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72nd STA Council Meeting

Mesyuarat Ahli Majlis STA yang ke 72 telah diadakan pada 24 November 2009 di Wisma STA, Kuching dipengerusi oleh Datuk Wong Kie Yik, Pengerusi STA.

Setiausaha Kehormat dan Pengerusi-pengerusi jawatankuasa yang lain membentangkan laporan tahunan, dengan memberikan tekanan kepada isu-isu yang diberi keutamaan oleh Persatuan.

Mesyuarat juga meluluskan Belanjawan Tahun 2010 bagi Persatuan dan anak-anak syarikatnya.

Mesyuarat mengambil maklum pindaan terhadap Memorandum dan Artikel Persatuan yang dibentangkan semasa Mesyuarat Luarbiasa pada 31 Mac 2009 yang lepas telah diluluskan. Pindaan ini akan berkuatkuasa dengan serta-merta.

Mesyuarat telah menetapkan tarikh Mesyuarat Agung Tahunan iaitu sebagai 31 Mac 2010.

■ The Meeting was held on 24 November 2009 at Wisma STA, Kuching and presided over by Datuk Wong Kie Yik, the Chairman.

The Honorary Secretary and various Committee Chairmen presented their reports for the year, highlighting on issues that the Association has given top priority. These issues mainly related to legality verification, sustainable forest management; the decision made by the Government to reduce the dependency on the recruitment of foreign workers and market demand of our timber products, in particular plywood. The Council is very supportive for the Association through its various committees/working groups, should undertake more collaboration work with international/national/state organisations to promote, ascertain and protect the

continuous well being of the timber trade and industry in Sarawak.

The Meeting also addressed financial and operational matters of the Association and its wholly owned companies, namely STA Training Sdn Bhd, STA Mutual Sdn Bhd and STA Enterprises Sdn Bhd. The Council approved the Budget for the Association and its three wholly owned companies for the year 2010.

The Meeting took note that the proposed amendments to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Association, which were tabled at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 31 March 2009, had been approved by the Registrar of Societies on 16 October 2009. The amendments came into force with immediate effect.

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Datuk Wong Kie Yik, Chairman of STA, presiding over the meeting

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The Meeting resolved to call the next Annual General Meeting of the Members on Wednesday, 31 March 2010 when election of Council Members for the new term will take place. The Meeting also appointed the Election Committee whose appointment shall only take effect on

2 March 2010 ("effective date") in accordance with Article 8(e) (i) of the Articles of Association of the Association.

Three new applications for Membership were approved at the Meeting. They are as follows:

Forest Plantation (New Approved Associate Members)

Company Name	Representative
Polima Forest Bintulu Sdn Bhd (749886-W)	Y.Bhg. Dato' Ngieng Ping Wei
Global Taat Sdn Bhd (766124-K)	Y.Bhg. Dato' Ngieng Ping Wei
Gasijaya Woods Sdn Bhd (719995-X)	Y.Bhg. Dato' Ngieng Ping Wei

STA Certification Committee Meeting

■ The STA Certification Committee met on 18 November 2009 at Wisma STA, Kuching. The Meeting presided over by the Committee Chairman, Dato Henry Lau deliberated on various issues. Amongst these issues were STA's write-up entitled "Myth, Facts & Reality of EU FLEGT VPA: Sarawak's

Perspective", the review on the Malaysian Criteria and Indicators (2002), the SUHAKAM Roundtable Discussion on Corporate Social Responsibility of logging and plantation companies and a joint fact-finding team (Sarawak Forestry Corporation and STA) on Penan-Forestry issues. ❁

Jawatankuasa Pensijilan STA bermesyuarat pada 18 November 2009 di Kuching untuk membincangkan pelbagai isu.



Meeting in progress

Jawatankuasa Produk Panel STA bermesyuarat pada 6 November 2009 di Kuching. Mesyuarat membincangkan isu berkaitan pasaran Jepun dan hal-hal yang dibangkitkan semasa Mesyuarat bersama JLIA/JPMA/APKINDO/STA/MPMA.

Jawatankuasa Sisa Kayu STA mengadakan mesyuarat ke-6nya pada 17 November 2009 di Kuching untuk membincangkan bekalan sisa kayu dalam negeri.

Ahli Majlis dalam mesyuarat yang ke-72 yang diadakan pada 24 November 2009 telah menetapkan tarikh Mesyuarat Tahunan Agung untuk tahun 2010 sebagai 31 Mac 2010.

