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STA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Picture: Annual General Meeting in progress

STA held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 31 March 2010 at Wisma STA, Kuching. The AGM was attended by representatives from 187 member companies.

During the AGM, the Chairman, Datuk Wong Kie Yik, presented his report on the activities of the Association for the

year 2009. The Association's audited financial statement was circulated and adopted by members. The Meeting also dealt with matters related to the Association's wholly-owned companies, namely STA Enterprises Sdn Bhd, STA Training Sdn Bhd, STA Mutual Sdn Bhd and STA Ventures Sdn Bhd.

The meeting ended with election for the new Permanent Council Members, Council Members and Office Bearers.

The newly-elected STA Office-Bearers and Category Chairmen for years 2010 and 2011 are as follows:

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| Chairman: | Pemanca Datuk Wong Kie Yik |
| Vice Chairmen: | Tan Sri Datuk Sir Tiong Hiew King
Datuk Ling Chiong Ho |
| Honorary Secretary: | Dato Henry Lau Lee Kong |
| Honorary Treasurer: | Mr Philip Choo Kwong Hui |
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| Forest Plantation: | Mr Peter Ling Kwong Hung |
| Furniture & Other Woodworking: | Mr Desmond Cheng Hwa Tang |
| Hill Logging: | Mr Law Kiu Kiong |
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| Panel Products: | Mr Wong Kai Song |
| Sawmilling: | Ms Annie Wong Haw Bing |
| Timber Products Marketing: | Mr Patrick Teng Kheng Huh |

COURTESY CALL BY STIDC GM



Picture: Group photo with representatives from STIDC and STA

Did you know that...

Demand for Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) wood is on the increase from several major companies, including Ikea, Marks & Spencer, Tetra Pak and WalMart.

Ikea is attempting by 2012 to more than double its use of wood from sustainable forests in manufacturing furniture and other solid wood products, and FSC is today the only certification system for responsible forestry approved by the company.

Source:
Woodnet
16 Feb 2010

On 4 March 2010, the General Manager (GM) of the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC), Datu Haji Sarudu Haji Hoklai paid a courtesy call to Sarawak Timber Association (STA), accompanied by senior officers of STIDC.

Dr Lee Hua Seng, Chief Executive Office of STA gave a briefing on

behalf of STA to the new GM. The GM was given an overview on the roles, functions and structure of the Association, as well as the various issues that are being handled by the various Committees in the Association.

In this visit, Datu Haji Sarudu acknowledged the efforts of STA to address the concern of the timber

industry and he hopes that the Association will continue to work closely with STIDC through information sharing, training activities, and collaborations on marketing and trade missions as well as to come up with strategic plans for the development of the timber industry.

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TIMBER INDUSTRIALISED BUILDING SYSTEM

The Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB), together with the Construction Industry Development Board, Malaysia, has formed an Advisory Committee comprising representatives from related Government Agencies, Universities and Associations to introduce and promote the use of timber as one of the types of material for the Industrialised Building System (IBS) in the country.

The roles of this Committee are as follows:

- to promote and encourage the manufacture of timber products/components for the Industrialised Building System (IBS),
- to promote IBS timber compliant products to developers, contractor, architects and engineers, and
- to foster vendor development programme (VDP) for timber IBS.

Industrialised Building Systems (IBS), also known as the complete assembly

construction, is a construction system where components are manufactured in factories on-site or off-site, transported and then assembled into a structure with minimum work on-site. Inherent advantages over conventional system of construction are as the followings:

- High-quality products produced with minimum waste,
- Elimination of conventional timber props and supports through the

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REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF LOGS, LUMBER/SAWN TIMBER AND WOOD CHIPS

The Plant Protection and Quarantine Division of the Department of Agriculture, Kuala Lumpur in a meeting on 16 March 2010, held in Wisma Tani, Putrajaya had informed the Association that logs, sawn timber and wood chips imported into Malaysia have to be fumigated (for sawn timber, kiln drying certificates are acceptable) with effect from 1 September 2010. The Meeting was chaired by Encik Sulaiman bin Mohd Zain, the Deputy Director-General (Operations) and was attended by some 40 persons from relevant Government Agencies, MTC, MTIB, MWIA, TEAM, MPMA, STIDC and STA.

