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# STAT Introduces Online Learning During COVID-19

STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT), the appointed training provider under The Forests (Trained Workmen) Rules, 2015, has been organising online learning starting April 2021 as a way to overcome disruption to face-to-face training caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

With the imposition of containment measures as well as restrictions on movement and gathering to curb the spread of the virus, this initiative by STAT is especially important to support continuous capacity building in the timber industry and to comply with DF Circular No 6/2020: The Directive On Trained Workmen issued by Forest Department Sarawak (FDS).



*STAT conducted an online engagement session on 26 August to discuss the industry's training needs*

Currently, STAT is offering online course for Unit 7108: Conducting On-Job Training for Adults which is structured into two (2) options, namely (i) Refresher Course for existing in-house trainers of companies to refresh their knowledge prior to conducting training for their operators, and (ii) Training Course to prepare trained workmen to become potential skilled and capable in-house trainers. So far, a total of fifteen (15) trained workmen had attended the Training Course, while twenty-three (23) existing in-house trainers had completed the Refresher Course.

In view of the movement restrictions not ending soon, STAT on 26 August 2021 conducted an online engagement session with representatives from STA member companies consisting of training coordinators, administrators and managers to further discuss the industry's training needs.

During the session, STAT proposed to explore more online training alternatives as a way forward including to organise online revision session on Unit Standards for existing in-house trainers as well as online training for untrained operators. In addition, STAT has agreed to discuss with FDS about the training timeline of workmen which has been gravely affected by the pandemic and also to share the online training initiative by STAT for untrained workmen which may take more time.

With the introduction of online learning, STAT will remain committed in playing an instrumental role in assisting the industry especially STA member companies to adjust and adapt to the new normal.

本會子公司 STA Training 有限公司 (STAT) 从2021年4月开始组织在线学习，以克服新冠肺炎疫情对面授培训所造成的干扰。STAT 是根据 2015 年森林 (员工培训) 法令下受委任为培训机构。

鉴于为遏制疫情而实施的行动限制不会很快结束，STAT 于 2021 年 8 月 26 日与由培训协调员、行政人员和经理组成的 STA 成员公司的代表进行了在线交流，以进一步讨论行业的培训需求。

STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT), penyedia latihan yang dilantik di bawah Peraturan Hutan (Pekerja Terlatih), 2015, telah menganjurkan pembelajaran dalam talian bermula April 2021 sebagai cara untuk mengatasi gangguan terhadap latihan bersemuka yang disebabkan oleh pandemik COVID-19.

Memandangkan sekatan pergerakan yang dikenakan bagi membendung pandemik tidak akan berakhir, STAT pada 26 Ogos 2021 telah mengadakan sesi penglibatan dalam talian dengan wakil-wakil dari syarikat ahli STA yang terdiri daripada penyelarasa latihan, pentadbir dan pengurus untuk membincangkan dengan lebih lanjut mengenai keperluan latihan industri.

# Stop Inaccurate Statement on Alleged Illegal Logging Activities

The following Press Statement was issued by STA on 6 August 2021 in response to the publication of unverified illegal logging activities. For instance, the recent formal public statement on illegal logging operation made by Battalion 10 Sibul General Operations Force (GOF) following their raids in Selangau, Sibul, which was subsequently published in various local newspapers on 27 July 2021.



## PRESS STATEMENT (FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE)

### Stop Inaccurate Statement on Alleged Illegal Logging Activities

Sarawak Timber Association (STA) is perturbed by the publication of unverified illegal logging activities. For instance, the recent formal public statement on illegal logging operation made by Battalion 10 Sibul General Operations Force (GOF) following their raids in Selangau, Sibul, which was subsequently published in various local newspapers on 27 July 2021.

STA sought clarification from the Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) and it was revealed that the raid was carried out within a licensed area with valid Permit to Enter Coupe (PEC) from the FDS. GOF presumed the logs were illegal because they were found without tag and royalty mark at the landing site. STA must highlight that tagging and royalty mark will only be affixed onto the logs at place of royalty marking. Through STA's subsequent confirmation with FDS, all documents review and field inspection by FDS in relation to this alleged "illegal operation" also revealed that no logging has taken place outside the licensed area or within blocks that have not been approved for logging.

The State Task Force on Illegal Logging, chaired by Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah Bin Ali Hasan, Deputy Chief Minister has appointed FDS as the sole authority to make announcement on verified illegal logging. The State Task Force on Illegal Logging comprises State and Federal enforcement agencies, such as the Royal Malaysia Police, Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency, the Royal Customs and State forestry agencies as well as the major timber licencees and STA. Unfortunately, other agencies in the Task Force still widely publicise their raid and seizures of logs and machineries in local newspapers before validating whether illegal activities have taken place.

In most of these cases, illegality is always found to be absent following complete investigations by FDS but the global community will always perceive such activity as illegal and cause the industry to lose market share. This also puts the forestry agencies and industry, who always ensure legal and sustainable operation at the losing end. These unverified statements have greatly tarnished the reputation of the forestry agencies and industry.

STA stresses that any formal public statement shall always follow a thorough and complete investigation, else any effort to rectify the misinformation at a later stage may not be sufficient to undo the irreparable damage on an industry that provides job opportunity to people and contributes to the mainstay of Sarawak's economy. In view of this, inaccurate formal statement on alleged illegal logging activities must stop as it could have grave repercussion on the industry and Sarawak's economy.

Sarawak Timber Association (STA)  
6 August 2021

本会于2021年8月6日针对相关未经证实的非法伐木活动新闻而发出如同英文版中所述的新闻稿。近期相关非法伐木活动的官方公众发布会是由诗巫普通警察行动组第10营在诗巫实兰沟的侦察行动后发出，而且较后于2021年7月27日在多个本地报章刊登。

Kenyataan Akhbar berikut dikeluarkan oleh STA pada 6 Ogos 2021 sebagai tindak balas kepada penerbitan aktiviti pembalakan haram yang belum disahkan. Sebagai contoh, kenyataan umum rasmi mengenai operasi pembalakan haram yang dibuat oleh Batalion 10 Pasukan Gerakan Am Sibul (GOF) berikutan serbuan mereka di Selangau, Sibul, yang kemudiannya disiarkan di pelbagai akhbar tempatan pada 27 Julai 2021.

# STA Supports Formation of Task Force to Address Floating Wood Debris Incident

The following Press Statement was issued by STA on 27 August 2021 in response to the speedy preliminary ground verification and aerial surveillance carried out by Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) and other agencies in connection with the reported 'logjam', and confirming that the 'logjam' was caused by the wood debris being pushed into the river by the heavy and prolonged downpour of rain and accumulating at the Baleh Hydroelectric dam site.



