedunia.

鉴于目前经济衰退，所有分配到月份生产限额的森林木材执照者将豁免履行原木保留配额至2009年3月31日。

Semua Pemegang Lesen Hutan yang diberi peruntukan Had Keluaran Bulanan dikecualikan dari memenuhi kuota simpanan balak sehingga 31 Mac 2009 kerana keadaan ekonomi semasa yang meleset.

## Chatham House Illegal Logging Update cum Stakeholder Consultation

■ The 13<sup>th</sup> Chatham House Illegal Logging Update cum Stakeholder Consultation meeting was held on 19 and 20 January 2009 in London, United Kingdom (UK). About 200 participants from different organizations (including seven from the Malaysia), around the world attended the meeting.

The meeting was officially opened by Mr. Huw Irranca-Davies, the Minister for the Natural and Marine Environment, Wildlife and Rural Affairs, Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, UK.

The Consultation focus mainly on

the Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) Voluntary Partnership Agreements (VPAs), with sessions on Ghana, Cameroon and Malaysia, and an overview of VPA negotiations and their challenges. There was also a session devoted to the European Commission's proposal for a system of 'due diligence' for timber operators; and sessions on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation and forest governance, forest certification, private sector activities and latest research. A total of 27 presentations were made. ❁

## Exemption from Fulfillment of Log Reservation Quota

■ STA received a faxed letter Ref. WPO.903.201 - 130 dated 12 January 2009 from the Acting Director of Forests to Sarawak Forestry Corporation of which a copy was extended to STA, informing that all Forest Timber Licences which

have been allocated Monthly Production Limit will be exempted from having to fulfill the log reservation quota until 31 March 2009 due to the current economic downturn. ❁

## Regional Consultation on Draft National Toolkit for High Conservation Value Forest

■ WWF Malaysia organised and facilitated a Regional Consultation on the draft National High Conservation Value Forest (HCVF) Toolkit on 11 February 2009 in Kuching. The session was attended by approximately 30 participants from the relevant government agencies and private sector.

The Consultation session provided an introduction and understanding of the National HCVF Toolkit as a practical guidance for forest managers and stakeholders to comply with the requirements of forest certification. Similar sessions had been conducted in Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah.

The session held in Sarawak was to collect the comments and feedbacks from the stakeholders in Sarawak. During this session, participants went through the third draft of the Toolkit. They deliberated on the practicality and applicability of the six High Conservation values, the management recommendations and guidance.

All comments collected from the three regions of Malaysia will be collated by WWF Malaysia for the refinement of the Toolkit before it is being tested on site. The final draft of the toolkit is expected to be ready middle of this year. ❁

## Seminar on Wooden Furniture Industry 2009 - First Announcement and Call for Papers

■ The wooden furniture industry, a forestry subsector, is important in the Malaysian economic development, particularly in fostering the development of small-scale and medium-scale enterprises. The implementation of Industrial Master Plan 1 and Industrial Master Plan 2 has further stimulated the development of the local wooden furniture industry. For more than two decades, the wooden furniture industry has shown outstanding performance in international trade. Export value grew from a mere RM58.8 million in 1998 to RM6.664 billion in 2007. The outstanding performance of the wooden furniture

industry in the past was closely related to abundant rubberwood supply, low labour cost and demand in the international markets. However, the industry is facing new challenges with the current economic slow-down, and demand for the products in major international markets is expected to decline. A survey conducted by the Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) in 2008 showed that although 1,578 mills were registered, only 643 mills (41%) were found to be active in production. What could be the reasons for this situation?

Thus, to address this issue amongst others, the Ministry of

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马来西亚WWF于2009年2月11日假古晋主办及推动国家高保护价值森林(HCVF)配套草案区域磋商会。大约有30位来自政府相关机构及私人界参与者出席这项磋商会。

WWF Malaysia mengatur dan mengendalikan Perundingan Serantau tentang draf 'Toolkit' Kebangsaan Hutan Bernilai Pemeliharaan Tinggi (HCVF) pada 11 Februari 2009 di Kuching. Sesi ini dihadiri oleh lebih kurang 30 orang peserta dari agensi kerajaan yang berkaitan dan sektor swasta.

自然資源和环境部连同FRIM将于2009年8月4日至6日在吉隆坡，传奇酒店联合举办2009年木制家具行业研讨会。

此研讨会的目的是：

- 讨论木制家具行业及贸易相关课题
- 探讨，交流和更新有关木制家具业的科技成果，挑战和机遇
- 提供平台予木制家具行业利益相关者提出，讨论和分享他们的成果和经验

预知详情，请联络研讨会秘书处。

Kementerian Sumber Asli dan Alam Sekitar dan FRIM akan bersama-sama menganjurkan Seminar Industri Perabot Kayu 2009 yang akan diadakan dari 4 hingga 6 Ogos 2009 di Legend Hotel, Kuala



**Lumpur.**

Tujuan Seminar adalah:

- Membincangkan isu-isu industri dan dagangan perabot kayu
- Mencari, bertukar dan mengemaskinkan penemuan saintifik dan teknologi, cabaran dan peluang yang berkaitan dengan industri perabot kayu
- Sebagai pentas untuk pemegang taruh yang terlibat dengan industri perabot kayu, berbincang dan berkongsi penemuan dan pengalaman.

Sila hubungi Urusetia Seminar untuk maklumat lanjut.

种植与原产业部将于2009年8月13日至16日假马来西亚农业展览会场举办第三届的2009年马来西亚国际原产会议和展览会(MICCOS)。为了配合2009 MICCOS, 当局也将举办几项涵盖技术发展和商业机会的国际大会。

Kementerian Perusahaan Perladangan dan Komoditi akan menganjurkan siri ketiga Persidangan dan Pameran Komoditi Antarabangsa Malaysia (MICCOS) 2009 dari 13 hingga 16 Ogos 2009 di Taman Pameran Agro Malaysia.