These Regulations are introduced to prevent the diseases South American Leaf Blight (SALB) and Fusarium Wilt from coming into the

country, which may affect our oil palm and rubber plantations. This means that fumigation with methyl bromide must be carried out in the country of export after 1 September 2010, and at a dosage depending on the level of risks of the pests and diseases in question. For high risk countries, the dosage of methyl bromide used is 120 g/m³ for 24 hours at a minimum temperature of 21°C. Only sawn timbers are allowed (i.e. no logs) from these high risk countries, and must be accompanied by (i) an Import Permit from the Department of Agriculture and (ii) a Phytosanitary Certificate from the National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO) of the exporting country. Full details on treatment requirements can be obtained from the Plant Protection and Quarantine Division of the Department of Agriculture, Kuching. A copy of the Regulation

can also be found in our website www.sta.org.my

As the pests and diseases present in the three regions of Malaysia (Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak) are different, all logs, sawn timber and wood chips exported from Sabah and Sarawak must be fumigated with methyl bromide at 64 g/m³ for 24 hours at a minimum temperature of 21°C, after which a phytosanitary certificate can be issued. Sawn timber which is kiln dried is exempted from fumigation. However, a KD certificate must be attached. A system of registration of KD operators will be studied and implemented by the Plant Protection and Quarantine Division of the Department of Agriculture, similar to that of registration of heat treatment operators.

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use of complete assembly element

- Stronger and safer work platform
- Faster completion as a result of the use of prefabricated components to replace on-site fabrication
- Safer, cleaner and more organized site due to the reduction of

construction waste, site workers and prefabricated construction materials, and

- Cheaper total construction costs as the result of all benefits gained from the above factors.

Three Working Committees were formed, namely (i) IBS technology Research & Development under the chairmanship of Prof. Madya Dr. Rahinah

Ibrahim of Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) (ii) IBS Promotion and Marketing under the chairmanship of Puan Loke Sim Wah of MTIB, and (iii) IBS Technology Support/Training under the chairmanship of Encik S. Rajan of MTIB. These three Committees will meet separately and then report their activities to the Advisory Committee.

Did you also know that...

The Netherlands has voted against an EU proposal to stamp wood imports into the EU with a logo designating that they have been legally sourced. The Dutch find this proposal too weak and would rather a wholesale ban on illegal wood imports. World Wildlife Fund (WWF) figures show that around 20% of all wood currently imported into Europe derives from illegal sources. The European Parliament is also said to support an import ban. Its environmental commission is due to discuss the issue in mid 2010.

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BRIEFING TO DIRECTOR OF WOOD PRODUCT TRADE OFFICE, FORESTRY AGENCY

Mr Toshiyuki Akagi, Director of Wood Products Trade Office, Forestry Agency of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Japan, accompanied by Mr Katsuya Taki, Assistant Director and Mr Yoshimitsu Kawamoto, Vice-Consul Consulate – General of Japan at Kota Kinabalu were in Sarawak from 21 – 23 March 2010 for an official visit.

The Group was briefed on 22 March 2010 by officials from Forest Department Sarawak (FDS), Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) and

Harwood Timber Sdn Bhd on the roles and responsibilities of the various agencies.

The Group visited the Sarawak Timber Association (STA) on 23 March 2010 during which they were briefed on the organization, roles and responsibilities of the Association. Representatives from STA brought up various issues such as certification and legality system requirements in Japan during the meeting. The visit and discussion ended with both STA and the Forestry Agency pledging

to continue working closely together to strengthen legality verification to sustain the long established timber trade between Sarawak and Japan. The Group sought clarification from STA on the Malaysia EU-FLEGT-VPA and importation of logs from Indonesia.

Their visit ended with a tour to a plywood mill in Kuching.