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Parchment Presentation Ceremony for 1st Cohort of Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Science

Pada 18 Jun 2009, 22 graduan menyambut kejayaan mereka sebagai kumpulan pertama pelajar yang menamatkan Diploma Lepas Ijazah dalam Sains Gunaan (Pengurusan Hutan Tropika Mampan), Universiti Lincoln. Dekan Fakulti Perdagangan Universiti, Dr. Patrick Aldwell menganugerahkan sijil kepada lima orang graduan yang tidak sempat menyertai upacara graduasi yang dilangsungkan di New Zealand pada 24 April 2009 lalu dalam satu majlis di Wisma STA. Majlis ini dirasmikan oleh Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh, Timbalan Setiausaha Tetap, Kementerian Perancangan dan Pengurusan Sumber merangkap Pengarah Hutan Sarawak dan Pegarah Urusan/ Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif, Sarawak Forestry Corporation. Turut hadir dalam Majlis adalah Datuk Wong Kie Yik, Pengerusi Persatuan, Ahli Majlis STA, kakitangan Urusetia STA, pegawai-pegawai Jabatan

■ Congratulations resounded across the sea from New Zealand to Sarawak on 18 June 2009 as five of the 22 Graduates, who were capped in absentia, celebrated their success. They were amongst the first cohort of students who have recently graduated with Lincoln University's Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Science, majoring in Sustainable Tropical Forest Management. The University's Dean of the Faculty of Commerce, Dr. Patrick Aldwell and Programme Director for Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Science, Associate Professor Dr. Hugh Bigsby personally delivered

the handshakes during the parchment presentation held at Wisma STA. Officiating at the occasion was Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Planning and Resource Management cum Director of Forests Sarawak, Managing Director / CEO of Sarawak Forestry Corporation. Also present were Datuk Wong Kie Yik, Chairman of STA, STA Council Members, STA Secretariat staff and officials of the Sarawak Forest Department, Sarawak Forestry Corporation and STIDC and members of the graduates.

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Dr. Patrick Aldwell, Dean of Faculty of Commerce, Lincoln University New Zealand delivering his speech at the Ceremony

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For all the students, the celebration marked the end of the two years of intensive academic and practical study.

The Postgraduate Diploma is designed for forestry and other graduates working in the field and logging camps at supervisory and management level. The course provided an opportunity to upgrade their skills on issues and challenges they face in their efforts to sustainably manage the forest resource.

The subjects covered range from forest ecology to sociology, timber

certification to marketing and from environmental impacts to the legal framework.

Two students were awarded the Top Student Awards. Mr. Ling Kwong Hung is the top student overall for the Class of 2008 while Mr. Ling Ting Sing is the top student without a First Degree for the Class of 2008. Both are currently working with WTK Group of Companies.

A second cohort of Postgraduate students has now commenced study in the same course. ❁

Hutan Sarawak, Sarawak Forestry Corporation dan Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak dan ahli keluarga para graduan.



Class of 2008 with distinguished guests



Left: Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh presenting a plaque to Mr. Ling Kwong Hung, the Top student overall for the Class of 2008

Right: Datuk Wong Kie Yik presenting a certificate to Mr. Ling Ting Sing, the Top student without a First Degree for the Class of 2008



Jawatankuasa Pengurusan STA bermesyuarat untuk kali ke-23 pada 23 Jun 2009 di Wisma STA, Kuching. Mesyuarat membincangkan hal-hal berkaitan dengan kewangan dan prosedur Persatuan dan dua buah anak syarikatnya, STA Training Sdn Bhd dan STA Mutual Sdn Bhd.

Persatuan Kayu Kayan Malaysia telah mengadakan Mesyuarat Agung Tahunannya pada 24 Jun 2009 di Kuala Lumpur. Dalam mesyuarat tersebut, Dato' Sheikh Othman Rahman, dalam Laporan Jawatankuasa Eksekutif beliau, menyatakan bahawa Persatuan diwakili Presidennya dijemput untuk (1) menjadi Ahli Lembaga Forest Plantation Development Sdn Bhd, (2) menyertai Kumpulan Kerja

STA Management Committee Meeting

■ STA Management Committee met for the 23rd time on 23 June 2009 at Wisma STA, Kuching. Datuk Wong Kie Yik, the Chairman of the Association, presided over the Meeting attended by six other Management Committee Members including the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer.

