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International Seminar on Utilisation and Marketing of Acacias

Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak dengan kerjasama Jabatan Hutan Sarawak dan STA dan sokongan dari Kementerian Perancangan & Pembangunan Sumber Sarawak, menganjurkan Seminar Antarabangsa Penggunaan dan Pemasaran *Acacia* dari 11 hingga 12 Jun 2007 di sebuah hotel di Kuching yang dirasmikan oleh Ketua Menteri Sarawak, YAB Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud.

Dalam ucapan aluan beliau, Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh, Pengerusi Pengelola, mengatakan seminar tersebut bertujuan bagi menjadi pentas untuk pemegang lesen ladang hutan untuk memperluaskan persefahaman pelan jangka panjang kerajaan negeri dalam industri perikanan.

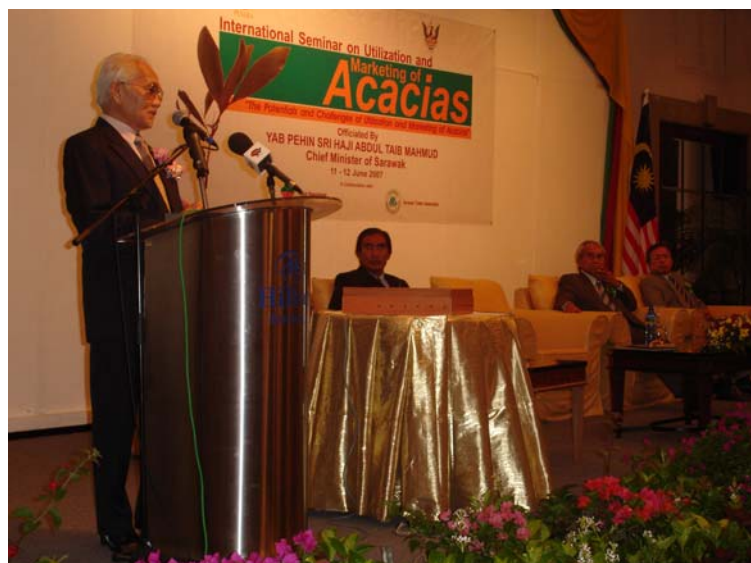
YAB Ketua Menteri Sarawak, dalam ucapan perasmian beliau, menegaskan keperluan untuk penyelidikan dalam bidang penanaman dan penggunaan *Acacia* kerana

■ The Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC), in collaboration with the Forest Department of Sarawak, the Sarawak Timber Association, and official sanction of the Ministry of Planning and Resource Management Sarawak, organised the International Seminar on Utilisation and Marketing of *Acacias* with the theme "*Acacias: The Potentials and Challenges*", from 11 to 12 June 2007 at a local hotel in Kuching. The seminar attended by 150 participants, both local and international, was officiated by the Chief Minister of Sarawak, YAB Pehin

Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, .

Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh, the Organising Chairman, in his welcoming speech said that the seminar aimed to provide a springboard for holders of planted forest license to intensify and expand their understanding of the State Government long-term planning for the timber industry. He urged the 38 Licenced for Planted Forest (LPF) holders to respond positively to meet the target of planting one million hectares with timber species by the year 2020.

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Picture: The Honorable Chief Minister of Sarawak delivering his officiating speech

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In his speech, the Chief Minister of Sarawak said that there is a need for more research as the planting and utilisation of *Acacia* as this species is relatively new. He also urged all stakeholders to have a better understanding of the usage of *Acacia mangium* in both the domestic and international markets.

The seminar was divided into five sessions covering nine papers.



Picture: Looking at some of the samples of some products made from *Acacia mangium*

Session 1: Supply and Demand

1. The Current Status of Utilisation of Planted Tree Species in the Woodbased Industry in Sarawak by Mr. Nicholas Andrew Lisse, Acting Senior Manager, Industrial Planning, STIDC

Session 2: Policy and Prospect

2. Policy and Potential of Planting *Acacias* in Sarawak by Dr. Joseph Jawa Kendawang, Senior Assistant Director, Forest Department Sarawak
3. Growing *Acacias* as a Business with Special Reference to *Acacia mangium* by Mr. Raymond Tan

Get Seng, Owner/ Director Ulu Tiku Plantation Sdn Bhd, Tawau, Sabah.