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This has created an outcry by various parties and blame has been put solely on the timber companies carrying timber harvesting operation in the Forest Timber Licences within the Baleh Catchment upstream of the Baleh dam site. STA wishes to clarify that the timber harvesting operation within the Baleh Catchment is carried out only after approval has been given by FDS and permits issued.

In addition, STA finds it necessary to highlight the difference between salvage logging and selective logging. Salvage logging is approved to minimize the loss of commercial timber in the area which will be submerged. STA emphasizes that salvage logging is only carried out for Government approved projects such as development of hydroelectric dams. It is NOT a common practice under normal harvesting where selective logging is carried out, and STA wishes to highlight that STA members are using their best endeavours to manage the forests in their concessions in accordance with international standards.

Therefore, STA is deeply concerned on the negative portrayal of the forest industry in this incident and the impact it could have on the reputation of the forest industry. More so on its ripple effects resulting in loss of jobs which will affect the livelihood of the people of Sarawak.

In this regard, STA urges all stakeholders to engage and contribute collectively to overcome such challenges. STA also fully supports the Sarawak Government's decision to form a special task force committee to conduct thorough investigation on the incident and find solutions to minimise the risks of it happening again in the future. STA will give its best to assist the Sarawak Government to mitigate the issues by being part of the task force.

Sarawak Timber Association (STA)  
27 August 2021

本会于2021年8月27日发出如英文版中所述的新闻稿，就砂拉越森林局 (FDS) 连同其它部门对“浮木阵”事件采取迅速的初步实地验证和空中探测行动发出回应。调查发现相关“浮木阵”是因为长时间的倾盆大雨将木屑冲入河流，并堆积在峇类水坝。

Kenyataan Akhbar berikut dikeluarkan oleh STA pada 27 Ogos 2021 sebagai tindak balas kepada pengesahan darat awal dan pengawasan udara yang dilakukan oleh Jabatan Hutan Sarawak (FDS) dan agensi lain yang berkaitan dengan 'logjam' yang dilaporkan, dan mengesahkan bahawa 'logjam' disebabkan oleh serpihan kayu yang termasuk ke dalam sungai oleh hujan lebat berpanjangan dan terkumpul di tapak empangan hidroelektrik Baleh.

# STA M&A Committee Meeting

In compliance with the requirement of the Registry of Societies of Malaysia (ROS), the Memorandum and Articles of Association (M&A) of STA shall be converted and migrated to the electronic system of ROS known as the Registry of Societies Electronic System (eROSES). The constitution format of eROSES comprises rigid clauses that differ from STA M&A and therefore entails amendment, rearrangement and improvement of existing memorandum and articles.

Members of STA M&A Committee under the chairmanship of Dato Henry Lau together with the appointed legal advisors met on 27 August 2021 to discuss this conversion exercise and draft bye-laws for the conduct of virtual meeting. The converted STA M&A, which shall be renamed as the STA Constitution, will be tabled in the upcoming Council Meeting and subsequently to the Annual General Meeting for approval. In this connection, the STA M&A Committee shall also propose to the Council to change the committee's name to STA Constitution Committee.

根据马来西亚社团注册局 (ROS) 的要求, 本会的章程大纲和细则 (M&A) 将转换并迁移到 ROS 的社团注册电子系统 (eROSES)。本会 M&A 小组委员会会员在主席拿督刘利康的带领下连同获委任的法律顾问于2021年8月27日召开线上会议, 讨论这项转换工作并起草召开线上会议的章程细节。

Sesuai dengan kehendak Registry of Societies of Malaysia (ROS), Memorandum dan Artikel Persatuan (M&A) STA akan ditukar dan dimigrasikan ke sistem elektronik ROS yang dikenali sebagai Registry of Societies Electronic System (eROSES). Ahli-ahli Jawatankuasa M&A STA di bawah kepimpinan Dato Henry Lau bersama dengan penasihat undang-undang yang dilantik bertemu pada 27 Ogos 2021 untuk membincangkan pelaksanaan penukaran ini dan draf undang-undang kecil untuk pelaksanaan mesyuarat maya.

## Briefing Session on Implementation of PROTEK

STA Secretariat on 16 August 2021 organised a briefing session for STA members on “*Program Vaksinasi Tenaga Kerja Nasional*” (PROTEK) offered by the Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp) and how members could cover employees' vaccination cost using HRD levy under PROTEK. Ms Tuty Binti Bujang, Vice President of HRD Corp Sarawak, was invited to share information about PROTEK to some sixty (60) members who attended the online session.

Ms Tuty informed that PROTEK commenced on 1 August 2021. It is a nationwide employer vaccination programme spearheaded by the Ministry of Human Resources and implemented by HRD Corp. PROTEK is designed to support HRD Corp's registered employers as well as other employers in Malaysia, in expediting vaccination efforts for their employees. The programme is part of the initiative under the National People's Well-Being and Economic Recovery Package (PEMULIH) announced by the Prime Minister of Malaysia on 28 June 2021. All registered employers are allowed to claim vaccination cost of RM125 per person for two (2) doses of vaccine from their HRD levy balance.

Ms Tuty further added that HRD Corp's registered employers who have incurred vaccination cost for their employees such as joining the Sarawak Industrial Vaccination Centre (PPVIN) Programme coordinated by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Industrial Terminal and Entrepreneur Development (MINTRED) or setting up their own PPVIN after 29 June 2021, i.e. before the commencement of PROTEK, can apply to HRD Corp to claim the vaccination cost from their levy. She emphasised that employers must meet the criteria for the claim reimbursement including (i) ensure the payment date must be 29 June 2021 onwards; (ii)

registered with HRD Corp for e-disbursement service; (iii) fill in claim form provided by HRD Corp; (iv) submit name list of employees receiving vaccination; and (v) provide invoice and receipt. Detailed information on PROTEK is available at website <https://hrdcorp.gov.my/protek/>

Ms Tuty explained that under PEMULIH, HRD Corp's registered employers who are unable to operate during the movement control order period are provided 2-month levy exemption from July to August 2021. However, this is not applicable to employers under essential sectors as listed under the National Recovery Plan SOP (Phase 1) dated 9 July 2021. She advised members to contact HRD Corp Sarawak to check their companies' eligibility.

STA appreciates the support rendered by HRD Corp Sarawak in delivering this exclusive briefing session to STA members and STA looks forward to many more positive collaborations in the future.

