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Leaf eating insect feeds on leaf of a plantation tree

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Photo: Meeting in Progress

STA Forest Plantation Committee Meeting No 3/2014

The STA Forest Plantation Committee Meeting No 3/2014 was convened on 22 July 2014 at Wisma STA, Kuching. Twelve (12) Committee Members attended the meeting chaired by its Chairman, Mr Peter Ling Kwong Hung.

STA Secretariat reported on the latest updates on some of the on-going matters or issues for further deliberation i.e. royalty and cess for logs from forest plantations; Enrichment Planting; draft Terms & Conditions for R&D Fund; Malaysian Criteria and Indicators [MC&I] (Forest Plantations); matters related to Oil Palm Plantation; Regional Conference on Planted Forest in Sarawak; and Insurance coverage for companies who received soft loan for forest plantation development.

The Meeting was also informed on the progress of two research projects funded by STA, i.e. Cadambatree Project by Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) and the *Acacia mangium* study by Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC). The Quarterly Progress Report (April - June 2014) of the *Acacia mangium* study was also circulated at the meeting for members' information.

The Meeting then deliberated on matters pertaining to manpower requirement for forest plantation development, pests and diseases that affects the plantations as well as the research proposal from Swinburne University of Technology Sarawak Campus for funding consideration.

Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Ladang Hutan STA No 3/2014 telah diadakan pada 22 Julai 2014 di Wisma STA, Kuching. Mesyuarat dipengerusikan oleh Pengerusinya, Encik Peter Ling Kwong Hung.

Sekretariat STA melaporkan perkembangan terkini mengenai beberapa perkara yang sedang berlaku dan isu-isu untuk perbincangan lanjut. Mesyuarat turut dimaklumkan mengenai perkembangan dua projek penyelidikan yang dibiayai oleh STA serta membincangkan perkara berkaitan dengan keperluan tenaga kerja untuk pembangunan ladang hutan, penyakit dan perosak yang menjejaskan ladang hutan.

人工造林小组于2014年7月22日假STA大厦召开本年度第三次会议。会议由人工造林小组主席林光训先生主持。

本会秘书处报告目前正在进行中的事项及课题，如由本会所资助的研究项目进展情况，人工林发展的人力需求，影响种植园的病虫害及疾病各事项，以作进一步商讨。

Errata

There was a misprint in the Title for the Pie Chart representation for the "Top Five Particleboard Export Destinations By Value – April 2014" in page 26 of the June issue of STA Review. The correct month should be May 2014. We would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused.

本会对于STA Review 6月份月刊第26页“砂拉越至各目的地之胶合板出口值”饼状图标题印刷错误所造成的任何误解深表歉意。

Terdapat kesalahan percetakan bagi Tajuk Carta Pie "Lima Destinasi Utama Eksport Papan Partikel Mengikut Nilai - April 2014" di muka surat 26 STA Review terbitan Jun. Bulan yang betul ialah Mei 2014. Kami ingin memohon maaf atas sebarang kesulitan yang timbul.

Presentation of Financial Contributions for Education, Research and Daiken Scholarships as well as the Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding



Photo: Participants during the Event

The presentation of Financial Contributions for Education, Research and Other Assistance, Sarawak Timber Association (STA) and Daiken Scholarships as well as the Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Daiken Scholarship Fund between Daiken Corporation and STA were held on 1 July 2014 at Wisma STA, Kuching.

The event was attended by Pemanca Datuk Wong Kie Yik, Chairman of STA, Tan Sri Datuk Amar Dr James Jemut Masing, Deputy Chairman of the Sarawak Heart Foundation and who is also the Minister of Land Development, Datu Haji Ali Yusop, Chief Executive Officer of Sarawak Forestry Corporation, Haji Wan Shardini Haji Wan Salleh, Deputy Director of Forests Sarawak and other senior officers from government agencies, professors as well as lecturers from various universities.



Photo: The Signing of MoU between Daiken Corporation and STA

The MoU between Daiken Corporation and STA was signed, entrusting STA to continue with the administration of the Daiken Scholarship Fund for another five (5) years until 2017. Daiken Corporation was represented by Daiken Miri Sdn Bhd and Daiken Sarawak Sdn Bhd, with each company contributing RM40,000.00 per year to the Daiken Scholarship Fund, bringing the total contribution to RM400,000.00 for the period covered by this MoU.

STA and its subsidiary company, STA Mutual Sdn Bhd (STAM) has allocated an amount of RM1.39 million as financial contribution for activities including conservation

efforts of the Government and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), care for the environment, providing services to communities, especially those residing in the interior and in the vicinity of forest management units and facilitating the pursuit of education of the youths through the award of scholarships.