Bersamaan dengan MICCOS 2009, beberapa persidangan antarabangsa akan dianjurkan.

Persidangan ini merangkumi pembangunan teknologi dan peluang-peluang perdagangan.

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Natural Resources and Environment and FRIM will jointly organise a Seminar on Wooden Furniture Industry 2009. Details are as follow:

**Date:** 4 to 6 August 2009

**Venue:** Legend Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

**Registration fee:**

Participants RM600 (Local),  
USD350 (Overseas)

Students RM350 (Local),  
USD175 (Overseas)

Group registration from same organization (3 or more): RM550 per person

*(Registration fee will include seminar proceedings, seminar materials, refreshments, lunch, bag and name tag)*

Extra RM50 (Local)/ USD20 (Overseas) for Industrial Visit (include lunch, refreshment)

The objectives of the Seminar are:

- To discuss issues in the wooden furniture industry and trade

- To explore, exchange and update scientific and technological findings, challenges and opportunities related to the wooden furniture industry

- To provide a platform for stakeholders involved with development of the wooden furniture industry to present, discuss and share their findings and experiences

Invitation is extended to those interested to present paper(s) or poster(s) during the Seminar. For further information, please contact:

The Secretariat  
Seminar on Wooden Furniture Industry 2009 (SWFI 2009)  
Forest Research Institute Malaysia  
Kepong, 52109 Selangor, Malaysia  
(Attn: Cik Rohana Abd Rahman/ Cik Rosniza Rawi)

Tel: 03-6279 7559/ 7447/ 7439

Fax: 03-6273 6587

Email: swfi2009@frim.gov.my

Official conference website:

<http://www.frim.gov.my/newsevent>

## MICCOS 2009

■ The Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities will be organising the third series of the Malaysia International Commodity Conference and Showcase (MICCOS) 2009. It will be held from 13 to 16 August 2009 at the Malaysia Agro-Exposition Park. With the theme "Opportunities in Commodities: Dynamic, Sustainable and Homegrown", MICCOS 2009 will showcase a wide range of the latest products as well as technological developments and innovations in the Malaysian commodity sector that includes palm oil, timber, rubber, cocoa, pepper, tobacco, kenaf and sago.

In conjunction with MICCOS

2009, several international conferences will be organised covering technological developments and business opportunities.

For further information, please contact:

Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities  
MICCOS 2009 Secretariat  
No. 15, Aras 6-13, Persiaran Perdana, Presint 2  
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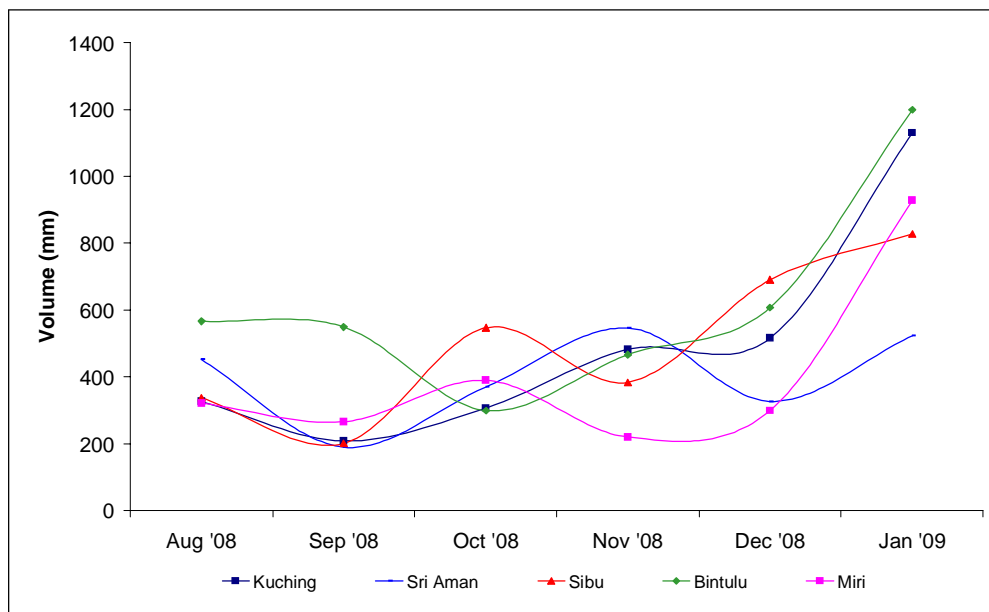
Website: [www.miccos.com.my](http://www.miccos.com.my)

## New Rulings at Saudi Arabia Entry Ports

The Saudi Customs Authority announced effective 1 February 2009, all cargo arriving to the ports in the Saudi Arabia must have the 'mark of origin' (Made in \_\_\_\_ ) engraved or affixed using a non-removable sticker on each item and the boxes or cartons. Removable and paper stickers are not allowed. The directive indicated that any shipment that fails to fulfill the new ruling will be returned to its origin port at the shipper or consignee's cost. Affixing the mark of origin at the entry ports is prohibited. Meanwhile in its bid to counter congestion at seaports, the Ministry has decided that effective 1 March 2009, the free demurrage period at ports had been reduced from 13 days to 10 days for goods and 5 days for vehicles. Malaysian exporters to Saudi Arabia need to take note of the new rulings and take the necessary steps to avoid complications and added costs. For further information please email TC Jeddah at [jeddah@matrade.gov.my](mailto:jeddah@matrade.gov.my)

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## Rainfall : August '08 - January '09 Kadar Hujan Bulanan



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