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Field Visit to STA-Funded Falcataria moluccana Research Project — Phase 3

In 2017, Forest Department Sarawak (FDS), GP Pusaka Sdn Bhd (GPP) and STA embarked on a Falcataria moluccana Research Project to produce genetically improved varieties of F. moluccana which are expected to give higher yield, better form with wood properties suitable for solid wood processing, tolerance to pests and diseases and to increase supply of quality seeds and seedlings of F. moluccana.

Phase 3 of the STA funded Project concluded on 31 December 2022

Group photo at the progeny trial plot.

and on 12 January 2023, a group of twelve members from FDS and STA Forest Plantation Committee, led by Mr Joseph Lau Ching Hoo, Chairman of STA Forest Plantation Committee cum General Manager of GPP visited the research plots under the project located at Samarakan, Bintulu.

The group was received by Dr Arno Brune, Senior Forest Geneticist of GPP who briefed on the research activities conducted throughout phase 3 of the project as well as its findings and output.

After the briefing, a discussion session ensued and the group visited research plots such as clonal seed orchard and progeny trial plot of *F. moluccana* as well as *Eucalyptus* hybrid project to learn more about *Eucalyptus* tree breeding.

一组由砂森林局官员和STA人工造林委员组成的12名成员在STA人工造林委员会主席兼GPP总经理 劉晉福先生的带领下于2023年1月12日参观位于民都鲁萨马拉干本会资助的南洋楹研究项目的研究地。在实地考察期间,该组了解整个项目的第三阶段进行的研究活动及其发现和成果。

Pada 12 Januari 2023, sekumpulan 12 orang daripada FDS dan Jawatankuasa Ladang Hutan STA yang diketuai oleh Encik Joseph Lau Ching Hoo, Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Ladang Hutan STA merangkap Pengurus Besar GPP melawat plot projek penyelidikan Falcataria moluccana yang dibiayai oleh STA di Samarakan, Bintulu. Semasa lawatan lapangan, kumpulan mengetahui tentang perkembangan projek penyelidikan tersebut serta penemuan dan outputnya.

STA Forest Plantation Committee Meeting No.1/2023

The STA Forest Plantation Committee held its first meeting this year on 13 January 2023 at GP Pusaka Sdn Bhd, Bintulu. A total of seven (7) Committee members attended the meeting that was chaired by its Committee Chairman, Mr Joseph Lau Ching Hoo.

The Committee discussed matters related to the trial planting of Kelampayan and Batai seedlings derived from the STA-funded research and development (R&D) projects, R&D collaboration with forestry agencies, forest plantation management certification, impacts of Forest Stewardship Council Policy on Conversion and its remedy procedures, etc.

The Committee also evaluated three (3) progress reports submitted for Phase 3 of the *Falcataria moluccana* Research Project.



Group photo taken before commencing the Committee meeting.

STA人工造林委员会于2023年1月13日在民都 鲁GP Pusaka有限公司召开年度首次会议。委 员会讨论有关研发、人工林管理认证和森林管 理委员会转换政策影响的事项。

Jawatankuasa Ladang Hutan telah mengadakan mesyuarat pertama tahun ini pada 13 Januari 2023 di GP Pusaka Sdn Bhd, Bintulu. Dalam mesyuarat tersebut, Jawatankuasa membincangkan perkara berkaitan penyelidikan dan pembangunan, pensijilan pengurusan ladang hutan serta kesan Dasar Penukaran Majlis Pengawasan Hutan.



Courtesy Visit to Deputy Prime Minister cum Minister of Plantation and Commodities

and Visits to the Malaysian Timber Industry Board and Malaysian Timber Council organised by the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation

TA joined the courtesy visit to Dato' Sri Fadillah Yusof, Deputy Prime Minister cum Minister of Plantation and Commodities as well as visits to the Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) and Malaysian Timber Council (MTC) organised by Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation from 10 to 11 January 2023.

The delegation, led by Datu Haji Hashim Bin Haji Bojet, General Manager of STIDC, besides comprising representatives from STIDC Management, also includes representatives from Sarawak Forestry Corporation and Harwood Timber Sdn Bhd.