Session 3: Research and Development

4. Tree Improvement Works and Species Trial of *Acacias* in Sarawak by Mr. Juing Ak Umpit, Plantation Development Manager, Ta Ann Holdings Bhd, Sibuh
5. R & D on *Acacias* in Vietnam by Prof. Dr. Nguyen Hoang Nghia, Director General, Forest Science Institute of Vietnam, Hanoi, Vietnam, read out by Mr. Pham Quang Thu

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spesis ini masih baru. Beliau menyeru pihak terbabit supaya memahami dengan lebih mendalam penggunaan *Acacia mangium* untuk pasaran tempatan dan antarabangsa.

Sembilan kertas kerja telah dibentangkan dalam lima sesi di seminar.



Picture: Guests of honor at the officiating of the Seminar

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6. R & D Programme on *Acacia mangium* by Mr. David Boden, Business Development and Project Leader, Genetics Unit, Ensis (JV CSIRO Forestry and Forest Products), Queensland, Australia

Session 4: Utilisation and Marketing

7. Global Market Potentials and Challenges for *Acacias* by Mr. Andrew Morton, Vice-President, URS, Australia
8. *Acacia mangium* Particleboard: Industrial Scale Experience by Mr. Awang Ahmad Mohd Yunus, Lecturer, Universiti Malaysia Sabah/ Mr. Victor Pallical Xavier, Director, Jayakuik Sdn Bhd, Sandakan, Sabah

9. Challenges in Utilisation and Marketing of *Acacias* - Sabah Experience by Mr. Joseph Tsang Sing Tak, Director, Borneo Tsang Furnishing Sdn Bhd, Tawau, Sabah.

The last session was the Panel Discussion, presided by Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh. The Panel Members

comprising all paper presenters and Session Chairmen, addressed various issues related to the forest plantation industry and the products manufactured using *Acacia*. 🌿

Note: Papers presented at the Seminar are available from the STA Secretariat at nominal printing cost.



Picture: Participants at the seminar



Picture: Some of the exhibits at the Seminar



Picture: Panel discussion in session

Malaysian Timber Association Annual General Meeting

■ The Malaysian Timber Association (MTA) held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 27 June 2007 in Kuala Lumpur. Dato' Sheikh Othman Rahman presided over the meeting.

As this was an election year; a major item on the Agenda is the election of Office-Bearers. All Office-Bearers were returned unopposed:

President:

Dato' Sheikh Othman Rahman
Chairman, Malaysian Panel Products Manufacturers' Association

Vice-President:

Datuk James Hwong You Chuaang
President, Sabah Timber Industries Association

Honorary Secretary:

Datuk Leo Chai
Chairman, Sarawak Timber Association

Honorary Treasurer:

Mr. Lee Leh Yew
President, Timber Exporter's Association of Malaysia

The remaining five Executive Committee Members comprised representatives from the following Ordinary Members:

- Association of Malaysian Bumiputra Timber & Furniture Entrepreneurs
- Malaysian Furniture Industry Council
- Malaysian Wood Industries Association
- Malaysian Wood Moulding & Joinery Council

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Picture: MTA Office Bearers
Front row (left to right): Datuk Leo Chai, Dato' Sheikh Othman Rahman, Datuk James Hwong You Chuaang, Mr. Lee Leh Yew

Persatuan Kayu Kayan Malaysia telah mengadakan Mesyuarat Agung Tahunannya pada 27 Jun 2007 di Kuala Lumpur.

Ini merupakan tahun pemilihan. Mesyuarat telah memutuskan agar Ahli-ahli Jawatankuasa dikekalkan tanpa undi.

Dalam mesyuarat tersebut, Ahli-Ahli Majlis telah menimbang cadangan Jawatankuasa Eksekutif untuk mengurangkan yuran keahlian tahunan dari kadar RM2,000.00 ke RM500.00. Mereka juga diberitahu tentang aktiviti-aktiviti Persatuan bagi tahun 2006.

Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Eksekutif menyusuli Mesyuarat Agung Tahunan.

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At this meeting, the members considered the recommendation tabled by the Executive Committee which met on 2 November 2006 with regards to the reduction of the annual membership subscription fee from RM2,000.00 to RM500.00. After some deliberation and taking into consideration the rationale for the reduction, the meeting approved the recommendation which will take effect from this year onwards. The meeting further agreed that this decision is subject to revision in two years time.

Dato' Sheikh Othman Rahman, the President, highlighted to the meeting some of the major activities undertaken by the Association for the year 2006, which included the following appointments:

- As a Board Member of the Forest Plantation Development Sdn Bhd (FPDSB) for the term 2006 - 2008; and

- Member of the Manufacturing Sector Working Group (MSWG) and Implementing Agency for two (2) strategies under the 3rd Industrial Master Plan (IMP3) for years 2006 - 2020.