本会秘书处于2021年8月16日为本会会员举办由人力资源开发公司 (HRD Corp) 提供有关“国家劳工疫苗接种计划” (PROTEK) 以及会员如何通过 PROTEK 使用 HRD 征税来支付员工疫苗接种费用的简报会。

Sekretariat STA pada 16 Ogos 2021 telah menganjurkan sesi taklimat untuk ahli-ahli STA mengenai “*Program Vaksinasi Tenaga Kerja Nasional*” (PROTEK) yang ditawarkan oleh Perbadanan Pembangunan Sumber Manusia (HRD Corp) dan kaedah untuk ahli-ahli menampung kos vaksinasi pekerja dengan menggunakan pungutan HRD di bawah PROTEK.

# Proposed Collaboration Project on Forest Plantation Research with Australian Government

Forest Department Sarawak called for a meeting on 16 August 2021 with Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC), Sarawak Planted Forest Sdn Bhd (SPF) and STA on the potential collaboration between Australia and Sarawak on forest plantation related research. This potential collaboration was agreed by the Forestry and Timber Technical Working Group (FTTWG), a working group formed under the Malaysia-Australia Agricultural Cooperation Working Group (MAACWG), during its 9<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 25 June 2021.

The meeting, chaired by Tuan Jack Liam, Deputy Director of Forests (Forest Conservation and Development), discussed extensively on the research gap and future direction of researches needed in the development of industrial forest plantation in Sarawak. The issues and challenges faced by the forest plantation industry were also highlighted in the meeting. It is hoped that the

involvement of the Australian experts will complement the existing research and development plan for industrial forest plantation in Sarawak.

砂森林局于2021年8月16日召开会议与砂拉越木材工业发展机构 (STIDC), 砂拉越人工林有限公司 (SPF) 以及本会讨论有关澳大利亚和砂拉越在森林种植相关研究方面的潜在合作。

Jabatan Hutan Sarawak mengadakan mesyuarat pada 16 Ogos 2021 dengan Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak (STIDC), Sarawak Planted Forest Sdn Bhd (SPF) dan STA mengenai potensi kolaborasi di antara Australia dan Sarawak dalam penyelidikan berkaitan ladang hutan.

## Forest Plantation Development Technical Committee Meeting No 2/2021

The Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) called the Forest Plantation Development Technical Committee Meeting No 2/2021 on 19 August 2021 via video conferencing. A total of thirty-three (33) participants attended the meeting which was chaired by the Director General of MTIB, Mr Mohd Kheiruddin Mohd Rani.

The meeting received a report from the MTIB Secretariat on the working visit to Meranti Temak Nipis trial plot established by Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) at Segamat Research Station. The visit, organised by the Committee on 9 April 2021, aimed to observe the growth of the trees at planting site before making recommendation to include this species in the Forest Plantation Development Programme (PPLH) 2.0. After the report presentation, the meeting discussed and agreed to recommend this species to the Steering Committee for consideration and approval, subject to the terms and conditions set by the Ministry of Finance on the 15-year loan suspension period.

During the meeting, the participants also shared their experiences and observations on the pests and diseases occurrence in *Eucalyptus* trial plots in Peninsular Malaysia. The meeting concluded that the incidence of pests and diseases found on *Eucalyptus* in Peninsular Malaysia is not serious and decided to continue providing soft loan for this species.

The meeting also agreed to recommend to the Steering Committee to consider establishing a special Research and Development Working Group to look into genetic profiling and other relevant study on the species listed under PPLH. This recommendation is made after considering the lack of data and information on the planting material with good genetic quality.



The meeting was chaired by Mr Mohd Kheiruddin Mohd Rani (top left)

As there are changes to the criteria and requirement of PPLH 2.0, the meeting also requested Forest Plantation Development Sdn Bhd to present the new criteria and requirement at the next meeting.

Mr Mohd Kheiruddin will be retiring in September. STA would like to express sincere appreciation to him for all the support and assistances rendered to the Association throughout his tenure and wishes him happy retirement.

马来西亚木材工业局 (MTIB) 于2021年8月19日召开人工造林开发技术委员会年度第2次线上会议。总共有33位委员出席由 MTIB 总监莫哈末凯鲁丁主持的会议。

Lembaga Perindustrian Kayu Malaysia (MTIB) telah mengadakan Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Teknikal Pembangunan Ladang Hutan Bil. 2/2021 pada 19 Ogos 2021 melalui persidangan video. Seramai 33 peserta menghadiri mesyuarat tersebut yang dipengerusikan oleh Pengarah MTIB, Encik Mohd Kheiruddin Mohd Rani.

# Sunseting Review of Illegal Logging Prohibition Regulation 2012

The *Illegal Logging Prohibition Regulation 2012* (the Regulation) which contains essential provisions for the operation of the *Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012* (the Act) is due to sunset on 1 April 2023. In view of this, the Australian Government is undertaking a sunseting review of the Regulation to assess (i) whether to remake the Regulation, (ii) if the Regulation still fulfills its purpose of protecting the Australian market from illegally logged timber, and (iii) ways to optimise the Act alongside the Regulation. In order to facilitate the sunseting review process, the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment Australia (DAWE) had developed a consultation paper that provides further details on the potential reforms, including likely regulatory impact and featured questions to guide stakeholders' feedback.



Meeting in progress

The Forest Department Sarawak, Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation and STA met virtually on 19 August 2021 to discuss the consultation paper and provide feedback to the Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities Malaysia which will then be put forward to DAWE. The key concerns highlighted were on the requirement for product to be declared up to species level and at border powers such as sampling, seizure and goods control which may lead to additional cost and affect product competitiveness. Further information on the sunseting review of the Regulation can be viewed at website <https://haveyoursay.awe.gov.au/illegal-logging-sunseting-review>. The submission is open until 30 September 2021.

澳大利亚农业、水和环境部 (DAWE) 为促进 2012 年非法采伐禁令的日落审查,已制定一份咨询文件,提供有关潜在改革的更多细节,当中包括可能的监管影响和特征问题,以指导利益相关者的反馈。砂拉越森林局,砂拉越木材工业发展机构及本会于2021年8月19日通过线上会议,讨论该咨询文件,并提供反馈于马来西亚原产业部,之后将提交给 DAWE。

Untuk memudahkan kajian semula *Peraturan Larangan Pembalakan Haram 2012*, Jabatan Pertanian, Air dan Alam Sekitar Australia (DAWE) telah menyediakan kertas perundingan yang menggariskan butiran lanjut mengenai pembaharuan berpotensi, termasuk kesan pengawalseliaan yang mungkin berlaku dan soalan berciri untuk membimbing maklum balas pihak berkepentingan. Jabatan Hutan Sarawak, Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak dan STA bertemu secara maya pada 19 Ogos 2021 untuk membincangkan kertas perundingan tersebut dan memberikan maklum balas kepada Kementerian Perusahaan Perladangan dan Komoditi Malaysia untuk dikemukakan kepada DAWE.