The Management Committee at this meeting dealt with financial and procedural matters of the Association and its two wholly-owned companies namely, STA Training Sdn Bhd and

STA Mutual Sdn Bhd. The Meeting considered nine applications for financial contributions to various welfare and charitable organisations.

The Meeting had also resolved to engage two consultants to assist the Association on work related to the Malaysia-EU Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade Voluntary Partnership Agreement, Lacey Act and other *ad-hoc* issues related to sustainable forest management. ❁



Meeting in session

Malaysian Timber Association Annual General Meeting

■ The Malaysian Timber Association (MTA) held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 24 June 2009 in Kuala Lumpur. Dato' Sheikh Othman Rahman, the out-going President, chaired the meeting which was attended by representatives of all the nine Members.

The nine Members of MTA are Association of Malaysian Bumiputera Timber & Furniture Entrepreneurs (PEKA), Malaysian Furniture Industry Council (MFIC), Malaysian Wood Moulding & Joinery Council (MWMJC), Malaysian Panel-Products Manufacturers' Association (MPMA),

Malaysia Wood Industry Association (MWIA), Sabah Timber Industries Association (STIA), Sarawak Timber Association (STA), Timber Association of Sabah (TAS) and Timber Exporters' Association of Malaysia (TEAM).

At the AGM, Dato' Sheikh Othman Rahman highlighted in the Executive Committee's Report that the Association represented by its President has been invited (1) to sit on the Board of Forest Plantation Development Sdn Bhd, (2) the Manufacturing Sector Working Group: Wood-based industry of Third

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Industrial Master Plan (IMP3), and the Main Implementation Committee of the (3) National Timber Industry Policy (NATIP). The Association will continue to play active roles in these three initiatives.

The election of the Executive Committee Members for a term of two years (2009 & 2010) was held at the AGM. The following were elected:

President:

Datuk James Hwong, President of STIA

Vice President:

Mr. George Tan, President of TEAM

Honorary Secretary:

Representative from TAS

Honorary Treasurer:

Representative from MPMA

All the other five associations are Members of the Executive Committee.

The Meeting recorded a vote of thanks to Dato' Sheikh Othman Rahman for his service to the Association during his two terms as President and appointed him as Advisor to the Association. The Meeting further resolved that all Past Presidents be appointed as Advisors to the Association. ❁



Dato' Sheikh Othman Rahman, Chairman of MPMA, handing over the Presidency to Datuk James Hwong, President of STIA

Malaysian Timber Association Executive Committee Meeting

■ The new-elected Executive Committee Members met immediately after the Annual General Meeting. Encik Zaini Ithnin bin Haji A. Razak, the Chief Executive Officer of Forest Plantation Development Sdn Bhd, was invited to brief the Executive Committee on the latest development of forest plantation development programme. Other issues deliberated

during the meeting included Malaysia - EU Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade; forest plantation development; effects of global financial crisis on timber industry and trade names of timber species. Two Working Committees were formed, namely:

- Working Committee on the Malaysia-EU Forest Law

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Sektor Pekilang: Industri berasaskan kayu dalam Rancangan Malaysia ke-3 (RMK3), dan (3) menyertai Jawatankuasa Pelaksanaan Utama bagi Dasar Industri Perakayuan Kebangsaan. Persatuan akan turut memainkan peranan yang aktif untuk ketiga-tiga inisiatif ini.

Dalam pemilihan Ahli Jawatankuasa Eksekutif yang baru untuk tempoh dua tahun (2009 dan 2010), Datuk James Hwong, Presiden STIA telah dipilih selaku Presiden.

Naib Presiden:

Mr. George Tan, Presiden TEAM

Setiausaha Kehormat:
Wakil TAS

Bendahari Kehormat:
Wakil MPMA

Mesyuarat juga telah memutuskan bahawa para bekas Presiden akan dilantik sebagai Penasihat kepada Persatuan.