Oleh kerana tahun 2010 merupakan tahun pilihan, maka tarikh penguatkuasaan bagi maksud Artikel 8(e) Artikel Persatuan ditetapkan pada 2 Mac 2010.

STA Panel Products Committee Meeting

■ The STA Panel Products Committee met on 6 November 2009 at Wisma STA, Kuching. The Meeting was presided over by Mr. Stephen Lau, the Committee Chairman. The Committee deliberated on issues related to the Japan market, including recommendations made by the four associations, the Japan Lumber

Importers' Association (JLIA), Japan Plywood Manufacturers Association (JPMA), Asosiasi Panel Kayu Indonesia (APKINDO), Malaysian Panel Products Manufacturers' Association (MPMA) and Sarawak Timber Association (STA), at its Joint Meeting held in Singapore on 13 October 2009. ❁

STA Wood Residues Committee Meeting

■ The STA Wood Residues Committee had its 6th Meeting on 17 November 2009 at Wisma STA, Kuching. Mr. Goro Higaki was appointed as the new Chairman of the Committee replacing Dr. Yasuo

Yoshida whom had been transferred back to New Zealand. The Meeting discussed the overall wood residues supply situation in the regions of Bintulu, Miri, Sibul and Kuching. ❁

Effective Date for the purpose of Article 8(e) of the Articles of Association of Sarawak Timber Association

The Council resolved at its 72nd Meeting held on 24 November 2009 to call the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Association for the incoming year 2010, on Wednesday, 31 March 2010.

The incoming year 2010 is an election year. The Effective Date for the purpose of Article 8(e) of the Articles of Association of the Sarawak Timber Association (the Association) has been fixed as 2 March 2010 (at 5.00pm).

Therefore and in accordance with Article 7(f), all members are advised to pay their outstanding subscription fees and all dues on or before 5:00pm on 2 March 2010 to avoid being disqualified from being nominated as a candidate for election as a Council member and to be eligible to vote on 31 March 2010.

SUHAKAM's Roundtable Discussion on CSR of Logging and Plantation Companies

■ The Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) organised a Roundtable Discussion (RTD) on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) of Logging and Plantation Companies on 25 November 2009 at Mega Hotel, Miri. The objectives of the RTD are as follows:

1. To promote awareness on human rights and corporate social responsibility;
2. To ascertain current CSR practices by logging and plantation companies in Sarawak;
3. To identify impeding factors that have hampered social responsibility in Sarawak; and
4. To make recommendations to improve social responsibility

practices in Sarawak in particular and Malaysia as a whole.

The RTD attended by six SUHAKAM Commissioners, 21 representatives from the logging and plantation companies, and about 15 representatives from various government agencies such as the Ministry of Land Development Sarawak, Ministry of Planning and Resource Management, Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB), State Planning Unit (SPU), Land Custody and Development Authority (PELITA), Sarawak Land Consolidation and Rehabilitation Authority (SALCRA), Sarawak Timber Industry and Development Corporation (STIDC), etc.

Three presentations were made during the RTD as follows;

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Above: The Panel comprising SUHAKAM Commissioners and the four speakers

Left: Representatives from STA and the various invited agencies at the discussion



Suruhanjaya Hak Asasi Manusia Malaysia menganjurkan Perbincangan Meja Bulat tentang Tanggungjawab Sosial Korporat (CSR) untuk Syarikat-syarikat Pembalakan and Perladangan pada 25 November 2009 di Miri.

Objektif perbincangan adalah untuk;

1. Meningkatkan kesedaran tentang hak asasi manusia dan tanggungjawab sosial korporat;
2. Memastikan praktis CSR terkini oleh syarikat-syarikat pembalakan dan perladangan di Sarawak;
3. Mengenali unsur-unsur yang menghalang tanggungjawab sosial di Sarawak; dan
4. Membuat cadangan untuk memperbaiki praktis tanggungjawab sosial terutamanya di Sarawak and Malaysia.

Tiga kertas kerja telah dibentangkan disusuli oleh perbincangan terbuka antara para peserta dan pihak penganjur.