The courtesy visit to the Deputy Prime Minister at his office in Putrajaya on 10 January 2022 started STIDC with General Manager providing an overview of the current state of the Sarawak timber industry. Datu Hashim also shared Sarawak Government's the aspiration of increasing export earnings from timber and timber products to RM8.0 billion under the Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030.

Datu Hashim also highlighted the issues and challenges affecting the Sarawak timber industry which included decline in log production from natural forest, low yield from planted forests, ageing industry with old technology which is labour intensive, high freight costs, difficulty in getting foreign workers as well as the need for infrastructure/furniture park to develop furniture industry.

He sought the Deputy Prime Minister's assistance for more funding allocation for infrastructure development, R&D, improvement in technology, entrepreneur development and skilling & training as well as to enhance policy to promote use of timber in building and construction.

Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA took the opportunity to raise the issue on the imposition of 10-year limitation on the carry forward of unabsorbed business losses, which affects the forest plantation industry due to the long gestation period for planted trees. She added that the development of the forest plantation industry is crucial as it

provides an alternative source of raw materials to the downstream processing sector.

STA requested for Dato' Sri Fadillah's support on the extension to 20 years for sectors or industries with long gestation periods such as forest plantation, presented in the Federal Budget 2023 on 7 October 2022. He has agreed to raise the matter for discussion at the Cabinet's brainstorming retreat on 14 January 2023.

The delegation also visited MTIB and MTC at their offices at Menara PGRM on 10 and 11 January 2023 respectively where roles and functions of STIDC, MTIB and MTC were shared. They also identified that the timber industry in Peninsular Malaysia and Sarawak shared the same issues and challenges in raw materials, manpower and discussed potential areas of collaboration especially in R&D.

All parties reiterated their commitments to strengthen working relationships for the betterment of the timber industry.



Ms Annie Ting, STA CEO (centre) presenting a copy of STA's submission to Dato' Sri Fadillah Yusof, Deputy Prime Minister cum Minister of Plantation and Commodities (seated, left). (Photo courtesy of STIDC.)

在最近由砂拉越木材工业发展机构举办的礼节性拜访副首相兼种植及原产业部长拿督斯里法迪拉中,本会借此机会请求副首相支持让酝酿期较长的行业如森林种植业将未吸收的业务亏损结转期限从10年延长至20年的拟议。

Dalam kunjungan hormat kepada Dato' Sri Fadillah Yusof, Timbalan Perdana Menteri merangkap Menteri Perladangan dan Komoditi yang dianjurkan oleh Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak baru-baru ini, STA turut mengambil peluang untuk mendapatkan sokongan daripada Timbalan Perdana Menteri terhadap cadangan melanjutkan had masa untuk kerugian perniagaan yang tidak dapat diserap daripada 10 tahun kepada 20 tahun bagi sektor atau industri yang memerlukan tempoh masa yang lama untuk dibangunkan, salah satunya perladangan hutan.

Discussion on FSC Framework

Representatives from the industry cluster under the National Consultative Group for the development of a national response to the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Policy to Address Conversion met on 11 – 12 January 2023 at Wisma STA, Kuching.

The industry cluster is represented by Ms Pang Suet Kum of Malaysia Wood Industries Association, Mr David James of GP Pusaka Sdn Bhd and Mr Abdul Rahman Khan Bin Hakim Khan of Jawala Inc.

The group discussed the detailed questionnaire after going through the latest draft FSC Policy to Address Conversion and FSC Remedy Framework.

The responses from the questionnaire is expected to be used for the FSC Malaysia's planned pilot of the FSC Remedy Framework in Malaysia as well as further enhancements and improvements to the conversion and remedy package in the future.

国家咨询小组属下的行业集群代表于2023年1月11日至12日假古晋STA大厦召开会议,针对森林管理委员会(FSC)解决转换问题的政策做出回应。该小组审查最新的文件草案并讨论对所提出的详细调查问卷的反应,以加强和改进未来的转换和补救措施。

Wakil-wakil daripada kluster industri di bawah Kumpulan Konsultatif Nasional bagi pembangunan maklum balas nasional terhadap Dasar Majlis Pengawasan Hutan (FSC) bertemu pada 11 – 12 Januari 2023 di Wisma STA, Kuching. Kumpulan tersebut menyemak draf dokumen terkini dan membincangkan maklum balas terhadap soal selidik terperinci yang dikemukakan bagi meningkatkan dan menambah baik pakej penukaran dan remedi pada masa hadapan.