The financial contributions made were for the following areas:

(A) Education

- i. STA through its subsidiary company, STAM has been providing STA scholarships since 2005 to local students pursuing degree courses related to forestry and timber trade industry in Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) and Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM). Effective year 2014, STAM is also giving full fees scholarships to deserving Degree students pursuing their Bachelor in Engineering at Swinburne University of Technology, Sarawak Campus (SUTS) and Curtin University of Technology Sarawak (Curtin). Since 2008, thirteen (13) STA Scholarship recipients had graduated from UNIMAS, UPM and SUTS. Currently, there are six (6) students on STA Scholarships pursuing their studies in UNIMAS and UPM.
- ii. The Sarawak United Association of Private Chinese Secondary School Management Board ("Management Board") received an amount of RM200,000.00 while the fourteen (14) Private Chinese Secondary Schools under the Management Board received an amount of RM400,000.00.
- iii. The Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) received an amount of RM200,000.00. STIDC shall administer the education fund which is to be given towards the development of education in rural schools in Sarawak.
- iv. Yayasan LaSallian Kuching (YLK) received an amount of RM15,000.00 to support their tuition programmes situated in the areas around Kuching, Serian and Bau.

(B) Research

- i. A 3-year research project entitled "Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) Discovery through Transcriptome Sequencing and Association Mapping of Kelampayan" by the Faculty of Resource Science and Technology, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS).
- ii. A 3-year research project entitled "Basic and Working Properties of Juvenile Acacia Mangium" Timber for Product Development in Sarawak by Forest Department Sarawak.

Research and Other Assistance, Sarawak Timber Association Memorandum of Understanding for Daiken Scholarship Fund



Photo: Group Photo

(C) Others

- i. The Commission of Kuching City North received an amount of RM50,000.00 for landscaping an area under its jurisdiction as part of its programme to enhance and transform Kuching City as the cleanest, most beautiful, safest and most talked about city in Asia by year 2017.
- ii. The Sarawak Heart Foundation (SHF) represented by Tan Sri Datuk Amar Dr James Jemut Masing, Deputy Chairman and also Minister of Land Development received an amount of RM50,000.00 to support the setting up of a minimally invasive heart surgery instrument at Sarawak General Hospital Heart Centre, which is expected to cost approximately RM1.5 million, as well as to support various activities carried out by SHF.

In addition, STAM also provide support to Daiken Corporation through the management of Daiken Scholarships. Since year 2010, nine (9) Daiken Scholarship recipients had graduated from the UNIMAS, Swinburne University of Technology, Sarawak Campus and Curtin University of Technology, Sarawak. Currently, there are six (6) students on Daiken Scholarships pursuing their studies at UNIMAS, SUTS and Curtin.

本会教育，研究和其它援助捐赠，STA奖学金和大建奖学金颁发以及本会与中建工业株式会社签署中建奖学基金备忘录 (MoU) 典礼于2014年7月1日假STA大厦举行。

根据MoU，中建工业株式会社将继续委托本会管理中建奖学基金为5年限期，即至2017年。

STA通过旗下全资拥有公司，STA Mutual有限公司 (STAM) 拨款捐赠马币139万令吉充着教育，研究和其它活动基金，当中包括政府和非政府组织 (NGOs) 相关保护工作，环境保护，社区服务以及通过奖学金提升青少年深造的机会。

Majlis Penyampaian Sumbangan Kewangan untuk Pendidikan, Penyelidikan dan Bantuan Lain, Biasiswa Persatuan Kayu Kayan Sarawak (STA) dan Daiken serta Menandatangani Memorandum Persefahaman (MoU) Tabung Biasiswa Daiken di antara Daiken Corporation dan STA telah diadakan pada 1 Julai, 2014 di Wisma STA, Kuching.

STA menandatangani MoU dengan Daiken Corporation untuk terus menguruskan Tabung Biasiswa Daiken bagi tempoh lima (5) tahun sehingga 2017.

STA dan syarikat subsidiarinya, STA Mutual Sdn Bhd (STAM) telah memperuntukkan sumbangan kewangan sebanyak RM1.39 juta untuk membantu usaha-usaha pemuliharaan oleh Kerajaan dan Pertubuhan Bukan Kerajaan (NGO), penjagaan alam sekitar, penyediaan perkhidmatan kepada masyarakat dan pemberian biasiswa bagi membantu pendidikan golongan belia.

Sumbangan kewangan merangkumi bidang pendidikan, penyelidikan dan lain-lain.

The Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation Vendors' Furniture Fair



Photo: Exhibits at the Fair

The Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) officially launched the Raya Mega Sale of STIDC Vendors' Furniture on 7 July 2014 at the d'Galeri PUSAKA, Kuching. The Fair, which is held annually during the month of Ramadan is an effort by STIDC to assist its vendors' to promote and market their furniture. This year, the Event will be held from 7 to 26 July 2014 at the d'Galeri PUSAKA, Kuching.