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- "Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) - Issues and Challenges" by Dr. Jothimani K. Muniandy of Bursa Malaysia Bhd. The presentation looked at CSR as critical for the sustainability of a corporate company and how it is critical for strategy planning to be integrated into the business operations.
- "CSR and the Sarawak Forestry and Timber Industry" by Dr. Lee Hua Seng of STA. The presentation indicated that the forestry and timber industry recognised the importance of CSR.

However the physical characteristics and environment of the forests in Sarawak, this can posed as a hinder to such effort.

- Presentation by Mr. Anthony Nogeh Gumbek of SALCRA where he spoke on SALCRA's existing CSR as well as their pillars and key focus areas and actions plans to achieve excellent CSR.

An open discussion session among the participants and the organisers followed the presentations.

Briefing cum Consultation session with Exporters

Perbadanan Pembangunan Perdagangan Luar Malaysia (MATRADE) mengadakan taklimat dan sesi rundingan untuk Pengekport pada 20 Oktober 2009 di Kuching.

Taklimat ini bertujuan untuk menyebarkan maklumat tentang fungsi, perkhidmatan, kemudahan, program dan aktiviti MATRADE dan agensi dibawah Kementerian Perdagangan Antarabangsa & Industri, seperti SME Corp Malaysia (sebelum ini dikenali sebagai SMIDEC) dan EXIM Bank sepanjang tahun 2009.

MATRADE merupakan salah satu agensi MITI bertujuan untuk mempromosikan pengusaha Malaysia kepada dunia dan memberi geran pembangunan pasaran kepada pengusaha kecil dan sederhana (SME) yang memenuhi garis panduan. Maklumat lanjut boleh didapati dari www.matrade.gov.my.

■ The Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) organised a briefing cum consultation session with Exporters on 20 October 2009 at Grand Margherita Hotel Kuching.

The objective of this Briefing was to disseminate information about function, services, facilities, programmes and activities for year 2009 of MATRADE and agencies under the Ministry of International Trade & Industry (MITI), ie SME Corp Malaysia (previously known as SMIDEC) and EXIM Bank.

MATRADE as one of the agencies of MITI, with a mission to promote Malaysia's enterprises to the world, has five main functions, ie:-

- Promote, assist and develop Malaysia's external trade with particular emphasis on export of manufactured and semi manufactured products and services;
- Formulate and implement export marketing strategies and trade

promotion activities to promote Malaysia's exports;

- Undertake commercial intelligence and market research and create a comprehensive database of information for the improvement and development of Malaysia's trade;
- Organise training programmes to improve the international marketing skills; and
- Enhance and protect internal trade interest abroad.

Market Development Grant (MDG)

MATRADE provides Market Development Grant (MDG). To qualify for the MDG, the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) must meet the following requirements:-

- Incorporated under the Companies Act 1965;
- At least 60% equity held by Malaysians;
- For manufacturing sector, having

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an annual sales turnover not exceeding RM25 million (based on the latest financial report) **OR** not more than 150 full time employees (based on latest EPF statement)

- For trading company, having annual sales turnover of between RM10 - RM25 million **OR** export sales of at least RM3 million. Exporting made in Malaysia products and manufactured by SMEs. Not more than 20% of the company's annual sales are derived from trading in primary commodities.

Companies can obtain a **50%** reimbursable matching grant on the approved cost of the eligible claims and activities.

The following activities are eligible for MDG:-

1. Participation in International/Local Trade Fair
2. Participation in Trade and Investment Mission
3. Participation in Specialized Marketing Mission
4. Follow-Up Business Meeting within 6 months after participation of above activities (2) & (3) and International Overseas Trade Fairs organized by MATRADE & MITI Agencies
5. Participation in In-Store Promotion Overseas
6. Participation in Industry and Professional Related International Conference Overseas
7. Printing of Promotional Materials
8. Initial cost of setting up office overseas for purpose of promoting exports of Malaysian product and services; outsourcing and sub-contracting business; market research and undertake & monitor implementation of projects and contracts.

9. Purchasing of International Tenders

10. Conducting Export Market Research for the purpose of selecting new markets for new/exiting products and gather information

11. Participation in Malaysia Export Exhibition Centre (MEEC) MATRADE

12. Participation in Export Training Seminars and Workshops held locally

Application form (form MDF 1/2009) can be downloaded from MATRADE website www.matrade.gov.my.

SME Corporation Malaysia

SME Corp. Malaysia formerly known as the Small and Medium Industries Development Corporation (SMIDEC) mainly providing coordination of policies and programme for SME; centre on advisory and information; management of data, dissemination of information & research on SME; business support; and Secretariat to the National SME Development Council.