Jawatankuasa Eksekutif yang baru terus bermesyuarat selepas Mesyuarat Tahunan Agung. Mesyuarat menerima taklimat tentang perkembangan terbaru program pembangunan ladang hutan dan berbincang isu-isu seperti *Malaysia-EU Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade - Voluntary Partnership*

Agreement, pembangunan ladang hutan; kesan-kesan krisis kewangan sedunia terhadap industri perikanan dan nama dagangan untuk kayu. Jawatankuasa Eksekutif bersetuju untuk bertemu lebih kerap lagi supaya Ahli-ahli dari ketiga-tiga wilayah dapat bertukar maklumat/pandangan dengan lebih berkesan.

Duta Kesatuan Eropah, Tuan Yang Terutama Encik Vincent Piket yang diiringi oleh Encik Vincent Van den Berk, Penasihat Suruhanjaya Eropah *Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT)* telah mengadakan lawatan ke STA pada 22 Jun 2009. Ia merupakan lawatan susulan kepada lawatan yang diadakan pada 13 Mac 2009 yang lepas bagi memberi perkembangan terbaru mengenai Malaysia-EU FLEGT-VPA.

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Enforcement, Governance, and Trade-Voluntary Partnership Agreement (FLEGT-VPA) to be chaired by STA; and

- Working Committee on the forest plantation development to be

chaired by TAS.

The Executive Committee agreed to meet regularly to allow for better exchange of information/views amongst the Members in the three regions. ❁

Visit by the Ambassador of the European Union

■ The Ambassador of the European Union, HE Mr. Vincent Piket, accompanied by Mr. Vincent Van den Berk, the European Commission Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) Advisor, visited STA on 22 June 2009. They were received by Datuk Wong Kie Yik, the Chairman of STA, Dato Henry Lau Lee Kong, the Honorary

Secretary and Members of the Certification Committee.

As this was a follow-up to the previous visit on 13 March 2009, HE Mr. Piket and Mr. Van den Berk gave an update on the latest development of the Malaysia-European Union Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade - Voluntary Partnership Agreement. ❁



Above: HE Mr. Vincent Piket, the Ambassador of the European Union, briefing Members on the latest development of FLEGT

Left: One for the album
From right: Dr. Lee Hua Seng, Chief Executive Officer of STA, Mr. Vincent van den Berk, European Commission FLEGT Advisor, HE Mr. Vincent Piket, Datuk Wong Kie Yik, Chairman of STA, Dato Henry Lau Lee Kong, Honorary Secretary of STA, Ms. Annie Ting, Senior Manager of STA

STA Certification Committee Meeting

■ The STA Certification Committee met twice in the month of June, on 9 and 19 June 2009. Presided by Dato Henry Lau, the Committee Chairman, both meetings concentrated on the revision of the Malaysian Criteria and Indicators for Forest Management Certification [MC&I(2002)] and the Heart of Borneo Initiative for Sarawak. Other

issues that were discussed included current development of the Malaysia-European Union Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade - Voluntary Partnership Agreement, the coming National Consultation on the High Conservation Value Forest Toolkit and the International Tropical Timber Organisation Thematic Programme Profiles. ❁

Jawatankuasa Pensijilan STA bermesyuarat dua kali dalam bulan Jun, iaitu pada 9 dan 19 Jun 2009. Kedua-dua mesyuarat menumpukan perhatian kepada semakan Kriteria dan Indikator Malaysia untuk Pensijilan Pengurusan Hutan [MC&I(2002)] dan Inisiatif "Heart of Borneo" untuk Sarawak.

National Consultation on Draft National HCVF Toolkit

■ All forests possess environmental and social values such as wildlife habitat, watershed protection and cultural significance. Areas within forests where these values are considered to be of outstanding significance or critical importance based on an agreed set of criteria, can be defined as High Conservation Value Forest (HCVF) areas. Identifying these values, knowing the importance and locating the forest areas is the essential first step in developing appropriate management.

For forest management certification, forest managers are required to identify any HCVF attributes that occur within their individual forest management units and manage them in order to maintain or enhance the attributes identified.

As Malaysia is yet to have her own Toolkit to identify the HCVF attributes, WWF-Malaysia took the initiative and began to work on drafting the toolkit in mid-2007, after which it was subjected to an internal review process. The Toolkit was refined further into a second draft by early 2008. External input was

obtained from the scientific community through an Expert Review Meeting which took place in May 2008. The third draft was completed in September 2008. In order to improve the drafted Toolkit, regional consultations were organised and attended by participants from the various stakeholders comprising industry, government and non-government organisations.