The Fair was officially launched by the Second Minister of Resource Planning and Environment cum Minister of Public Utilities cum Minister of Industrial Development, Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah Ali Hasan.

Immediately after the launching ceremony, STIDC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Samling Home Products Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary company of the Samling Group of Companies to help develop Bumiputera vendors on technical, quality control and marketing of Acacia furniture.

Also present at the Ceremony were Datuk Julaihi Narawi, the Assistant Minister of Industrial Development (Investment and Promotion), Datuk Mohd Naroden Majais, the Assistant Minister in the Chief Minister's Office (Bumiputera Entrepreneur Development), Datuk Haji Sarudu Haji Hoklai, General Manager of STIDC and Haji Hashim Bojet, the Deputy General Manager of STIDC.

砂拉越木材工业发展机构 (STIDC) 于2014年7月7日假古晋STIDC展览中心举办STIDC家具供应商开斋节大促销开幕典礼。此展览会是STIDC协助供应商推广和销售家具方法之一。

随后, STIDC和三林集团旗下附属公司三林家居产品有限公司签署一项备忘录(MoU), 以协助土著供应商在金合欢家具技术, 品质控制和销售上的发展。

Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak (PUSAKA) telah mengadakan pelancaran rasmi Jualan Mega Raya Perabot milik Vendor PUSAKA pada 7 Julai 2014 di d'Galeri Pusaka, Kuching. Pameran tersebut merupakan salah satu usaha PUSAKA untuk mempromosi dan memasarkan perabot milik vendornya.

Sejurus selepas majlis pelancaran, PUSAKA telah menandatangani Memorandum Persefahaman (MoU) dengan syarikat subsidiari Kumpulan Syarikat Samling iaitu Samling Home Products Sdn Bhd untuk membantu membangunkan vendor Bumiputera dari segi teknikal, kawalan kualiti dan pemasaran perabot Acacia.

Inter-Agency Committee Meeting

The Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) called for an Inter-Agency Committee (IAC) Meeting on 3 July 2014 at Wisma Sumber Alam, Kuching. The Meeting was chaired by Ms Dayang Nena, the Senior Assistant General Manager (Trade & Industry) of STIDC, with approximately twenty (20) members in attendance. The main agenda for the Meeting was to discuss on the Country Specific Guideline (CSG) for Sarawak which had been commented by the Australian Government.

The Meeting also discussed on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) especially the negotiations between Malaysia and Japan, as well as the template for timber legality guidance raised during the 5th Meeting of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Expert Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade (APEC EGILAT) from 7 to 8 May 2014 in Qingdao, China.

砂拉越木材工业发展机构 (STIDC) 于2014年7月3日假古晋资源大厦召开机构委员(IAC)会议。此会议由STIDC高级副总经理(贸易与工业), 蕾娜女士(译音)主持。

此会议主要议程皆于讨论已由澳洲政府所评论的砂拉越国家具体准则(CSG)事项。

Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak (PUSAKA) telah mengadakan Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Antara Agensi (IAC) pada 3 Julai 2014 di Wisma Sumber Alam, Kuching. Mesyuarat dipengerusikan oleh Puan Dayang Nena, Penolong Pengurus Besar Kanan (Perdagangan & Industri) PUSAKA. Agenda utama Mesyuarat adalah untuk membincangkan Garis Panduan Khusus Negara (CSG) bagi Sarawak yang telah diulas oleh Kerajaan Australia.

Third Meeting of the Standard Review Committee

The third (3rd) meeting of the Standard Review Committee (SRC) for the review of the Malaysian Criteria and Indicator (MC&I) Forest Plantations was held from 7 to 9 July 2014 at the Promenade Hotel in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. The Committee went through the Minutes of the second (2nd) SRC meeting and considered the comments received from the three (3) Regional Stakeholder Consultations held in Sabah, Sarawak and Peninsular Malaysia on Enquiry Draft 2.

As a result of the deliberations, the SRC has prepared the Enquiry Draft 3 of the Standard, which shall be subjected to final sixty (60) days of public consultation. The public consultation is scheduled sometime in July 2014 while the final SRC meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held from 17 to 19 October 2014.