SME Corp. Malaysia provided the following financial assistance to eligible SMEs:-

1. Matching Grant for business Start-ups (less than 12 months of operation)
2. Matching Grant for Product and Process Improvement
3. Matching Grant for Certification and Quality Management Systems
4. Matching Grant for Development and Promotion of Halal Products
5. Matching Grant for Enhancing Product Packaging
6. SME Experts Advisory panels (SEAP)

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SME Corp Malaysia memberikan khidmat penyelarasan polisi dan mengadakan program untuk SME, sebagai pusat nasihat dan maklumat, pengurusan data, menyebarkan maklumat dan menjalankan penyelidikan untuk SME; sokongan perdagangan; dan sebagai Urusetia bagi Majlis Pembangunan SME Nasional. Maklumat lanjut boleh didapati dari www.smecorp.gov.my.

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7. Financial Assistance Scheme for SMEs in the Service Sector
8. Soft Loan for ICT
9. Soft Loan for SMEs
10. Soft Loan for Factory Relocation

Details of the financial assistance application and eligible expenses can be downloaded from SME Corp Malaysia website www.smeCorp.gov.my or information line: 1-300-88-1801. ☎

Documentation for Importation of Timber from West Kalimantan Indonesia

STA telah menerima surat daripada Pengurus Besar Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak pada 30 November 2009 melalui Surat Pekeliling No. 1/2009 mengenai import kayu dari Kalimantan Barat Indonesia yang memerlukan sokongan dokumen-dokumen yang dikeluarkan oleh pihak berkuasa di Kalimantan Barat.

■ STA received a letter from the General Manager of Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) on 30 November 2009 via Registration Circular No. 1/2009 dated 1 October 2009, informing that any importation of timber from West Kalimantan Indonesia must be supported by the following documentations issued by relevant authorities in West Kalimantan:

- Pemberitahuan Ekspor Barang (PEB);
- Pengakuan Sebagai Eksportir Terdaftar Produksi Industri Kehutanan (ETPIK) [issued by "Direktorat Jenderal Department Perindustrian dan Perdagangan"]

- Surat keterangan Sahnya Hasil Hutan (SKSHH) or Nota Perusahaan, Endorsement [issued by Badan Revitalisasi Industri Kehutan (BRIK)]
- Laporan Surveyor (LS)

Importers are required to adhere to the above requirements stated on the circular.

A copy of the "Conditions or Restrictions" dated 1 October 2009 issued by STIDC which supersedes the previous copy dated 1 August 2008 is available at STA Secretariat. A copy of the "Conditions or Restrictions" can also be downloaded from STA's website at www.sta.org.my. ☎

Kesemua keahlian STA akan tamat pada 31 Disember 2009. Notis pembaharuan keahlian telah dihantar kepada semua ahli pada 30 Oktober 2009. Semua bayaran haruslah dibuat sebelum 1 Januari 2010 atau selewat-lewatnya pada 31 Januari 2010.

STA Membership Renewal 2010

Members are reminded that all STA Membership will expire on 31 December 2009. Notices for renewal of STA Memberships had been sent out to all Members on 30 October 2009.

All payments are due on 1 January 2010. However, in accordance to Article 4(d) of STA Memorandum and Articles of Association [page 23 of Eleventh Printing, October 2009], members are given a grace period of 30 days that is, until 31 January 2010 to effect payment.

STA Membership will only be renewed once all the required supporting document(s) and the correct subscription payment are received. Payment should be by a crossed cheque, payable to "Sarawak Timber Association".

STA Tea Talk

■ The STA Tea Talk was held on 28 November 2009 at Wisma STA, Kuching. The Talk entitled "Totally Protected Areas of Sarawak" attracted a crowd of 37 people. The speaker was Mr. Ngui Siew Kong, the Head of Nature Conservation and Constitution Division of the Forest Department in Sarawak. The talk touched on the definitions of the

different categories of Totally Protected Areas (TPAs), the establishing criteria, management objectives, current status of the constitution of TPAs, benefits, threats as well as present and future plans.



Note: Presentation from the Talk is available for reference from the STA Exhibition Centre.



