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Strengthening Wild Life Protection: Honorary Wild Life Ranger Reappointment Course Concludes

The Sarawak Timber Association (STA), through its training arm STA Training Sdn Bhd, is proud to announce the successful completion of the Honorary Wild Life Ranger (HWR) reappointment training course, held today in collaboration with the Sarawak Forestry Corporation and the Forest Department Sarawak.

The training reflects STA's ongoing commitment to building capacity among its members to uphold sustainable forest management practices. The course aims to enhance participants' understanding of local ecosystems and biodiversity as well as provide training in wildlife protection methods. It also provided essential training in wildlife conservation, covering key areas such as anti-poaching efforts, habitat management, and ranger operational protocols.

The appointment of Honorary Wild Life Rangers is governed by Section 8(1) of the Wild Life Protection Ordinance, 1998, with a validity of three years. This initiative is essential for fulfilling the Malaysian Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management and empowers local communities to actively participate in wildlife conservation.

Today's training session saw the participation of 25 forest managers, wildlife conservation officers, certification managers, and personnel from Forest Management Units (FMUs) representing nine STA member companies. These individuals are seeking reappointment as HWRs, underscoring the commitment of the forestry sector to sustainable practices and wildlife protection.

Honorary Wild Life Rangers play a vital role in our ecosystems by reporting contraventions of wildlife laws, educating local communities on wildlife protection issues, briefing Wildlife Officers on local challenges, and assisting in the enforcement of conservation regulations.

We commend all participants for their dedication to wildlife conservation and their commitment to upholding the integrity of our natural resources. Together, we can foster a sustainable future for our forests and wildlife.

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Group photo featuring Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA (seated, 5th from right) alongside trainers, Ms Joyce Ting Huong from Sarawak Forestry Corporation (seated, 5th from left) and Mr Adrian Markus Terang from Forest Department Sarawak (seated, 4th from right).