马来西亚人工林认证标准草案(MC&I)标准审查委员会(SRC)于2014年7月7日至9日假沙巴亚庇海滨酒店召开第三届会议。

SRC已制定第三次查询草案作为商议的结论。共有60天的限制公开谘询期。公开谘询期定于2014年7月进行，而最终的SRC会议暂定于2014年10月17日至19日召开。



Photo: Group Photo

Mesyuarat ketiga (ke-3) Jawatankuasa Penilaian Piawaian (SRC) untuk kajian semula Kriteria dan Petunjuk Malaysia (MC&I) Ladang Hutan telah diadakan dari 7 hingga 9 Julai 2014 di Hotel Promenade, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

Hasil daripada perbincangan, SRC telah menyediakan Draf Enquiry 3 bagi tujuan konsultasi awam terakhir yang tertakluk kepada enam puluh (60) hari. Konsultasi awam dijadualkan sekitar bulan Julai 2014 manakala Mesyuarat terakhir SRC dijadualkan pada 17 hingga 19 Oktober 2014.

Technical Working Committee on Forest Plantation Development 2/2014

The Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) held a meeting on the Forest Plantation Development 2/2014 with the Technical Working Committee on 16 July 2014 at the Boardroom of MTIB in Kuala Lumpur. Sixteen (16) members from the relevant Government agencies attended the Meeting, chaired by Dr Jalaluddin Harun, the Director-General of MTIB.

The Chairman, in his welcoming speech told Committee Members that the programme for providing soft loans to forest plantation developers has been progressing smoothly since its inception seven (7) years ago. Borrowers will be charged at the rate of 3%, with reasonable period to payback and this partnership with the private sector has gone very well, resulting in the amount of RM1.4 billion, allocated to the programme almost fully committed. Out of the area of 120,000 ha approved for the loan, an area of 90,000 ha has been planted. In spite of this, he requested the respective Forest Departments to ensure the land approved by the Department for forest plantation development can be planted.

Members opined that in view of occurrence of ceratocystis in Acacia mangium plantations, there is a need to find suitable alternative species for forest plantations. As Acacia wood has already been accepted by a few countries, the Chairman remarked that he would not like to see Acacia wood being totally replaced by other species. The Meeting agreed for each region to carry out a survey on the extent of the disease, to be tabled in the next Committee meeting for discussion. The Committee concurred that Eucalyptus is a potential alternative species for forest plantation and agreed to the proposal for a paper to collate information on the plantings of Eucalyptus in the three regions, namely Peninsula Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak, covering the species trialled, location, age and status for discussion.

The Meeting deliberated on the paper on the criteria and conditions for bamboo to qualify for soft loan under the Forest Plantation Development programme. In view of the different physical characteristics of the five (5) species of bamboo considered, the Committee agreed that the financial analysis be redone at the species level.

马来西亚木材工业局(MTIB) 于2014年7月16日假吉隆坡民政大厦召开本年度第二次人工造林发展技术委员会会议。

MTIB局长扎拉鲁丁博士(译音)在致欢迎词中告知委员优惠贷款计划7年以来一直顺利的提供贷款予人工林发展商。在所批准的120,000公顷面积贷款中,90,000公顷已经种植。

委员认为鉴于马占相思树林发生长喙壳菌属问题,因此有必要寻找合适的替代树种。会议同意在各区域进行一项对疾病严重程度分析的调查,并在接下来的委员会会议中进行讨论。

Lembaga Perindustrian Kayu Malaysia (MTIB) telah mengadakan mesyuarat mengenai Pembangunan Ladang Hutan 2/2014 dengan Jawatankuasa Kerja Teknikal pada 16 Julai 2014 di Bilik Lembaga MTIB, Kuala Lumpur.

Dr Jalaluddin Harun, Ketua Pengarah MTIB dalam ucapan alu-aluannya memberitahu ahli-ahli Jawatankuasa bahawa program penyediaan pinjaman mudah kepada pemaju ladang hutan telah berjalan dengan lancar sejak ditubuhkan tujuh (7) tahun yang lalu. Daripada keluasan 120,000 hektar yang diluluskan untuk pinjaman, kawasan seluas 90,000 hektar telah ditanam. Ahli berpendapat bahawa memandangkan berlakunya penyakit ceratocystis di ladang Acacia mangium, usaha mencari spesies alternatif yang sesuai diperlukan.

Mesyuarat bersetuju untuk setiap wilayah menjalankan kajian mengenai tahap penyakit tersebut dan membentangkannya pada mesyuarat Jawatankuasa berikutnya untuk tujuan perbincangan.

Briefing on Human Resources Development - Recognition of Prior Learning Scheme (RPL) and Future Workers' Training Scheme (FWT)

The Briefing on Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF) Schemes – Recognition of Prior Learning Scheme (RPL) and Future Workers' Training Scheme (FWT), organised by Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad (PSMB), was held at Imperial Hotel Kuching on 9 July 2014. Approximately sixty (60) participants from the government agencies and private sectors attended this Briefing.

The objectives of the Briefing were to (a) create a better understanding on the proper procedures to apply for training grant under the various training schemes; and (b) explain what RPL and FWT schemes are and the proper procedures to apply for training grant under these schemes.