Above: One of the participants posing a question

Below: Mr. Ngui Siew Kong, the invited speaker



STA Tea Talk telah diadakan pada 28 November 2009 di Wisma STA, Kuching bertema Kawasan Perlindungan Sepenuh (TPA) di Sarawak. Penceramah undangan adalah Encik Ngui Siew Kong, Ketua Bahagian Permuliharaan Alam Semulajadi dan Konstitusi Jabatan Perhutanan Sarawak. Beliau menerangkan definisi pelbagai kategori TPA, kriteria penubuhannya, tujuan pengurusan, kedudukan terkini konstitusi TPA, faedah, ancaman serta rancangan-rancangan yang akan dilaksanakan.

Seminar on Pest and Disease Perspective in Planted Forests

■ The Seminar on Pest and Disease Perspective in Planted Forest was organised by the Sarawak Forest Department, Sarawak Forestry Corporation and Sarawak Planted Forests Sdn Bhd on 24 November 2009 in Bintulu, Sarawak.

In his welcoming address, Mr. Nigel Lim, General Manager for Applied Forest Science and Industry Development Unit, mentioned that the private sector plays an important role in securing sustainable long-term supply of raw materials via enhancement of forest plantation programmes as it underpins future direction in planted forest development and management in the State. According to him the importance of private sector participation was clearly stated and

stressed in one of the seven thrusts of the National Timber Industry Policy (NATIP 2009 - 2020) of "Supply of Raw Materials".

He said the state government has set a clear direction and mission to establish one million hectares of planted forests by 2020 to satisfy the growing demand in both local and international market for plantation timber. This at the same time will ease pressure and dependency on harvesting of natural forests.

Disease outbreaks and pest infestation are inevitable as the State ventures to establish large scale plantations of single and fast growing tree species. However, if pre-emptive and preventive measures are properly taken and managed, this will lead to

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Seminar mengenai Perosak dan Penyakit Ladang Hutan telah dianjurkan oleh Jabatan Hutan Sarawak, Sarawak Forestry Corporation dan Sarawak Planted Forests Sdn Bhd pada 24 November 2009 di Bintulu, Sarawak.

Encik Nigel Lim, Pengurus Besar Unit Sains Perhutanan Gunaan dan Pembangunan Industri, dalam ucapan aluan beliau menjelaskan peranan sektor swasta dalam mengekalkan bekalan bahan mentah jangka panjang di Sarawak. Peranan sektor swasta amat penting kerana ia

merupakan salah satu dari tujuh teras Polisi Industri Perakayuan Nasional (NATIP 2009-2020) untuk "Bekalan Bahan Mentah".

Seminar yang dihadiri oleh 120 peserta, termasuk beberapa pakar dalam bidang serangga perosak dan penyakit hutan dibahagikan kepada tiga sesi. 11 kertas kerja yang dibentangkan adalah bertujuan untuk memberi penerangan tentang pertumbuhan dan kesihatan pokok dan tahap perlindungan yang diperlukan untuk mengawal penyebaran serangga perosak dan penyakit di tapak semaian dan ladang hutan.

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promising growth, quality timber and better economic returns.

Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh, Deputy Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Planning and Resource Management cum Director of Forests and Managing Director/ CEO of Sarawak Forestry in his officiating speech read by the Deputy Director of Forests, Tuan Haji Ali Yusop, said that to date, more than 350 million trees have been planted and the state is confident of achieving the target of one million hectares of planted forest which will produce 25 million cubic metres of wood annually.

One of the beneficiaries of planted forests is the community. The direct and spill-over benefits of planted forests give great returns to the community as they complement various government initiatives in combating poverty especially in rural areas. He stressed that the government places very high priority on the conservation of Sarawak's natural forests. Europe, Scandinavia, Australia, New Zealand and the United States of America are cited as examples of countries that have succeeded in their forest plantation programmes.

The science of tree planting, which is central to forest plantations sustainability, must be properly geared to derive the maximum benefit for all stakeholders. The introduction of exotic species in monoculture environment will inadvertently favour the reproduction, dispersal, infection, infestation of plant pathogens and pests which would adversely affect return on investment as well as the quality of timber. He pointed out the factors in integrated pest management encompassing chemical control, biological control, host plant resistance, quarantine, sanitation, physical control, basic forestry practice and monitoring need to be given equal emphasis.