## Standard Operating Procedure for Forestry Activity Under National Recovery Plan

STA had received a letter with reference number (41) JHS/100-13/2/103/Jld.1 dated 17 August 2021 from the Forest Department Sarawak on 18 August 2021 notifying that the Department has reviewed the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) of several forestry activities for Forest Timber Licensees operations under National Recovery Plan. The Department sought cooperation from the licensees to comply with the SOP as part of measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19 outbreaks in the licensed area. The SOP can be obtained from the Department's website ([forestry.sarawak.gov.my](http://forestry.sarawak.gov.my)). The SOP is subject to review from time to time depending on the decisions of the Sarawak Government. The following is an excerpt of the above-mentioned SOP, for your information:

本会于2021年8月18日收到由砂拉越森林局于2021年8月17日发出编号为(41)JHS/100-13/2/103/Jld.1的公函。该公函告知当局在国家复苏计划下修改了森林木材许可证操作下的多项林业活动的标准作业程序。

STA telah menerima surat dengan nombor rujukan (41) JHS/100-13/2/103/Jld.1 bertarikh 17 Ogos 2021 dari Jabatan Hutan Sarawak pada 18 Ogos 2021 yang memaklumkan bahawa Jabatan telah mengkaji Prosedur Operasi Piawai (SOP) untuk beberapa aktiviti perhutanan bagi operasi Lesen Kayu Hutan di bawah Pelan Pemulihan Nasional.

## **STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) FOR FORESTRY ACTIVITY UNDER NATIONAL RECOVERY PLAN DUE TO COVID-19**

In compliance with the Government's National Recovery Plan due to widespread of COVID-19, all licensees/companies need to take necessary precautions and follow the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) produced by the Government on the following:

### **Camp Site and Logpond:**

1. The licensee/company is required to prepare an internal SOP to ensure that all employees in the license area are safe and healthy based on the followings:
  - (i) Operating hours;
  - (ii) Number of workers staying in quarters provided by the licensee/company;
  - (iii) Number of workers commuting to work from home (not staying in worker quarters); and
  - (iv) Daily trips of logs from source to mills or suppliers.
2. Practice hygiene and temperature screening to take daily temperature readings of all workers. Reading to be recorded and kept for reference.
3. No visitors are allowed to enter the licensed area/premises during the Order period except the officers from Forest Department Sarawak and relevant agencies i.e. STIDC and Harwood Timber Sdn. Bhd.
4. The licensee/company shall provide hand sanitisers at relevant places in the premises and ensure social distancing best practice guidelines are in place and implemented.
5. All workers shall comply with Covid-19 preventive procedures issued by the Ministry of Health from time to time.

### **Transportation of Logs:**

1. All lorry/truck drivers are required to obtain permit from the nearest Police Station in the case of the transportation of logs by lorry/truck through public road outside the district/division.
2. Maximum of two (2) persons is allowed in the lorry/truck during the transportation of logs.
3. The licensee/company shall practice high standard of hygiene and provide temperature screening device to take daily temperature readings of all lorry drivers at the premises entrance. Readings for every driver shall be recorded and kept for reference.
4. If the body temperature is found above than 37.5 Celsius, the driver shall contact the nearest health office or government hospital.
5. All lorry/truck drivers/workers shall comply with COVID-19 preventive procedures issued by the Ministry of Health from time to time.
6. The licensee/company shall provide hand sanitisers at the entrance and other relevant places in the premises.
7. The licensee/company shall carry out a disinfection process at the lorry/trucks before and after movement of logs.
8. The licensee/company shall ensure that social distancing best practice guidelines are in place and are implemented.
9. In the event of a driver being infected with COVID-19, the licensee shall be responsible for the full costs of all medical expenses, the process of disinfecting premises, and other related costs.
10. This approval can be cancelled and revoked if the licensee/company fails to meet the specified terms and conditions.
11. Forest Department Sarawak as the enforcement authority shall be allowed to conduct random checking and entries visit to the licensed area and logpond at any time during the Order period.
12. The terms and conditions can be amended and varied from time to time subject to the prevailing circumstances.

### **General Requirements:**

1. The licensee shall ensure all workers to be vaccinated and completed the doses that requires by the Government from time to time.
2. The licensee shall ensure the work placed ventilation and air ventilation system are in the good conditions in an accordance with Indoor Air Ventilation and Quality Guidelines produced by Jabatan Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan (JKKP).
3. The licensee shall comply with all circulars issued from time to time by the State Disaster Management Committee (SDMC). Circulars issued by SDMC shall prevail over and above the existing terms and conditions herein.

# DF Circular No 3/2021: Directive on Logging Roads Maintenance Fee for The Implementation of Government Projects

STA had received a DF Circular No 3/2021 with reference number (59) JHS/100-1/8/104/Jld.1 dated 24 August 2021 from the Forest Department Sarawak addressed to all Holders of Licence and Logging Contractors, and copied to STA on the above subject. The following is an excerpt of the above-mentioned circular, for your information:

1. This circular serve to notify all timber licence holders and its authorised contractors on the directive made by Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri on the above matter whereby the Majlis has decided on the followings:

- (a) The logging road maintenance fee to be imposed at the rate of RM0.50 per registered gross vehicle tonnage (Berat Dengan Muatan) per kilometre per round trip. This rate is applicable to active logging road, logging roads with difficult terrain and bridges with span not exceeding 30 metres;
- (b) For non-active logging roads, no maintenance fee to be imposed. If the contractor appointed to implement Government project needs to use non-active logging road, and if needed, the contractor needs to repair and maintain the non-active logging road. However, the usage of the non-active logging road by the contractor will be at their own risk;
- (c) The imposition of maintenance fee for bridges exceeding 30 metres but less than 200 metres (>30 metres <200 metres) at the rate of RM1.00 per registered gross vehicle weight (Berat Dengan Muatan) per bridge per round trip;
- (d) The imposition of maintenance fee for bridges with span of 200 metres and above (>200 metres) at the rate of RM2.00 per registered gross vehicle weight (Berat Dengan Muatan) per bridge per round trip;
- (e) No logging roads maintenance fee to be imposed for the use of logging roads for transportation of goods and construction materials and applicable for implementation of all existing and new Minor Rural Projects (MRP), Rural Transformation Project (RTP) and projects funded under the Forest Concession Areas (Rehabilitation and Development Fund) with project costing RM200,000 and below; and
- (f) A flat rate of RM3.00 per kilometre per vehicle per round trip, is to be imposed for the use of logging roads for transportation of goods and construction materials and applicable for the implementation of all existing and new Minor Rural Projects (MRP), Rural Transformation Project (RTP) and projects funded under the Forest Concession Areas (Rehabilitation and Development Fund) with project costing above RM200,000.