Meeting on Tripartite Collaboration on Forest Plantation Research and Development

orest Department Sarawak (FDS) called a meeting with STA on 9 January 2023 at FDS office in Bangunan Baitul Makmur II, Petra Jaya, Kuching to discuss the proposed tripartite collaboration on forest plantation research and development by FDS, STA and Forest Research Institute Malaysia.

Chaired by Tuan Haji Happysupina Bin Sait, Deputy Director (Forest Conservation and Development), FDS, the meeting discussed matters such as research focus areas, roles of respective parties and sources of planting materials.

The meeting also agreed that more discussion, data and information are needed to map the way forward and establish the agreement.

Jabatan Hutan Sarawak (FDS) telah mengadakan pertemuan dengan STA pada 9 Januari 2023 di ibu pejabatnya di Bangunan Baitul Makmur II, Petra Jaya, Kuching untuk membincangkan cadangan kerjasama 3 pihak dalam penyelidikan dan pembangunan ladang hutan oleh FDS, STA dan Institut Penyelidikan Perhutanan Malaysia.

Bidang tumpuan penyelidikan, peranan setiap pihak dan sumber bahan tanaman adalah di antara beberapa perkara yang dibincangkan.

砂拉越森林局(FDS) 于2023 年 1 月 9 日在其位于古晋柏特拉再也 Baitul Makmur II 大厦的办公室召开会议讨论FDS,STA和马来西亚森林研究所拟议的人工林研究与发展三方合作项目。会议讨论事项包括研究的重点领域、各方的职责和种植材料的来源。

STA Category Meetings

Members from the Sawmilling Category convened its virtual meeting on 10 January 2023, while members from the Moulding as well as Furniture and Other Woodworking Categories convened their virtual meetings on 11 January 2023.

Members in the respective category meetings highlighted several issues impacting the

timber industry such as decrease in log production and export of sawntimber and moulding, and discussed the conduct of gap analysis with the aim of making proposals to the Government to address these issues faced by the timber industry.

They also discussed few key issues to highlight to the Government pertaining to

high logistic costs, lack of raw materials and manpower, unfavourable market conditions, high royalty rate, etc. Members strongly believe that immediate intervention from the Government is necessary to sustain the growth of the industry.

During the category meetings, new committee members were elected.

Sawmilling Committee Members

Chairman : Datin Sri Annie Wong Haw Bing

Vice Chairman : Dr Aaron Hsiung

Hon. Secretary : Mr John Ting Sia Ing

Hon. Treasurer : Mr Charlie Tan Ming Nguong

(co-opted)

Committee : Mr Samuel James Tai Hui

Members Mr Wong Hee Sing

(Alternate: Mr Roland Lau Tee Mei)
Ms Deborah Tai Hwe-Lan
(Alternate: Mr Daniel Tai Hann)

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Moulding Committee Members

Chairman : Mr Law Buong Hoo, Philip

Vice Chairman : Mr Ting Sie Hee

(Alternate: Ms Low Shu Shu)

Hon. Secretary : Mr Tiong Chiong Chung

(Alternate: Mr Diong Chiong Hong)



Furniture & Other Woodworking Committee Members

Chairman : Mr Yek Siew Liong

Vice Chairman : Mr Lai King Min

Hon. Secretary : Ms Evelyn Chung Nyet Joo

Hon. Treasurer : Mr Alvin Yii (co-opted)

Committee : Mr Yap Fui Fook

Members Mr Desmond Cheng Hwa Tang

Mr Ong Seng Guan



STA锯木小组会员于2023年1月10日召开线上会议,而STA制模小组以及STA傢俬与其它木工小组也分别于2023年1月11日召开线上会议。各小组会员强调影响木材业的几项课题,当中包括原木生产,锯材和制模出口的减少,并讨论要政府关注的关键问题,即高物流成本、原材料和人力短缺、不利的市场条件、高原木稅等。会员们坚信,政府的立即干预对持续木材业的发展是必要的。

Ahli-ahli daripada Kategori Penggergajian Kayu mengadakan mesyuarat maya pada 10 Januari 2023 dan ahli-ahli Kategori Kayu Kumai serta Perabot & Lain-lain Pertukangan STA mengadakan mesyuarat maya pada 11 Januari 2023.