An important consideration is the setting up of multi-disciplinary research and development (R&D) initiatives encompassing a wide spectrum of forest plantation activities, which must

be developed and strengthened to cover not control of pest and diseases but also soil science, growth performance, hydrology, anatomy, morphology and others.

This Seminar attended by some 120 participants, including several experts in the field of forest pests and diseases, was divided into three sessions with the presentation of 11 papers listed as follows:

1. **Bio- Protection for Plantation Forestry** by Dr. Robert Hill, Lincoln University, New Zealand
2. **Disease of Forest Plantations in Southeast Asia** by Dr. Lee Su See, FRIM
3. **Gall Rust Disease Epidemic on *Falcataria molucana* at Java Island, Indonesia** by Dr. Sri Rahayu, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia
4. **Some Recent Nursery Insect Attacks in Sabah** by Dr. Arthur Chung, FRC, Sabah Forest Department
5. **Pest and Disease in *Acacia mangium* Nurseries** by Jerry Bungong, Grand Perfect Sdn Bhd
6. **Insect Pests of Plantation Forests** by Dr. Chey Vun Khen, FRC, Sabah Forest Department
7. **Incidence of Cricket Problem in *Acacia mangium* Plantations** by Marfaisal Marzuki, SFC
8. **Stem Borer of Plantation Grown *Kelampayan* in Sarawak** by Doreen chai, Marfaisal Marzuki, Het Kaliang and John Sabang, SFC
9. **Isolation of *Trichoderma* spp as Biological Control Agents for Use Against Root Rot Disease of *Acacia mangium*** by Norhayati Ahmad, SFC, Anya Ambrose, SFC and Dr Robert Hill, Lincoln University, New Zealand
10. ***Trichoderma* spp - A Biological Control Tool to Improve *Acacia mangium* Growth and to control Seedling Diseases in the Nursery** by Anya Ambrose, SFC, Norhayati Ahmad, SFC and Dr. Robert Hill, Lincoln University, New Zealand
11. **How Site Factors Can Influence Plantation Forest Health** by Dr. Mark Bloomberg, University of Canterbury, New Zealand and John Sabang, SFC

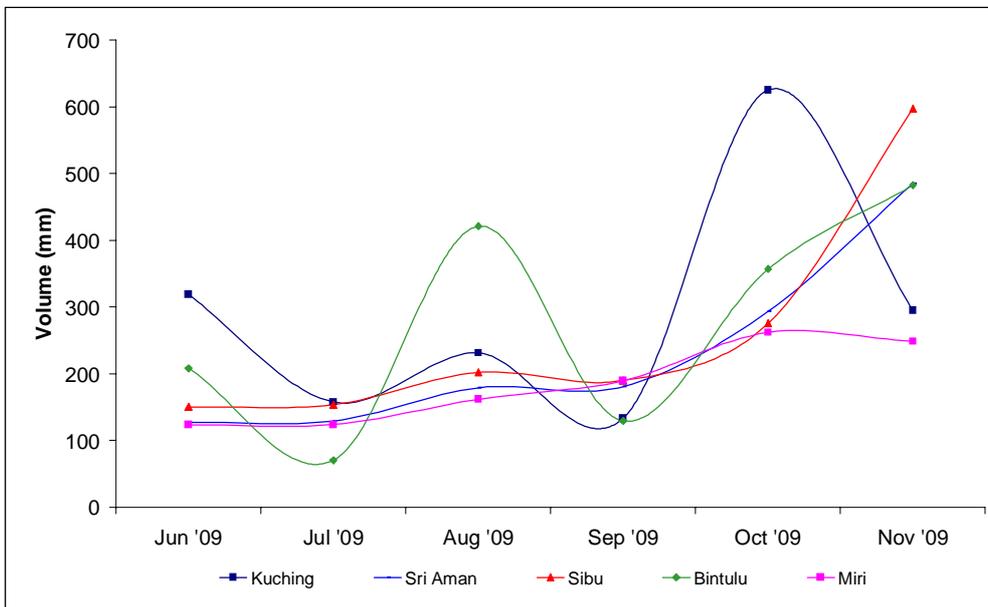
Note: Papers presented are available upon request from the STA Secretariat.

Wishing all Members & Readers
A Merry Christmas
 &
A Happy New Year



Pengerusi, Ahli-ahli Majlis serta kakitangan STA ingin mengucapkan Selamat Hari Natal dan Selamat Tahun Baru kepada semua ahli STA dan para pembaca.

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