On 29 June 2009, WWF-Malaysia organised a National Consultation on the Fifth Draft of the Toolkit attended by 65 participants. This meeting is the final, national-level stakeholder consultation for the national toolkit.

Each High Conservation Value (HCV) was deliberated thoroughly by the participants. The comments and issues brought up during this session will serve as the final input and feedback which will be incorporated into the Fifth Draft of the toolkit. The next step will be field testing of the Toolkit after which it will be finalized and adopted. This document will be continuously be reviewed and improved upon in the future. ❁

Pada 29 Jun 2009, WWF-Malaysia telah mengadakan rundingan nasional untuk Draf kelima 'Toolkit' Kebangsaan Hutan Permeliharaan Nilai Tinggi. Mesyuarat ini merupakan rundingan antara pemegang saham peringkat kebangsaan yang terakhir di mana setiap Pemeliharaan Nilai Tinggi telah dibincang oleh peserta-peserta dengan teliti. Semua ulasan dan isu-isu yang dibangkitkan dalam sesi ini akan dimasukkan ke dalam draf terakhir ini.

Registration of Printer and Inkjet Printed Log Production Identity (LPI) Number

STA telah menerima surat dari Pengarah Hutan, Jabatan Perhutanan Sarawak dialamatkan kepada Messrs Yi Ling Enterprises Sdn Bhd, Symbol Timber Tags Sdn Bhd dan Number System Sdn Bhd mengenai pendaftaran mesin pencetak dan identiti pengeluaran balak yang dicetak dengan 'inkjet'.

■ STA received a letter ref DF.93.13.2-9 dated 15 June 2009 from the Director of Forests Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) addressed to Messrs Yi Ling Enterprises Sdn Bhd, Symbol Timber Tags Sdn Bhd and Number System Sdn Bhd with regards to the registration of printer and inkjet printed Log Production Identity (LPI) number. The following is the copy of letter which was extended to the Association. The letter is reproduced verbatim below.

"The Forest Department has decided that the LPI Alpha-numeric Number in the LPI Coupe & Block Tag must be inkjet printed effective 1 November 2009.

Improvement and upgrading in the quality of printing, and the registration of inkjet printers will enable the Department to control, monitor and verify logs produced and LPI number allocated, with greater ease and expediency. Duplication in the printing the LPI number can also be

minimized or curtailed.

Tag supplier must have a proper account of all printed LPI Coupe & Block Tags. In this connection, timber licensees are only allowed to order and print LPI range number that has been approved by Sarawak Forest Corporation (SFC) and the original approval letter of LPI, must be attached.

To ensure the success in implementing LPI and to enable the Department to trace LPI Tags to source, all the Inkjet printers operated by you have to be registered with the FDS on or before 1 July 2009 using the format prepared by FDS.

Through the joint effort, commitment and cooperation from timber operators and tag suppliers, this exercise will enhance our Log Tracking System (LOTS) application through FORESTNET. It will also ensure that the noble objective of using Plastic (PVC) Tag to improve log marking is achieved." ❁

Seminar On Biomass For Biofuel and Value-Added Products 2009

Institut Penyelidikan Perhutanan Malaysia dan Universiti Malaysia Pahang akan menganjurkan seminar tentang Biomas untuk 'Biofuel' dan Produk Tambahan Nilai 2009 dengan tema 'Ke Arah Penggunaan Biomas Yang Cekap' dari 27 hingga 28 Oktober 2009 di Kuala Lumpur. Untuk maklumat

■ The abundant lignocellulosic resources available in Malaysia from the wood-based and agricultural sectors are potential raw materials for the production of biofuels and other value-added products. Biofuels have an important role in the global energy mix and is now becoming a key component in the drive towards energy diversification.