2. All project proponents/contractors for the government projects must be able to provide documentary proof of appointment as the contractor/sub-contractor to implement the projects in the rural area. This documentary proof may includes but not limited to Letter of Offer or Appointment Letter from the Government and is to be produced to the respective licensees/logging operators prior to using the logging roads.

3. The payment of the logging road maintenance fee should be made to the timber licence holder or its authorised logging contractor. The letter of authorization by the timber licence holder is required should the payment to be made to its authorised logging contractor. The mode of payment may mutually be agreed upon between the timber licence holder or its authorised contractor with the project proponents/contractors for the government project.

4. The timber of licence holders and logging contractors shall comply with this directive.

5. The State Government, whenever necessary may revise the rates with terms and conditions stipulated herein.

This Circular shall be effective from 1 September 2021.

本会接获来自砂州森林局于2021年8月24日所发布的编号3/2021通告。该通告致函于所有执照持有者和伐木承包商，并提供本会有关事项的复本。以上通告的摘录如英文版所列。

STA telah menerima Surat Pekeliling DF Bil 3/2021 mengenai perkara di atas dengan nombor rujukan (59) JHS/100-1/8/104/Jld.1 bertarikh 24 Ogos 2021 daripada Jabatan Hutan Sarawak yang ditujukan kepada semua Pemegang Lesen dan Kontraktor Pembalakan, serta disalinkan kepada STA. Petikan dari pekeling tersebut adalah seperti yang disenaraikan dalam artikel ini.

# PEFC Launches FOR-TRADE Training Programme

Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) recently launched its Forestry and Trade for ASEAN Development (FOR-TRADE) Training Programme which includes a series of webinars on certification and Quality Infrastructure as well as case study webinars based around real examples of PEFC certification in practice.

The Training Programme also offers training on two (2) accreditation standards, namely ISO/IEC 17065 for product certification and ISO/IEC 17021-1 for management system certification, jointly carried out with Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand (JAS-ANZ). STA Secretariat joined as observer to the JAS-ANZ webinar courses which received participation from representatives from certification body, accreditation body, national governing body and government organisation from across ASEAN.



Face to screen learning in progress

The PEFC/JAS-ANZ training kicked off on 17 August 2021 with an overview of the learning management system used in the course, delivered by Ms Melinda Varley, Learning and Development Manager, JAS-ANZ. This was followed by a presentation from Mr Simon Dorries who had 30-year working experience with an accredited certification body prior to his tenure at Responsible Wood, of which he is currently the CEO. He highlighted that new standards, revisions to scheme rules, new training requirements and changes to laws are some of the factors which make keeping a certification up to date, challenging. Hence, significant resources need to be invested to ensure that these changes are not only monitored, but also communicated when they take place.

On 25 August, the first of three (3) courses for ISO/IEC 17021-1 commenced with an introduction by Mr Richard Laity, PEFC Southeast Asia Manager, followed by a presentation by Mr David Syme, JAS-ANZ Independent Assessor, who introduced principles, general and structural requirements of ISO/IEC 17021-1. He also highlighted the importance for certification bodies to operate management system certification in a competent, consistent and impartial manner.

In a case study webinar to provide insights into accreditation of PEFC sustainable forest management and chain of custody, Mr Simon Bannock, JAS-ANZ Sector Manager for Environment and Sustainability, shared that while some stakeholders expect for a certification to guarantee without doubt that the forest is managed sustainably at all times, variation is unavoidable because risks and management practices change over time.

森林认证认可计划 (PEFC) 近期推出其东盟发展的林业和贸易 (FOR-TRADE) 培训计划,当中包括一系列关于认证和质量基础设施的线上研讨会和基于实践中 PEFC 认证的真实示例的线上案例研讨会。

该培训计划也提供关于2个认证标准的培训,即产品认证的 ISO/IEC 17065 和管理体系认证的 ISO/IEC 17021-1, 与澳大利亚和新西兰的联合认证系统 (JAS-ANZ) 联合开展。本会秘书处作为观察员参加了来自东盟各地的认证机构、认可机构,国家管理机构和政府组织的代表所参加的 JAS-ANZ 线上研讨会课程。

Program Pengesahan Pensijilan Hutan (PEFC) baru-baru ini telah melancarkan Program Latihan Perhutanan dan Perdagangan untuk Pembangunan ASEAN (FOR-TRADE) yang merangkumi webinar bersiri tentang persijilan dan Infrastruktur Kualiti serta webinar-webinar kajian kes berdasarkan contoh sebenar pelaksanaan persijilan PEFC.

Program Latihan ini menawarkan latihan mengenai 2 standard akreditasi, iaitu ISO/IEC 17065 untuk persijilan produk dan ISO/IEC 17021-1 untuk persijilan sistem pengurusan, yang diadakan bersama dengan Sistem Akreditasi Bersama Australia dan New Zealand (JAS-ANZ). Sekretariat STA mengambil bahagian sebagai pemerhati dalam kursus webinar JAS-ANZ yang turut menerima penyertaan daripada wakil-wakil badan persijilan, badan akreditasi, badan pelaksana kebangsaan dan organisasi kerajaan dari seluruh ASEAN.

# 20<sup>th</sup> APEC EGILAT Meeting

The 20<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Economic Corporation (APEC) Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade (EGILAT) Meeting was hosted virtually by member economy New Zealand from 13 to 14 August 2021. Eighteen (18) economies participated in this meeting which was chaired by Ms Emma Hatcher, EGILAT Chair for 2020-2021.

Honorable Stuart Nash, New Zealand's Minister of Forestry, in his welcoming remarks shared that New Zealand has a total of 10.1 million hectares of forests, covering 38% of the land mass. New Zealand's forestry industry is largely based around sustainably-managed plantation forests for commercial timber production. He also said that there is low risk of illegal harvesting due to their strong legal practices and very low level of corruption. New Zealand is currently in the process of developing legislation for legal harvested assurance system which is expected to be tabled to the Parliament by end of the year.