Mr Husni Mubarak Bin Julaihi, Assistant Executive of PSMB briefed the participants of the Briefing on the RPL Scheme. The RPL scheme was introduced in 2010 to support the government's initiative to increase the number of skilled workforce to 33% by 2015 and to 50% by 2020. This is to give recognition to employees based on their work experience and skills so that they remain motivated and productive at the workplace. Under this scheme, eligible employers may apply for financial assistance in getting recognition for their employees' skills and work experiences according to the competency level of the employees, as determined by the Department of Skills Development (DSD).

Currently, there are many employees in the workforce who are doing the job of a Level 4 Diploma holder but do not hold any paper qualifications. Thus, RPL Assessment is a method which enables employees' skills, knowledge and work experience be formally recognised without the need for additional training or further study. The employees only need to be assessed by any Certified RPL Assessors from the Federation University Australia (UOB), the Institute of Supply Chain Management (IoSCM) and the Great Britain College Consortium (GBCC).

The financial assistance under this scheme will only cover the registration fees, which will be paid directly by PSMB to agencies or employers. Any industry or employer can apply for this scheme as long as they registered with PSMB and contribute levy to PSMB. The financial incentive allocated for this scheme is RM3 million and it would not affect the fund accumulated from the levy contributed by employers to PSMB. However this scheme will be offered on a "first-come-first-served" basis.

Madam Nur Zalifa, Executive, Training Grant Department of PSMB briefed the participants of the Briefing on the FWT Scheme. The FWT scheme was introduced in 2011 as an effort to assist the employers to train their potential future workers (trainees) with the knowledge and skills required by the industry. This scheme allows registered employers to apply for financial assistance in order to fund their in-house or public training with the aim of offering an employment to the trainees once they have completed the training.

In order to be eligible for this scheme, employers are required to prepare a proposal, which contains the objectives, company background, justification for the pre-employment training for future workers, structure of the pre-employment training and Trainers' profile. The financial incentive allocated for this scheme is RM13 million.

Development Fund Schemes Recognition Scheme and Future Scheme

The three (3) papers presented at the Briefing were:

1. **Recognition of Achievement Scheme (ROA)** - by Mr Narayanan Doraisamy, ROA Consultants/ Assessor of IoSCM (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd
2. **Recognition of Prior Achievement Scheme (RPA)** - by Mr Sanusi Bin Shariff, Assistant Director of DSD
3. **Recognition of Prior Learning Scheme (RPL)** - by Mr Ariveen Chandran, Director, Consulting Solution of Pronesys Consulting Sdn Bhd

Mr Paul Fong (on behalf of Great Britain College Consortium) informed participants that the four (4) colleges; namely England Cornwall College, Cardiff and Vale College, South West College and North East



Photo: Briefing in Progress

Scotland College under Great Britain College Consortium also offer RPL. If an employee has more than five (5) years of executive or supervisory experience plus two (2) subordinates working under him/her, he/she is perfect for RPL Assessment. The RPL Assessment can be done in English, Bahasa Malaysia or Mandarin.

For more information, members may visit PSMB website at www.hrdf.com.my.

人力资源发展有限公司(PSMB)于2014年7月9日假古晋帝国酒店举办一项有关人力资源发展基金(HRDF)计划-以往学习认可计划(RPL)和未来员工训练计划(FWT)简报会。

此简报会的目的是(a)更了解对于申请各种训练计划的训练津贴正确程序,及(b)阐释有关RPL和FWT计划与申请此两项计划训练津贴的正确程序。

RPL计划旨在认可雇员的经验和专业从而让他们在职场上保持积极和高效的工作态度。此计划财务奖掖拨额为马币300万令吉。

FWT计划是协助雇主们以业界所需知识和技能训练有潜能的未来雇员(实习生)。此计划财务奖掖拨额则为1300万令吉。

Taklimat mengenai Skim Kumpulan Wang Pembangunan Sumber Manusia (KWPSM) - Skim Pengiktirafan Pencapaian Terdahulu (RPL) dan Skim Latihan Pekerja Masa Depan (FWT) anjuran Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad (PSMB), telah diadakan di Hotel Imperial, Kuching pada 9 Julai 2014 .

Objektif taklimat adalah untuk (a) meningkatkan pemahaman yang lebih baik mengenai prosedur betul untuk memohon geran latihan di bawah skim latihan pelbagai; dan (b) menjelaskan skim RPL dan FWT dan prosedur betul untuk memohon geran latihan di bawah skim ini.

Skim RPL diperkenalkan untuk memberi pengiktirafan kepada pekerja berdasarkan pengalaman dan kepakaran mereka supaya kekal bermotivasi dan produktif di tempat kerja. Insentif kewangan yang diperuntukkan untuk skim ini adalah RM3 juta.