The members also considered and subsequently adopted the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2006 audited by the Ernst & Young.

An Executive Committee Meeting immediately followed the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee endorsed the nomination of Mr. Goh Chee Yew of the Malaysian Wood Industries Association to represent the Association as the industry representative to attend the International Tropical Timber Organisation Panel Experts meeting on Guidelines on Biodiversity Conservation which will be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand in early September this year. ❁

STA mengadakan Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pengurusan ke-18 pada 29 Jun di Wisma STA, Kuching. Jawatankuasa telah mengendali pelbagai hal pengurusan dan kewangan Persatuan dan anak-anak syarikatnya.

18th STA Management Committee Meeting

■ The Management Committee held its 18th Meeting on 29 June 2007 in Wisma STA, Kuching, presided by the Chairman, Datuk Leo Chai.

The Committee dealt with administrative and financial matters of the Association and its wholly-owned companies. The meeting considered the proposal to engage a Consultant to collate information on Forestry Guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures to assist members undergoing the Forest Management Certification

and resolved that the proposal be referred to STA Council for approval after the endorsement by the Chairman of the STA Certification Committee. The Meeting approved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with Daiken Corporation Japan on the Daiken Scholarship Fund. STA will assist in selecting candidates to receive scholarships offered by Daiken Corporation Japan for studies related to the forestry and timber industry. ❁

2nd STA Wood Residues Committee Meeting

■ The STA Wood Residues Committee met for the second time on 8 June 2007 at Wisma STA, Kuching. The first meeting was held on 20 March 2007 in Sibul. Mr. Keiichi Hino, the Committee Chairman, presided over the meeting.

The meeting was informed of the consumption of wood residues per month. They were briefed by Daiken

Sarawak on the use of *Acacia* logs for the production of MDF which is still being tested. The meeting was also informed on the rates of royalty and premium on cordwood based on the information obtained from the Forest Department Sarawak. Cordwood is the term used when forest residues are extracted. Members were encouraged to work together to utilise forest residues in their production. ❁

Mid-term Workshop: Joint Project between the Malaysian Timber Certification Council and the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg

■ The Mid-term Workshop on the Joint Project between the Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) and the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg (FHH) pertaining to comparing the aspects of the Malaysian Criteria and Indicator 2002 [MC&I(2002)] and the requirements of the FHH was held on 26 and 27 June 2007 in Kuala Lumpur. The workshop was attended by approximately 60 participants from the various backgrounds, i.e. the NGOs, trade associations and government agencies.

An Inception Workshop earlier been held on 9 January 2007 in Kuala Lumpur, served to brief and inform all relevant stakeholders about the scope and implementation of this joint project.

This project was incepted with the following objectives:

- To provide scientific support to refine the Malaysian Criteria and Indicators for the Forest Management Certification [MC&I(2002)];
- To fulfil the requirements of the FHH on the use of tropical timber; and
- To ensure its practical application in the field.

Four consultants were engaged to conduct a gap analysis and look at the specific aspects of MC&I(2002) and the requirements of the FHH. They are Dr. Bernd Hahn-Schiling for forest management, Dr. Alexander Hinrichs for social aspect, Dr. Andreas Tuttle for concession and legality and Dr. Melvin Gumal for forest conservation. They reported on the gap analysis of the two documents and identify appropriate future research activities

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Jawatankuasa Sisa Kayu STA bermesyuarat kali kedua pada 8 Jun 2007 di Wisma STA, Kuching. Mesyuarat pertama telah diadakan pada 20 Mac 2007 di Sibul. Mesyuarat yang dipengerusi oleh Encik Keiichi Hino berbincang isu-isu penggunaan dan bekalan sisa kayu yang diperlukan untuk pengeluaran.

Bengkel Separuhan Penggal Projek Bersama MTCC dan *Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg* (FHH) telah diadakan di Kuala Lumpur pada 26 dan 27 Jun 2007.

Dalam bengkel tersebut, para perunding yang dilantik untuk membuat analisis terhadap pengurusan hutan, social, konsesi dan isu kesahan dan pemeliharaan hutan, membenteng laporan mereka mengenai analisis gap antara MC&I(2002) dan keperluan FHH dan mengenalpasti aktiviti penyelidikan yang diperlukan untuk mendapat data dan maklumat yang diperlukan untuk melicinkan MC&I(2002).