Mr Febby Andryananto from the APEC Secretariat updated the meeting on the EGILAT's 2-year policy theme which focuses on the issues faced by the private sector in trading in legally harvested forest products. He also covered the APEC project for year 2021 and other issues such as EGILAT chair selection for 2022-2023 and 5<sup>th</sup> APEC Meeting of Minister Responsible for Forestry (MMRF) which will be hosted by Thailand in 2022.

Seven (7) economies, namely Australia, China, New Zealand, Japan, Indonesia, Peru and the United States (US), presented updates on their existing efforts and domestic work to combat illegal logging and promote the trade of legal forest products.

During the cross-organisation information exchange, Mr Topan Caesar Renyaa of United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime discussed lessons learnt from the Law Enforcement Assistance Programme in fighting tropical deforestation and risks of money laundering associated with the international timber trade and the related trade finance.

Mr Richard Laity, Manager of Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) South East Asia, spoke about their work in promoting trade and sustainable forest management and reducing pressure on forests through improved governance in the lower Mekong region. He also extended invitation to participants to join the PEFC Forestry and Trade for ASEAN Development Training Programme conducted in collaboration with Joint Accreditation



Some participants of the 20<sup>th</sup> APEC EGILAT Meeting with Ms Emma Hatcher, EGILAT Chair 2020-2021 (top centre)

System of Australia and New Zealand. Meanwhile, the Chilean Forest and Timber Association shared on the programme which encourage more women to join the forest industry in trying to achieve greater gender equality in the forestry sector.

At the meeting, economies also reported on the efforts carried out in line with the EGILAT policy theme of *“Advancing the Trade and Distribution of Legally Harvested Forest Products”* which include:

- EGILAT project *“Advancing the Trade and Distribution of Legally Harvested Forest Products in the APEC Region”* led by the US, where two (2) stakeholder dialogues had been held in February 2020 and May 2021, with another dialogue scheduled in September 2021. The US had also carried out an industry survey on forest products supply chain and legality challenges.
- Research project *“Compendium of Resources for the Facilitation of the Trade and Distribution of Legally Harvested Forest Products in APEC Region”* led by New Zealand. The Compendium provides framework to review and compile existing resources that best able to guide and assist timber operators in conducting trade in legally harvested products. The final report of the Compendium was endorsed electronically on 6 August 2021.

Ms Luo Xi of Asia Pacific Network for Sustainable Forest Management and Rehabilitation gave an update on the progress of the project *“Assessment of APEC 2020 Forest Cover Goal”*. The assessment showed forest area in the APEC region increased by 27.9 million hectares between 2007 and 2020. Key direct drivers of deforestation and forest degradation in APEC economies include agricultural

expansion, forest product extraction (legal and illegal) and infrastructure development. APEC economies identified poverty, population increases, demand for wood products, governance factors (e.g. a lack of coherent cross-sectoral policies) and urbanisation as important indirect drivers of change. She also shared some of the recommendations such as review forest-related policies and legislation, develop new forest restoration programmes, implement new and additional measures to improve forest governance and curb illegal logging, etc.

Ms Emma Hatcher's term as EGILAT Chair will end by Dec 2021. The meeting acknowledged her contribution in EGILAT, despite the challenging situation due to the pandemic.

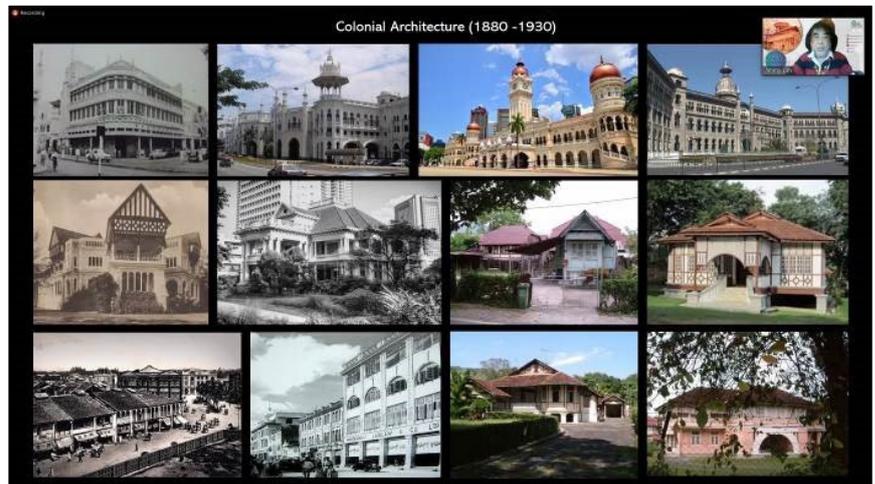
第20届亚太经济合作组织 (APEC) 非法采伐及相关贸易专家组 (EGILAT) 会议定于2021年8月13日至14日由成员经济体新西兰以线上方式进行。18个经济体参加了该由 EGILAT2020-2021 年主席艾玛女士主持的会议。

Mesyuarat Kumpulan Pakar Kerjasama Ekonomi Asia Pasifik Ke-20 (APEC) mengenai Pembalakan Haram dan Perdagangan Bersekutu (EGILAT) telah dianjurkan secara maya oleh ekonomi anggota New Zealand dari 13 hingga 14 Ogos 2021. 18 ekonomi mengikuti mesyuarat tersebut yang telah dipengerusikan oleh Cik Emma Hatcher, Pengerusi EGILAT 2020-2021.

## MTC Timber Talk: Defining Timber Architecture

The Malaysian Timber Council (MTC) invited Professor Dr Ar Jimmy Lim, distinguished multiple award-winning architect, to speak at its first online Timber Talk series on 26 August 2021. A pioneer in timber architecture in Malaysia, Professor Dr Ar Lim shared his knowledge and experience about timber including its renewability, sustainability and application in architecture.

The webinar attracted more than 120 participants including members of the timber industry, architects, property developers and owners, interior designers, lecturers and students in architecture and engineering, timber enthusiasts as well as members of the public. The Chief Executive Officer of MTC, Mr Muhtar Suhaili, mentioned in his welcoming remarks that MTC through its Timber Talk Series is very eager to realise its role in connecting all sectors of society from across different industries who play a part in contributing towards building the great infrastructures of the country together. According to him, there is always a special place for timber in the present day's quest for Industrial Revolution 4.0. To continue to expand knowledge sharing about timber usage, MTC will be planning many more webinars under this series as a platform for learning the uniqueness of timber, its vast benefits and sustainability credentials.