Skim FWT pula sebagai usaha membantu majikan untuk melatih pekerja-pekerja yang berpotensi di masa depan dengan pengetahuan dan kemahiran yang diperlukan oleh industri. RM13 juta insentif kewangan diperuntukkan untuk skim.



Photo: Meeting in Progress

Malaysian Employers Federation Meeting with Members of the East Malaysia Region

A meeting was organised by the Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) in collaboration with the Royal Malaysian Customs Department (RMCD) on 15 July 2014 at Dewan Usahawan Bumiputera Sarawak in Kuching. Approximately thirty two (32) participants attended the Meeting.

The meeting was moderated by Mr George Young Jr, Associate Consultant Industrial Relations of MEF.

Madam Noelle Lily Morse, Senior Assistant Director from RMCD in her presentation, highlighted the salient features of Goods and Services Tax (GST) and GST treatment on employee benefits. She also spoke on the three (3) types of supplies on the goods and services i.e. standard rated at 6%, zero rated and exempted supplies, as well as whether they are claimable. An employer can claim their input tax after setting off against the output tax in the tax return which can be done either manually or online.

She reminded participants of the Meeting that GST is a consumption tax levied on goods and services at all levels of business. GST will replace the current Sales Tax and

Service Tax. It aims to make the nation's tax system more effective, efficient, transparent and business-friendly. The GST will be implemented on 1 April 2015. Business owners in Malaysia who are making taxable supplies with an annual taxable turnover exceeding RM500,000 are required to register as GST Registered Person. However if the annual taxable turnover is below the threshold of RM500,000, business owners may choose to register voluntarily. The speaker encouraged employers to submit their applications for early registration to ensure smooth implementation of GST. RMCD is ready to accept applications for registration starting from 1 June 2014.

There was a Question & Answer session after the presentation. The speaker informed the participants at the Meeting that RMCD will organise a one-day awareness programme on GST to the industries in Sarawak before the end of the year.

For more information, please visit RMCD website at www.gst.customs.gov.my.

马来西亚雇主联盟 (MEF) 连同砂拉越大马皇家关税局(RMCD) 于2014年7月15日假古晋砂拉越土著企业商会秘书处召开会议。

RMCD高级助理总监, 诺艾尔莉莉女士 (译音) 介绍消费税 (GST) 主要特征和GST对于雇员所带来的福利。

诺艾尔莉莉女士鼓励雇主提早递交申请注册以确保顺利实施GST。RMCD已准备于2014年6月1日起开始接受申请。

Satu mesyuarat telah dianjurkan oleh Persekutuan Majikan-Majikan Malaysia (MEF) dengan kerjasama Jabatan Kastam Diraja Malaysia (JKDM) pada 15 Julai 2014 di Dewan Usahawan Bumiputera Sarawak, Kuching

Dalam pembentangan yang disampaikan oleh Puan Noelle Lily Morse, Penolong Pengarah Kanan JKDM, beliau menekankan ciri-ciri penting Cukai Barangan dan Perkhidmatan (GST) dan manfaatnya kepada pekerja.

Beliau turut menggalakkan majikan mengemukakan permohonan untuk pendaftaran awal bagi memastikan kelancaran pelaksanaan GST. JKDM telah menerima permohonan pendaftaran bermula dari 1 Jun 2014.



Photo: Group Photo

National Labour Advisory Council No 1/2014 Meeting

The National Labour Advisory Council (NLAC) is a body set up under the Ministry of Human Resources (MoHR) which deals with all matters relating to employment laws, including amendments to the laws. It is a tripartite partnership between the Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF), the Malaysian Trade Union Congress (MTUC) and the Malaysian Government. Sarawak Timber Association (STA) had previously through MEF, nominated Mr Lai Kim Ming, President of the Sarawak Manufacturers Association cum member of STA and Ms Peggy Chew, the Consultant of the Association for appointment as substantive and alternate member respectively of NLAC. However, the appointment had since expired on 31 August 2013 and MoHR did not appoint any members or called for any further meeting since then.

After much discussion, MoHR reconstituted NLAC through the calling of its first (1st) meeting (1/2014) on 24 July 2014 at Putra Jaya. In this Meeting, the Minister of MoHR, Dato Sri Richard Riot announced the re-appointment of the previous NLAC members for another two (2) years term commencing on 1 July 2014 and ending on 30 June 2016. Certificates of appointment were handed out to all substantive and alternate members of NLAC present in the meeting by the Minister.

With the decision of MoHR to re-appoint the previous NLAC members, Mr Lai Kim Ming and Ms Peggy Chew were respectively appointed as substantive and alternate member of NLAC in this meeting.