Ahli-ahli dalam mesyuarat kategori masing-masing menekankan beberapa perkara yang memberi kesan terhadap industri perkayuan seperti penurunan pengeluaran kayu balak dan eksport kayu gergajian dan kumai serta membincangkan perkara penting untuk diketengahkan kepada Kerajaan seperti kos logistik yang tinggi, kekurangan bahan mentah dan tenaga kerja, keadaan pasaran yang tidak menggalakkan dan kadar royalti yang tinggi. Ahli-ahli percaya bahawa campur tangan segera daripada Kerajaan adalah penting untuk mengekalkan pertumbuhan industri perkayuan di Sarawak.

Meeting of the Sarawak Special Task Force to Facilitate Business



A Sarawak Special Task Force to Facilitate Business (SAMUDAH) meeting was called by Economic Planning Unit Sarawak on 13 January 2023 at Wisma Bapa Malaysia, Kuching.

The meeting was co-chaired by Datuk Amar Haji Mohamad Abu Bakar bin Marzuki, Sarawak State Secretary and Dato Sri Abang Haji Abdul Karim bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, President of Sarawak Business Federation.

The chairmen encouraged the public and private sectors to work together to achieve the targets envisioned by the Premier of Sarawak in Post COVID-19 Development Strategic 2030 Plan.

The terms of reference for the task force include facilitating and improving the ease of doing business, increasing competitiveness of Sarawak and enhancing collaboration across all sectors.

A technical working group will be formed to discuss topics such as service delivery of public and private sectors, investment & trade, property & land matters, infrastructure, utility & telecommunication, human capital and data.

Issues and proposals raised by business chambers and associations pertaining to matters such as foreign workers, disbursement of Government funds, housing ownership, application process and procedures were also discussed in detail.

砂拉越经济规划单位于2023年1月13日召开砂拉越商业促进特别工作组(SAMUDAH)会议,以分享工作组的职权范围并讨论公共部门和私营界所面临的问题。

Satu mesyuarat Pasukan Petugas Khas Pemudahcara Perniagaan Sarawak (SAMUDAH) telah diadakan oleh Unit Perancang Ekonomi Sarawak pada 13 Januari 2023.

Mesyuarat tersebut bersidang untuk berkongsi terma rujukan pasukan petugas dan membincangkan isu-isu yang dihadapi oleh sektor awam dan swasta.



Webinar in progress

Webinar on Smart Forestry from Finland

Embassy Finland in Kuala Lumpur, Business Finland and Malaysian Timber Council (MTC) organised a webinar on 16 January 2023 to introduce Finnish smart forestry. Finland is one of the global leaders digitalisation forestry and the Webinar attracted approximately participants from Malaysia and Finland.

His Excellency Sami Leino, Ambassador of Finland to Kuala Lumpur in his welcoming remarks shared that the forest industry Finland in contributes to about a fifth of Finland's exports and new bio-economy products and business will be created alongside existing timber products. generations New timber products will also be developed and digital innovations are expected help transform Finnish forest industry by improving efficiency, safety and providina real-time, accurate and evidence-based decisionmaking tools.

Seminar on Risk Management Technique

The Sport and Welfare Organisation under the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) Sarawak incollaboration with Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) organised a hybrid "Seminar on Risk Management Technique" at Waterfront Hotel, Kuching from 13 to 14 January 2023.

Approximately 480 participants dealing with Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) across various industries participated in the Seminar which aimed to improve level of OSH knowledge and strengthen the relationship between industry players and top management of DOSH Sarawak.