*Professor Dr Ar Lim talking about the history of timber usage in Malaysian architecture*

The full recording of this event can be viewed on Jimmy Lim Design's YouTube channel.

马来西亚木材理事会 (MTC) 邀请屡获殊荣的杰出建筑师吉米林 (译音) 博士教授于 2021 年 8 月 26 日在其首个在线木材讲座系列中发言。作为马来西亚木结构建筑先驱, 教授分享关于木材的知识和经验, 包括其可再生性、可持续性和在建筑中的应用。

Majlis Kayu-Kayan Malaysia (MTC) telah menjemput Profesor Dr Ar Jimmy Lim, arkitek terkenal dan pemenang pelbagai anugerah, untuk bercakap dalam Siri Ceramah Kayu-Kayan dalam talian yang pertama pada 26 Ogos 2021. Perintis dalam seni bina kayu di Malaysia, Profesor Dr Ar Lim berkongsi pengetahuan dan pengalaman beliau tentang kayu termasuk pembaharuan, kelestarian dan aplikasi dalam seni bina.

# Introductory to TIMB3R DIP 2.0

TIMB3R Design Incubator Programme (DIP) is a programme specially crafted to assist the Malaysian timber and furniture industries to grow and upgrade along the design and brand value chain. It is a project that provides opportunities for designers and manufacturers to work together by producing high value-added timber / furniture products with creative and unique designs for domestic and international markets. Ultimately, this project will assist to increase the sales value, promote product brand identity and quality perception of Malaysian-made timber and furniture products.

DIP is a collaboration between Malaysian Timber Council (MTC), Malaysian Furniture Council (MFC) and Malaysian Institute of Interior Designers (MIID), which is supported by Malaysian Wood Moulding and Joinery Council (MWMJC) and Association of Malaysia Bumiputra Timber & Furniture Entrepreneurs (PEKA).

A webinar session was co-organised by MTC, MFC and MIID on 24 August 2021 to introduce TIMB3R DIP 2.0 by inviting members who had previously joined TIMB3R DIP 1.0 to share their remarkable experiences in collaborating to design and produce timber tile deck. Mr Muhtar Suhaili, Chief Executive Officer of MTC, was delighted with the overwhelming response to the webinar with some 100 attendees comprising designers, manufacturers and members of timber-related associations. He announced that the final prototypes of DIP 2.0 will be showcased at the Shanghai China Digital Trade Show 2021, REKA Interior Exhibition 2022 and Export Furniture Exhibition 2023.

Mr Khoo Yeow Chong, President of MFC, expressed his gratitude in receiving financial support under DIP 1.0 which will continue under DIP 2.0. He hoped DIP will be a long-term collaboration between all parties involved and believed that DIP 2.0 would achieve the same success as DIP 1.0 with strong participation from manufacturers. He also looked forward to the many fascinating and good quality furniture to be created by local designers that fulfill the needs of the current generation of consumers. Meanwhile, IDR Leong Ta Wah, a member of MIID, urged designers to showcase their creative skills and innovation and to commercialise their concept, inspiration or ideas through the products.

Both Mr George Yap, Chairman of MWMJC, and Mr Jun Ong, Co-Founder from Pow Ideas, who participated in DIP 1.0 shared their experiences. Mr

Yap briefed about timber trade and encouraged more manufacturers to design and produce timber or panel product which is specifically designed to be standardised in size as well as easily sold and distributed via the e-commerce method. Mr Ong shared panel product prototypes which he had designed to be simple but multifunctioning that are suitable for both wall and floor application.

Ms Alexis Chang, Director of Market Promotion Division, MTC, presented the application process as well as terms and conditions of TIMB3R DIP 2.0. For more details on the programme, visit website <http://timb3r.my/>

木材设计孵化器计划 (DIP) 是一项专门协助马来西亚木材和家具行业在设计 and 品牌价值链上增长和提升的计划。它是马来西亚木材理事会 (MTC), 马来西亚家具总会 (MFC) 和马来西亚室内设计师协会 (MIID) 之间的合作, 并获得马来西亚木业加工总会 (MWMJC) 和马来西亚土著木材和家具企业家公会 (PEKA) 的支持。

MTC, MFC 和 MIID 于 2021 年 8 月 24 日联合举办线上研讨会, 邀请之前参与 TIMB3R DIP 1.0 的成员分享他们在合作设计和生产木瓦甲板方面的非凡经验以及介绍 TIMB3R DIP 2.0。

TIMB3R Design Incubator Programme (DIP) adalah program yang direka khas bagi membantu industri perkayuan dan perabot Malaysia untuk berkembang dan menaik taraf di sepanjang rangkaian reka bentuk dan jenama. Ia merupakan kerjasama di antara Majlis Kayu-Kayan Malaysia (MTC), Majlis Perabot Malaysia (MFC) dan Pertubuhan Perekabentuk Dalaman Malaysia (MIID), yang disokong oleh Majlis Kayu Kumai dan Tanggam Malaysia (MWMJC) dan Persatuan Pengusaha Kayu-Kayan Dan Perabot Bumiputra Malaysia (PEKA).

Satu sesi webinar telah dianjurkan bersama oleh MTC, MFC dan MIID pada 24 Ogos 2021 untuk memperkenalkan TIMB3R DIP 2.0 dengan menjemput ahli-ahli yang sebelum ini menyertai TIMB3R DIP 1.0 untuk berkongsi pengalaman mereka yang luar biasa dalam kerjasama untuk merekabentuk dan menghasilkan jubin dek kayu.

# SFC Holds Webinar on Orangutan Conservation in Southeast Asia

Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) on 30 August 2021 held a special webinar entitled “Orangutan Conservation in Southeast Asia – Views from the Field” in conjunction with the annual celebration of International Orangutan Day which falls on 19 August. The webinar invited three (3) primate experts to share their experiences on the conservation efforts of Orangutans particularly in their location. They were Dr Marc Ancrenaz, Scientific Director of the French non-governmental organisation HUTAN and Co-Director of the Sabah Kinabatangan Orangutan Conservation Project; Dr Sri Suci Utami Atmoko, Head of Universitas Nasional Primate Research Centre, Indonesia; and Dr Melvin Gumal, Head of Biodiversity Conservation & Research, SFC.