With the 17 million tonnes of the oil

palm empty fruit bunches, 4.5 million tonnes of the oil palm trunks and 1.35 million tonnes of rice straw annually generated in the country, Malaysia could play a major role in the production of biofuels and other value-added products such as biocomposites, pulp and paper, biofertilizers and green chemicals. Technology development of these processes will be the catalyst towards a more efficient and profitable

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production of these products. The biofield production from biomass would definitely reduce the over reliance on fossil fuels and simultaneously protect the environment. Production of biocomposites introduces new engineered products to the market using renewable resources available hence easing the dependence on the forest and reduces global warming. However, amongst the challenges faced by researchers and industries in Malaysia towards the total acceptance of these products made from local resources is the need to adapt established technologies to suit local conditions and materials. There is an urgent need towards development of innovative technologies for biofuels and biocomposite products for future market demand in line with the directions of the National Timber Industry Policy (NATIP) and the Third Industrial Master Plan (IMP3).

Thus, Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) and Universiti Malaysia Pahang will be organising a seminar on Biomass for Biofuel and Value-Added Products 2009 with the theme 'Towards Efficient Utilisation of Biomass'. Details are as follows:

Date: 27 - 28 October 2009

Venue: The Saujana Kuala Lumpur

Registration Fee:

RM 800 p/person

Students: RM 400 p/person

Objectives:

1. To highlight the availability of biomass for biofuel and value-added products.
2. To discuss issues affecting biomass resources for biofuel and value-added products.
3. To provide a forum for researchers to exchange, update and present their findings, state-of-the-art technologies, products and services related to the utilisation of biomass for biofuel and downstream products.

For further information, please contact:

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lanjut, sila hubungi urusetia seminar.

Training Incentive for Small Enterprises

■ Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad (PSMB) has recently launched Training Incentive for Small Enterprises registered under the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF) with the objective of encouraging employers to systematically retrain and upgrade the skills of their employees.

Training providers must conduct training programmes in accordance to

what had been approved by PSMB. PSMB will conduct periodic audits to verify the training conducted. The training incentive for approved training programmes took effect from 1 May 2009. The incentive will end when the allocation is fully utilised.

For further details, please visit www.hrdf.com.my/sme ☎

Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad melancarkan Insentif Latihan untuk Pengusaha-pengusaha Kecil yang didaftarkan di bawah Dana Pembangunan Sumber Manusia dengan matlamat untuk menggalakkan majikan melatih dan mempernaiki taraf kemahiran pekerja secara sistematik. Untuk maklumat lanjut, sila layari www.hrdf.com.my/sme

Anugerah Kecemerlangan Industri Kementerian Perdagangan Antarabangsa & Industri (MITI) 2009 telah dibuka bagi pencalonan.

Anugerah tahunan ini bertujuan untuk memberi pengiktirafan kepada syarikat yang telah mencapai kecemerlangan dalam bidang masing-masing.

Majlis Perniagaan Malaysia Bahagian Sabah akan mengajurkan Pameran Dagangan Antarabangsa Borneo 2009 (BITF2009) bertemakan "Destinasi Muktamad untuk Perniagaan, Budaya dan Alam Semulajadi" dari 13-16 November 2009 di Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. Untuk maklumat lanjut, sila hubungi urusetia BITF 2009.

MITI Industry Excellence Award 2009

■ The Ministry of International Trade and Industry Malaysia (MITI) Industry Excellence Award 2009 is now open for nomination. This annual Industry Excellence Award is aimed at giving recognition to companies for their excellence in various fields.

The recipients of the award will be entitled to various benefits such as tax exemption from the IRB and exemption from payment of participation fee for International Trade Fairs organised by MATRADE. This year the following awards are offered:-

- (1) Prime Minister's Industry Excellence Award ;
- (2) Product Excellence Award;
- (3) Quality Management Excellence Award;
- (4) Export Excellence Award (Merchandise);
- (5) Export Excellence Award (Services);

- (6) Brand Excellence Award (Merchandise);
- (7) Brand Excellence Award (Services); and
- (8) Special Award for Product Excellence (Innovative Product)

Closing date for submission of the Participation Form and supporting documents is 28 August 2009. The application form can be downloaded from www.matrade.gov.my. For further information and details, please contact:

Export Excellence Award (Merchandise)

En. Amirul Azman Ahmad/ En. Isa Farhin Abdullah/ Pn. Farah Karuddin
Tel: 03-6207 7671/ 7672/ 7669

Export Excellence Award (Services)

En. Faizal Izany Mastor/ Pn. Hafizah Taib/ Pn. Noorainie Saadiah
Tel: 03-6207 7141/ 7142/ 7135

2nd Borneo International Trade Fair 2009 (BITF2009)

■ The Malaysian Business Council (BEMBC) Sabah Chapter will be organising the 2nd Borneo International Trade Fair 2009 (BITF2009) with the theme 'Your Ultimate Destination for Business, Culture and Nature'.

