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STA TRAINING UPDATES



Pictures (top left): Training on chainsaw maintenance; (top) STAT trainers showing the correct way to give CPR; (bottom left) lecture in classroom

The State Government had amended the Forests Ordinance (Sarawak Cap 126) in 2001 to include Section 54B, which states "No employer shall hire, engage or appoint any workman under a contract of service or of apprenticeship or under any other arrangement whatsoever, to carry out, undertake or perform any forestry activity unless that workman has successfully completed a course of training in such forestry

activity which is conducted by an institution approved by the Director in consultation with the Minister...". The Association has been verbally informed by the Forest Department that the above legislation may be enforced sometime in the near future.

The State Government, through the Forest Department Sarawak, has delegated this responsibility to STA. Through its wholly-owned

company, STA Training Sdn Bhd, and with inputs from representatives from member Companies of STA, the Forest Department Sarawak and the Sarawak Forestry Corporation, the consultation process culminated in engaging the Forest Industries Training (FITEC) of New Zealand to come out with a training system to be implemented in the State. Three skill sets that had

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TIMBER INDUSTRY TRAINING COURSE FOR 2008

The Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) aspires to produce skilled and knowledgeable human resource in the wood-based sector in the aspects of processing-related activities, timber trade and factory management.

Towards this end, STIDC will be offering the following courses for the year 2008. These courses will be held at Pusat Latihan Perkayuan PUSAKA, Tanjung Manis (PLPPTM) and Kompleks Industri Perabot PUSAKA Kota Samarahan (KIPPKS). For further information, please contact STIDC at:

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A. COMPETENCY BASED TRAINING

No.	Activity	Duration	Date
1.	Introduction to Furniture Making Techniques	10 weeks	24 March – 23 May 2008
2.	Introduction to Wood Carving Techniques	10 weeks	24 March – 23 May 2008
3.	Wood Anatomy & Identification	3 weeks	7 April – 25 April 2008
4.	Furniture Design & Manufacturing	17 weeks	9 June – 29 September 2008
5.	The Sarawak Log Grading Rules	3 weeks	9 – 27 June 2008
6.	Wood Carving Design & Manufacturing	17 weeks	9 June – 26 September 2008
7.	The Malaysian Grading Rules	7 weeks	7 July – 22 August 2008

B. TECHNICAL SHORT COURSE

No.	Activity	Duration	Date
1.	Introduction to Sarawak Log Grading Rules	3 days	22 - 24 April 2008
2.	Introduction to The Malaysian Grading Rules	3 days	27 – 29 May 2008

Did you know that...

Krisana Agarwood (Krisana), a joint venture between Malaysia-based Laksamana Resources and Thailand's Borai Krisana Partnership, is planning to expand its gaharu tree sapling market in Malaysia by offering local farmers with plantation-related services. Gaharu trees produce scented wood that contain resins or antioxidants that can be used in wide applications.

According to Krisana's Chairman, Datuk Seri Diraja Syed Razlan Jamalullail, the gaharu tree sapling industry also offers high business opportunities to growers due to its high demand. Besides, Malaysia also has a higher chance of becoming a gaharu tree exporter as the current international supply only manages to cater 35% of the total gaharu wood demand.

Currently, gaharu wood is valued between RM 8,000 (US\$ 2,411.09 EUR 1,639.68) and RM 10,000 a kg.

Source:
Utusan Malaysia,
14 Jan 2008

MTIB'S TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR 2008

The Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) is offering the following training programmes for 2008. The programmes will be carried out the Wood Industry Skills Development Centre (WISDEC) located in Kompleks Perabot Olak Lempit, Banting, Selangor. For further information, please visit MTIB's website at www.mtib.gov.my or contact:

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No.	Activity	Fee (RM)	Duration	Date
1.	Identification of Malaysian Timber	700	4 days	25 - 28 March 2008
2.	Timber Drying	1,500	15 days	7 - 26 April 2008
3.	Introduction to Malaysian Grading Rules	525	3 days	8 - 10 April 2008
4.	Machining Technology and Operation of Wood Working Machine	700	4 days	6 - 9 May 2008
5.	Safety and Health in the Wood-Based Industry	525	3 days	21 - 23 May 2008
6.	Wood Technology	525	3 days	10 - 12 June 2008
7.	Furniture Production Management	525	3 days	8 - 10 July 2008
8.	Forest Plantation	525	3 days	22 - 24 July 2008
9.	Application of CAD in Furniture Design (Advanced)	700	4 days	5 - 8 August 2008
10.	Furniture Making (Garden Furniture)	700	4 days	12 - 15 August 2008
11.	Furniture Making (Sofa)	700	4 days	4 - 7 November 2008

Did you also know that...

Global debt observer Fitch Ratings (Fitch) has projected the economies of Asian countries to expand by 7.7% in 2008 compared to 8.7% in 2007. The economies of Indonesia, Vietnam and India are forecast to grow by 6.1%, 7.8% and 8.2% in 2008. Based on Fitch Ratings' Emerging Asia 2008 Outlook, the economy of China is expected to increase by 10.1% and the Philippines' economy is predicted to rise by 5.6% in 2008 compared to 6.7% in 2007.

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been offered are log extraction, tree felling and log loading.

As of 31 December 2007, a total of 110 trainers were trained and 41 trainees are under training in the Trainer Development Programme. As for the Operator Training Programme, 127 operators had been assessed to be competent and 126 operators still under training.

STA members who do not have in-house trainers i.e those who had been trained by STAT trainers under the Trainer Development Programme are invited to nominate

potential candidates who are Malaysians, preferably with relevant hands-on skills for this Trainer Development Programme. Candidates must have at least completed primary education and are physically fit for this trainer development programme. All candidates will be assessed at their respective camps, for suitability to be trained as trainers. These candidates once trained, will be the in-house trainers of their companies to train operators in these skills set.

The STA Council recognises the high direct and indirect cost of training. To help offset some of the cost incurred

for training, the Association, through its wholly-owned Company, STA Training Sdn. Bhd. (STAT) may be providing financial contribution. This financial contribution will only be disbursed upon successful completion of the training.

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