At the webinar, Dr Ancrenaz talked about the habitat and population distribution of Orangutans in Sabah and how challenges such as forest fragmentation has affected the Orangutan’s population. He also shared the Sabah Government’s action plan for Orangutan conservation primarily focusing on five (5) objectives including (i) halt habitat loss and restore habitat across the landscape, (ii) ensure better protection of Orangutans across their landscape, (iii) ensure that Orangutans can survive in agricultural landscapes, (iv) ensure the best ex-situ practices for Orangutan management and conservation, and (v) need to monitor and predict Orangutan population trends.

In Indonesia, Dr Suci said that the Forum Orangutan Indonesia (FORINA) was established in 2009 with the missions to (i) promote Orangutan conservation in Indonesia, (ii) raise awareness of constituents on Orangutan conservation, (iii) facilitate Orangutan conservation policy advocacy, and (iv) facilitate support for Orangutan conservation activities. Furthermore, she explained how the various research stations in Sumatra and Kalimantan play an important role in understanding how the Orangutans react to different habitat such as lowland forests, peat swamp forests and restoration forests.

As for Sarawak, Dr Gumal shared the history of landscape conservation work including for Orangutan habitats which dates back to late 1930s. Later on, rehabilitation sites such as the Semenggoh Wildlife Centre and Matang Wildlife Centre were set up to focus on the conservation work of Orangutans. He also explained how an Orangutan population survey was done using the Bayesian analysis in the Batang Ai and Lanjak-Entimau landscapes. In the future plan of protecting this endangered species and its habitat, the Sarawak Government is looking into establishing Orangutans conservation areas which will continue in perpetuity so that they are protected primarily in the wild and not in captivity. Apart from this, Dr Gumal said that a new document on Orangutan Strategic Action Plan for Sarawak is being formulated. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, related conceptual planning exercises have been carried out using MIRO, an online whiteboard and visual collaboration platform. Additionally, SFC is



Webinar in progress

working with Global Environment Facility to improve protected area management and to create Orangutan corridors by studying variables affecting conservation efforts.

The Chief Executive Officer of SFC, Tuan Haji Zolkipli Mohamad Aton, who is also the Controller of Wild Life, was encouraged to note that there are a lot of lessons and experiences that could be acquired from the webinar. As an endangered species, a lot of work have been put into conserving the Orangutans and he hoped that this would show that there is a future for these primates to survive and to be seen by the future generation.

为了配合落在8月19日的年度国际人猿日庆典，砂拉越森林企业机构 (SFC) 于2021年8月30日举办一项标题为“东南亚人猿保育-实地观察”线上特别研讨会。

SFC首席执行官兼野生动植物首席管理员哈芝祖吉里先生表示最令人鼓舞的是可以从研讨会中获得很多教训和经验。他也表示人猿是一种濒临灭绝的物种，大量人猿保育工作已投入，希望这些灵长类动物有生存的未来，并让下一代可以看到人猿。

Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) pada 30 Ogos 2021 mengadakan webinar khas bertajuk “Pemuliharaan Orangutan di Asia Tenggara - Pandangan dari Lapangan” bersempena dengan sambutan tahunan Hari Orangutan Antarabangsa yang jatuh pada 19 Ogos.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif SFC, Tuan Haji Zolkipli Mohamad Aton, yang juga merupakan Kontroler Hidupan Liar, melihat bahawa terdapat banyak pelajaran dan pengalaman yang boleh diperolehi daripada webinar tersebut. Sebagai spesies terancam, banyak usaha telah dilakukan untuk memulihara orangutan dan beliau berharap ini menunjukkan bahawa ada masa depan bagi primata ini untuk terus hidup dan dapat dilihat oleh generasi akan datang.

Online Refresher/Training Course  
AUGUST 2021

# UNIT 7108: CONDUCTING ON-JOB TRAINING FOR ADULTS

Targeting existing (Refresher Course) or potential (Training Course) in-house trainers who will be training their operators on forestry activities such as tree felling, log extraction, log loading, etc.



Log Extraction - attaching wire rope to a log

Unit 7108 is set up for the capacity building of the forestry workforce in terms of upskilling and expanding trained workmen capabilities to be in-house trainers. The course covers adult learning, communication skill, forestry related matter and training documentation process and requirements.

Refresher Course : 5 August 2021  
STAT Trainer/Assessor : Mr Kutok Bayang, Mr Ginda Uli and Mr Denis Aman  
Participants : Raplex Sdn Bhd

Training Course : 19 and 20 August 2021  
STAT Trainer/Assessor : Mr Sang Sanjan, Mr Ngumbang Bayang and Mr Sumbang Rani  
Participants : Raplex Sdn Bhd



Refresher course on 5 August



Mr Sang Sanjan in action during Training course

**STA member companies who wish to nominate their in-house trainers for the refresher course or trained workmen (Malaysian only) to undergo the training course, please do submit names to STAT for arrangement.**

STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT), a subsidiary company of STA, offers training to workmen in the forestry and timber industry. STAT is the appointed training provider under The Forests (Trained Workmen) Rules, 2015.

## Tropical Forestry 2021 Virtual Conference

The Faculty of Tropical Forestry, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, is organising the virtual conference on Tropical Forestry from 14 to 15 December 2021. The conference will bring together researchers and academics in the field of forestry science, especially tropical forestry, domestically and internationally to share knowledge and present the latest research results, as well as exchange ideas and forge collaborative relationships.

The organiser is currently calling for paper submission on topics such as forest ecology and conservation; forest management; biodiversity and genetic conservation; forest policy and economics; forest remote sensing and precision forestry; forest protection; forest soil and silviculture; social forestry; nature tourism and recreation; plantation forestry; agroforestry; zoology and wildlife; wood science; and forest products and engineering.

For more details, please visit <https://sites.google.com/view/tf-2021>

马来西亚沙巴大学国际热带森林本科将于2021年12月14日至15日举办热带林业线上大会。大会将汇集国内外林业科学，特别是热带林业领域的研究员和学者，分享知识，展示最新研究成果，交流思想以及建立合作关系。主办当局目前正在征集论文。

Fakulti Perhutanan Tropika, Universiti Malaysia Sabah akan menganjurkan persidangan maya mengenai Perhutanan Tropika dari 14 hingga 15 Disember 2021. Persidangan ini akan mengumpulkan para penyelidik dan akademik dalam bidang sains perhutanan, terutamanya perhutanan tropika, dalam dan luar negara untuk berkongsi pengetahuan dan membentangkan hasil penyelidikan terkini serta bertukar idea dan menjalin hubungan kerjasama. Penganjur kini menjemput penyerahan kertas pembentangan.