全国劳工咨询理事会(NLAC) 为人力资源部(MoHR)旗下负责涉及有关就业法律以及修改就业法律所有事项的机构。

MoHR于2014年7月24日在布特拉再也所召开的本年度第一次会议中经过多次讨论后决定重组NLAC。人力资源部长拿督里察烈也在会议上再度委任前NLAC委员任期由2014年7月1日起, 为期两年。

Majlis Penasihat Buruh Kebangsaan (NLAC) adalah sebuah badan yang ditubuhkan di bawah Kementerian Sumber Manusia (KSM) yang memperkatakan semua perkara yang berhubungan dengan undang-undang pekerjaan, termasuk pindaan ke atas undang-undang.

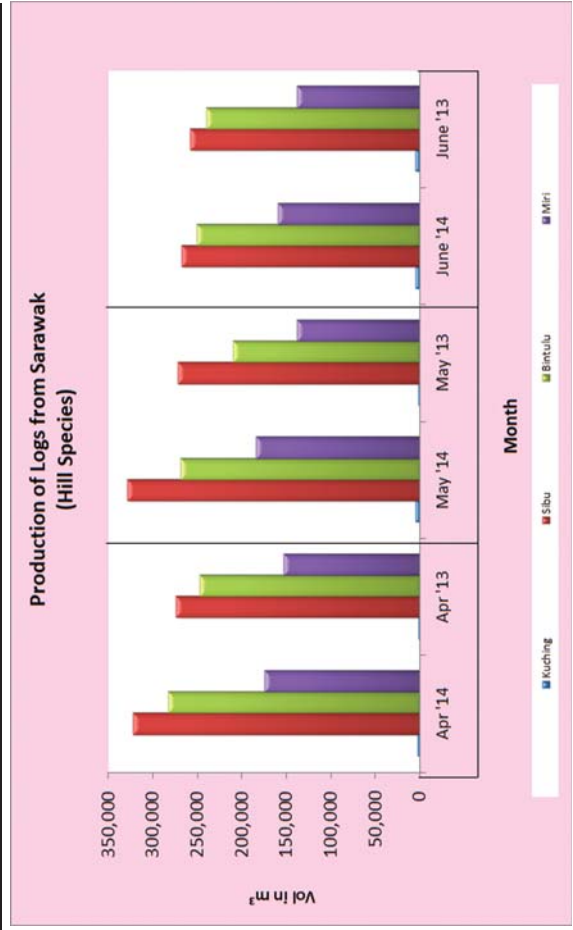
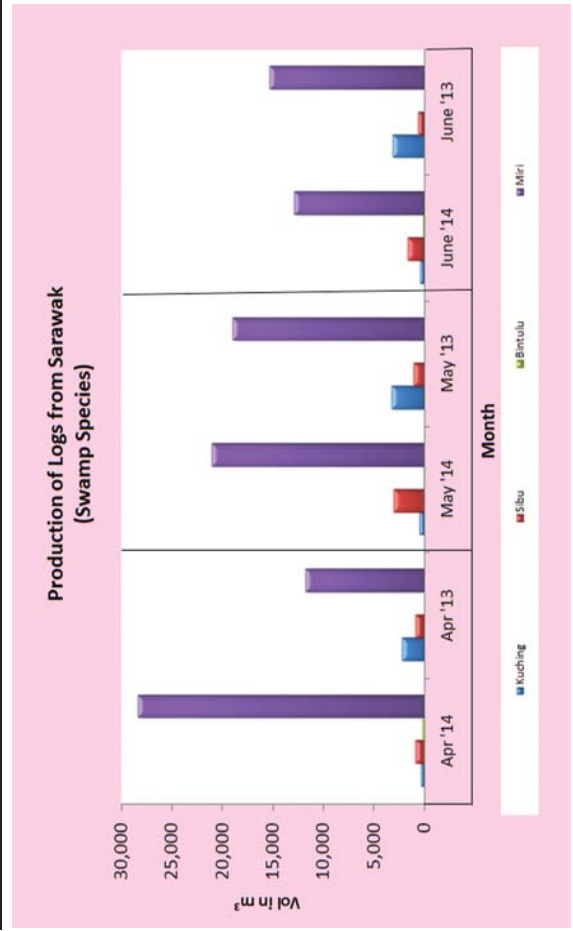
Selepas beberapa perbincangan, KSM membentuk semula NLAC dengan mengadakan mesyuarat pertama (1/2014) pada 24 Julai 2014 di Putrajaya. Dalam Mesyuarat ini, Menteri Sumber Manusia, Dato Sri Richard Riot mengumumkan pelantikan semula anggota NLAC sebelumnya untuk tempoh dua (2) tahun bermula pada 1 Julai, 2014