Hasil perunding akhir akan dibentengkan dalam satu

bengkel yang akan diadakan di Negara Jerman tahun depan.

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needed to generate data and information for the refinement of MC&I(2002).

This gap analysis is a desk study that compares only the document on the requirements of the FHH against the MC&I (2002) and not on the ground.

The Joint Project Team (JPT) also presented their views on the gap analysis by the Consultants. It was also reported at the Workshop that the identification of relevant text parts in the legal documents for the

verifier is done/still being done by a team of students from Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and University of Hamburg (UHH) since April 2007.

There were also group discussions led by the four consultants to address the results of the lack of or partial compliance between the MC&I(2002) and FHH documents.

The final results of the Project will be presented at a Workshop in Germany next year. ❁

Imposition of Levy for Oil Palm Plantation by Local Government Authorities

STA menerima pertanyaan dari ahlinya mengenai Pengenaan Levi untuk Perladangan Kelapa Sawit oleh pihak kerajaan tempatan.

Pengenaan levi adalah bayaran kadar taksiran yang telah dikuatkuasakan oleh Kerajaan Negeri sejak 1 Januari 2006, di mana levi RM5.00 sehektar dikenakan ke atas Ladang kelapa sawit bagi kawasan 20 hektar ke atas dan pada tahun ketiga ia ditanam.

■ The imposition of levy is a payment of assessment rate that had been enforced by the State Government since 1 January 2006, whereby a levy of RM5.00 per hectare on Oil Palm Plantations (covering 20 hectares and above and after third year of planting).

In response to the inquiry made by STA, the Ministry of Environment and Public Health Sarawak gave the following clarification:

1. Under the Rule 28(2) and Rule 29 of the Forests (Planted Forests) Rules 1997 made under Section 95 (l) (w) and (x) of the Forests Ordinance (Cap 126), the Licence Fee is paid to the Director of Forests for the purpose of the Licence. The Director of Forests and his department carried out overall regulatory and supervisory role over the holder of such Licence. The Annual Land Rent is payable because all and covered by the Licence, being State land, is made available for use by the holder of the Licence

for the development and maintenance of his planted forests.

2. Payment in lieu or the rates imposed by the Ministry of Environment and Public Health Sarawak is, in reality, assessment rates payable for services rendered to the holder of such Licence, such as collection and disposal of wastes, maintenance of council roads and other facilities provided by the councils which are used directly or indirectly by the holder of the Licence for Planted Forests and those working in its planted forests. The payment to the local authorities is for an entirely different purpose from that payable as Annual Land Rent or Licence Fee to the Director of Forests.

All relevant members must abide by the above ruling. ❁

List of Heat Treatment Providers and Fumigator Under Wood Packaging Material Certification Scheme

■ The following are the list of heat treatment and fumigators registered with the Department of Agriculture Sarawak as of 3 July 2007. ☼

Kuching

Name of Company	Tel / Fax No.
Kion Kok Industries Sdn Bhd, Kion Seng Timber Products Sdn Bhd	082-484773 (O) 082-337686 (F)
KTS Timber Industries Bhd	082-332611 (O) 082-486412 (F)
Sarawak Forest Products Sdn Bhd	082-333812/ 331366 (O) 082-487350 (F)
Kion Ling Timber-Based Industries Bhd	082-335551 082-336760
Linshan hao Plywood (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd	082-439119 (O) 082-439229 (F)
PEST Sdn Bhd	082-337378 (O) 082-347378 (F)
Borneo Pest Services	082-417728 (O) 082-257728 (F)

Bintulu

Name of Company	Tel / Fax No.
Samling Plywood (Bintulu) Sdn Bhd	086-336685/ 86 (O) 086-337448/330658 (F)
Zedtee Plywood Sdn Bhd	086-584778
Manuply Wood Industries (S) Sdn Bhd	086-336677/ 336221/ 336545 (O) 086-336220 (F)
Forescom Plywood Bhd	086-314199 (O) 086-314299 (F)
GT Plywood Industries Sdn Bhd	086-338868 (O) 086-338026 (F)
Cairnfield Sdn Bhd	086-338155 (O) 086-335157 (F)

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Bintulu

Name of Company	Tel / Fax No.
E.S. Ng Pembinaan Perniagaan Sdn Bhd	086-338787 (O) 086-330185 (F)
Shin Yang Plywood (Bintulu) Sdn Bhd	086-313399 (O) 086-312299 (F)
Plusville Sdn Bhd	086-422240 (O) 086-422280 (F)