At least 200 booths are expected to be taken up during BITF2009 based on the encouraging responses received from the companies in Asean region, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, BIMP-EAGA and Peninsular Malaysia.

BITF2009 aims to promote mutual trade and investment opportunities by showcasing the latest products and services with special focus on 'Halal' products in these countries and regions.

Details are as follows:

Date: 13 - 16 November 2009

Venue: Kota Kinabalu Sports Complex, Sabah

Booth Fee: RM 3500 per booth/ USD 1000 per booth

For more information, please contact:

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6th China Asean Expo (CAEXPO)

■ The 6th China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO) will be held in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of China from 20 to 24 October 2009. The CAEXPO is co-sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of China (MOFCOM) and the respective ministries of trade and industry of the 10 ASEAN countries as well as the ASEAN Secretariat; and organised by the People's Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of China. It is a high level international event for economic, trade exchanges and cooperation which had been held annually in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang

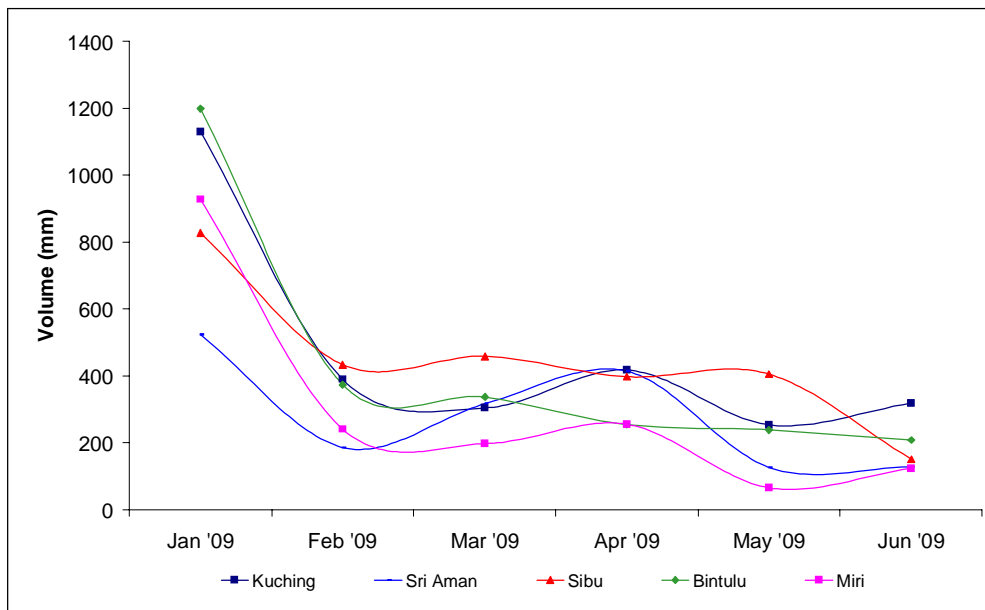
Autonomous Region, China since 2004.

The CAEXPO has greatly promoted the Malaysian-China economic and trade cooperation. In 2008, despite the global financial crisis, the Malaysian-China trade volume maintained a rapid growth, reaching USD53.469 billion, of which the Malaysian export to China amounted to USD32.094 billion, up 11.8%.

For further information, please visit at <http://www.caexpo.org>

Ekspo China-ASEAN ke-6 akan diadakan dari 20 hingga 24 Oktober 2009 di Nanning, Wilayah Autonomi Guangxi Zhuang, China. Ekspo ini diadakan setiap tahun dan merupakan acara antarabangsa bertaraf tinggi untuk pertukaran ekonomi dan dagangan dan kerjasama. Untuk maklumat lanjut, sila layari laman web di <http://www.caexpo.org>

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