The Seminar also served as an avenue for DOSH Sarawak to present latest information related to the Occupational Safety and Health (Amendment) Act 2022

(Amended Act) which will come into operation on a date to be appointed by the Minister by notification in the Gazette and latest national issues on OSH.

Ir. Dr. Nor Halim bin Hasan, the Director of DOSH Sarawak, in his opening speech shared the national occupational accident and disease statistics, latest status of the Amended Act and OSH Master Plan 2025



Seminar conducted by Prof. Ts. Dr. Mohd Rafee Baharudin, Director of the Occupational Safety and Health Management Office, UPM.

(OSHMP25). He also informed that amendments to the OSH Act 2022 were made in line with the International Labor Organisation Convention No. 155 and to promote self-regulation among the industries.

Key improvements in the amended OSH Act 2022 included the requirement for employer to conduct risk assessments and risk controls at workplace as well as appoint an OSH coordinator.

Ms Noraihan Abdul Rahman, Chief Executive Officer of MTC hoped that participants from Malaysia can learn from Finland's experience of utilising modern technologies and digital innovations in managing its forest industry. She added that the webinar is also aimed to help raise awareness on digitalisation in transforming the timber sector through precision forestry and promote collaboration for the mutual benefit of both parties.

During the webinar, Dr Azhar Ahmad, Director of Forestry Department of Peninsular Malaysia spoke on laws and regulations governing forestry, implementation of sustainable forest management (SFM) including forest management certification and timber trade. He also highlighted some of the challenges faced in implementing SFM such as balancing production and protection of forests as well as securing sufficient forest reserve areas. Meanwhile, the key opportunities identified include the need to enhance capacity building in SFM and utilise modern technological tools for carrying out effective forest enforcement.

Speakers from Finland provided an overview of the forest industry, forest technologies and smart forestry solutions in Finland. It was learned that smart forestry focuses on digital solutions to improve accuracy and efficiency in the forestry value chain from forestry operations to harvesting and wood transport, including planning, analytics and optimisation.

Through smart forestry solutions, improved forest management operations are achieved at a reduced operational cost.

芬兰驻吉隆坡大使馆、芬兰商务部和马来西亚木材理事会(MTC)于 2023 年 1月 16 日举办线上研讨会,以介绍芬兰的智慧林业。据了解,智慧林业专注于数码解决方案,以提高林业价值链的准确性和效率。

通过智慧林业解决方案,森林管理运营 可在降低运营成本的情况下获得改进。

Kedutaan Finland di Kuala Lumpur, Business Finland dan Majlis Kayu Kayan Malaysia (MTC) telah menganjurkan webinar pada 16 Januari 2023 untuk memperkenalkan perhutanan pintar Finland.

Difahamkan bahawa perhutanan pintar memberitumpuan kepada penyelesaian digital untuk meningkatkan ketepatan dan kecekapan dalam rantaian nilai perhutanan.

Melalui penyelesaian perhutanan pintar, operasi pengurusan hutan yang lebih baik dapat dicapai dengan kos operasi yang lebih rendah.

An employee's statutory right to remove himself from imminent danger was also included in the amended Act along with stiffer penalties and punishments.

During the two-day Seminar conducted by Prof. Ts. Dr. Mohd Rafee Baharudin, Director of the Occupational Safety and Health Management Office,

UPM, participants benefitted from topics such as risk management techniques, historical and legal perspective of risk management, principle of risk management and hazard identification techniques.

Ir. Hj. Mohd Hatta Bin Zakaria, Deputy Director of DOSH Malaysia, in his closing speech urged all participants to work with DOSH to improve the safety and health at their workplaces.

He also encouraged participants to implement a systematic approach on OSH risk management at their workplaces so that the OSHMP25 can be fully achieved by 2025.



Opening Speech by the Director of DOSH Sarawak.