Sibu

Name of Company	Tel / Fax No.
Jaya Tiasa Plywood Sdn Bhd Jaya Tiasa Plywood (Putai) Sdn Bhd	084-213255 (O) 084-213855 (F)
The Sarawak Company (1959) Sdn Bhd	084-633222 (O) 084-633220 (F)
Perpuluhan Jaya Sdn Bhd	084-631267 (O) 084-631228 (F)
Jaya Tiasa Timber Products Sdn Bhd	084-804599 (O) 084-804596 (F)
Subur Tiasa Plywood Sdn Bhd	084-212932 (O) 084-211886 (F)
Hwa Sen Veneer & Plywood Industries Sdn Bhd	084-311767/ 319281/ 311641 (O) 084-320005 (F)
Sanyan Wood Industries Sdn Bhd	084-301224/ 392012 (O) 084-216227/ 392017 (F)
Rajang Plywood Sawmill Sdn Bhd	084-320909/ 366571 (O) 084-329909/ 316686 (F)
Foreswood Industries Sdn Bhd	084-317225/ 803998 (O) 084-332590 (F)
Lik Shen Sawmill Sdn Bhd	084-320757 (O) 084-310154/ 320800 (F)
Wisewood Sdn Bhd	084-335011 (O) 084-318301 (F)
Yuk Lee Trading Sdn Bhd	084-351231 (O) 084-350462 (F)
Sing Leh Timber Sdn Bhd	084-351231 (O) 084-350462 (F)
Rayomas Sdn Bhd	084-310828 (O) 084-337818 (F)
LCW Wood Processing Sdn Bhd	084-342596 (O) 084-342446 (F)
Mega Q Sdn Bhd	019-8805007

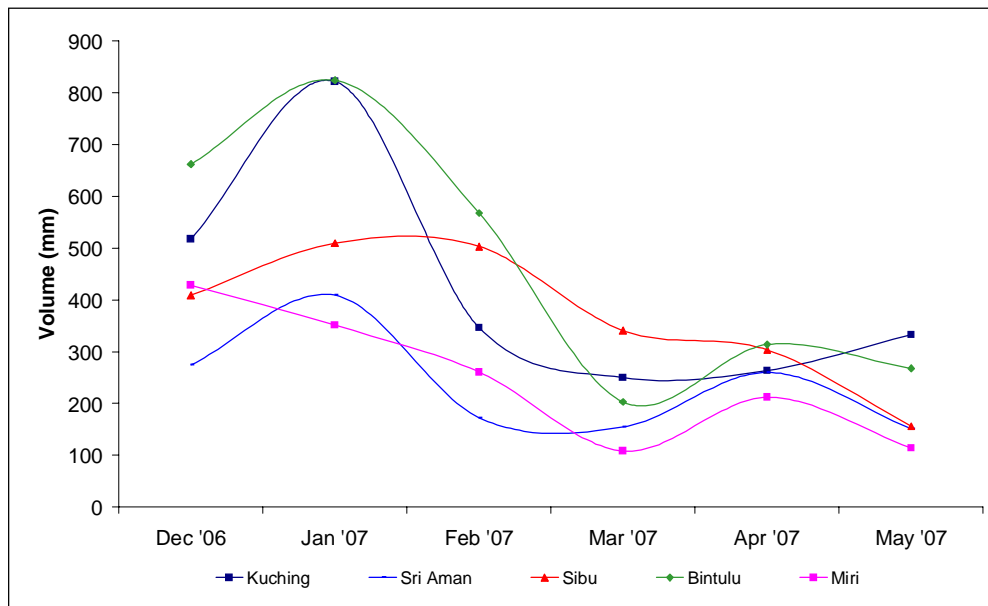
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Miri

Name of Company	Tel / Fax No.
Samling Wood Industries Sdn Bhd	085-604338 085-604305
Shin Yang Plywood Sdn Bhd	085-604599 (O) 085-604513/ 55 (F)
Shin Yang Wood System Sdn Bhd	085-469188/ 656699 (O) 085-65818 (F)
Shin Yang Sawmill Sdn Bhd	085-604299 085-604222
Samling Plywood (Miri) Sdn Bhd	085-604311 (O) 085-604205 (F)
Remayo Sdn Bhd	085-652855 (O) 085-660855 (F)

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