PRODUCTION OF LOGS BY SECTION FROM SARAWAK- HILL AND SWAMP SPECIES

PENGELUARAN BALAK MENGIKUT BAHAGIAN DARI SARAWAK - SPESIS HUTAN BUKIT DAN HUTAN PAYA

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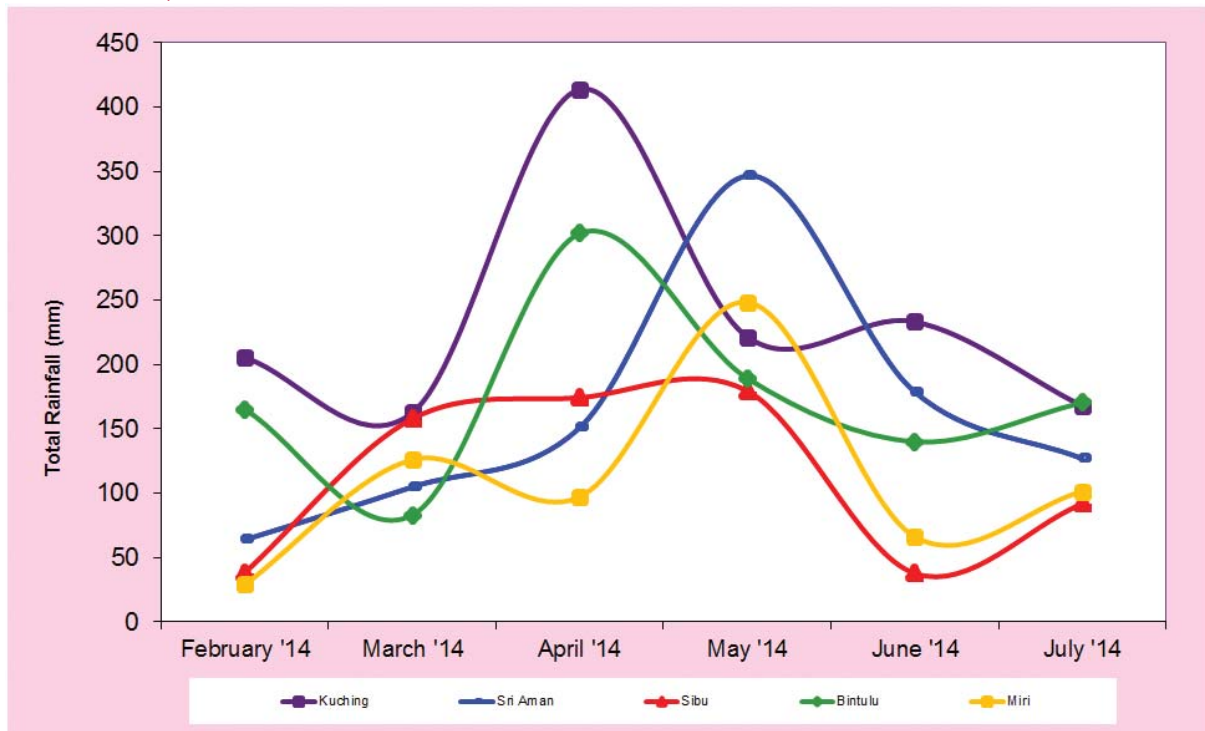
Section	Apr '14	Apr '13	May '14	May '13	June '14	June '13	Jan - June '14	Jan - June '13
	Vol (m ³)	Vol (m ³)	Vol (m ³)	Vol (m ³)	Vol (m ³)	Vol (m ³)	Vol (m ³)	Vol (m ³)
Kuching (Hill)	2,888	1,923	5,218	2,293	5,459	5,572	19,186	17,881
(Swamp)	329	2,176	475	3,201	435	3,125	2,082	13,718
Sibu (Hill)	322,775	274,314	328,501	272,417	268,026	258,186	1,685,705	1,579,103
(Swamp)	914	880	3,061	1,116	1,632	634	8,100	6,777
Bintulu (Hill)	282,638	247,667	269,163	209,573	250,760	239,712	1,455,551	1,368,256
(Swamp)	258	---	93	---	103	---	455	---
Miri (Hill)	175,205	153,330	184,106	137,900	159,313	138,285	887,816	828,116
(Swamp)	28,316	11,721	21,006	18,961	12,860	15,322	114,651	89,346
Subtotal (Hill)	783,507	677,235	786,988	622,182	683,557	641,755	4,048,258	3,793,356
(Swamp)	29,818	14,777	24,635	23,278	15,029	19,081	125,288	109,842
Total:	813,324	692,012	811,623	645,460	698,586	660,836	4,173,545	3,903,198



Source of data : Sarawak Forestry Corporation Sdn Bhd



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