砂拉越职业安全与卫生部(DOSH)的体育与福利组织联同马来西亚博特拉大学(UPM)于 2023 年 1 月 13 日至 14 日在古晋海滨酒店举办一场线上与线下"风险管理技术研讨会"。

参与者在为期 2 天的研讨会中获得相关2022 年职业安全与卫生(修正案)法令的最新资讯、相关职业安全与卫生的最新国内问题,以及从多项课题中受益比如风险管理技术、风险管理历史和法律观点、风险管理原则和危害识别技术。

Pertubuhan Sukan dan Kebajikan Jabatan Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan Sarawak (DOSH) dengan kerjasama Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) menganjurkan "Seminar Teknik Pengurusan Risiko" hibrid di Hotel Waterfront, Kuching dari 13 hingga 14 Januari 2023.

Sepanjang Seminar 2 hari itu, peserta telah dimaklumkan dengan maklumat terkini berkaitan dengan Akta Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan (Pindaan) 2022 (Akta Pindaan), isu-isu nasional mengenai OSH dan memperolehi manfaat daripada topik seperti teknik pengurusan risiko, perspektif sejarah dan undang-undang pengurusan risiko, prinsip pengurusan risiko dan teknik pengecaman bahaya.

Meeting of MEF East Malaysia Region Members No.1/2023

The Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) East Malaysia (Sarawak) Region convened its Meeting No. 1/2023 on 30 January 2023. The hybrid meeting was presided over by Dr Dzulzalani bin Eden, Senior Consultant of MEF Sarawak.

Mr Husny Mubarak Bin Julaihi, Assistant Vice President of HRD Corp Sarawak was invited to brief MEF members on funding claims procedures Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp). His presentation covered the Pembangunan expansion of Sumber Manusia Berhad Act, 2001 (PSMB Act), HRD levy and HRD Corp. training schemes.

According to Mr Husny, the PSMB Act has been expanded to cover more industries. There

has been an increase in the number of Sarawak employers registered with HRD Corp. following the requirement for companies with ten (10) or more Malaysian employees to register with HRD Corp. He also shared that 80% of the 6,000 registered employers are small and medium enterprises.

He further informed members that the grant applications in Sarawak will be processed by HRD Corp Sarawak office and urged MEF



Mr Husny Mubarak Bin Julaihi, Assistant Vice President of HRD Corp delivering his presentation

members to make use of their levy contributions for the purpose of training and upgrading the skills of their employees, as any unutilised levy shall be forfeited after two (2) years.

After the briefing, MEF members proceeded to elect a new Chairman for MEF Sarawak Region. Ms Norhayati Binti Johari of Senari Synergy Sdn Bhd was elected as the new Chairman uncontested.

马来西亚雇主联合会(MEF) 东马区(砂拉越)于 2023年1月30日召开本年度首次会议。

该会议向会员简要介绍有关人力资源 发展机构的资金和索赔程序,以及推 选Senari Synergy有限公司的诺哈雅蒂 女士为MEF砂拉越区的新主席。

Persekutuan Majikan-Majikan Malaysia (MEF) Wilayah Malaysia Timur (Sarawak) telah mengadakan Mesyuarat Bil. 1/2023 pada 30 Januari 2023 di mana ahli-ahli dimaklumkan mengenai proses pembiayaan dan tuntutan Perbadanan Pembangunan Sumber Manusia dan memilih Cik Norhayati Binti Johari daripada Senari Synergy Sdn Bhd sebagai Pengerusi baharu MEF Wilayah Sarawak.

Press Conference on the Launching of the Sarawak Design Week 2023

A press conference to launch Sarawak Design Week 2023 was held at the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCCK), Kuching on 11 January 2023. The Sarawak Design Week will be jointly organised by Sarawak Design Centre and Institut Teknologi Bandung at BCCK from 13 to 16 February 2023 and will involve various sectors such as economic, trade and tourism.

With the theme "Design for Tomorrow", the event aimed to create Sarawak brand image and make Sarawak a design hub in Malaysia while also promoting awareness for the SayD'Signers programme, a two-year skill design training programme developed to equip young talented designers with necessary skills and knowledge in furniture design.

It also aims to promote and showcase the creative designs and products of the *SayD'Signers* and furniture manufacturers with the hope to attract local and international potential buyers and collaborative partners.

推展2023年砂拉越设计周新闻发布会于2023年1月11日在古晋婆罗洲会展中心(BCCK)举行。

2023 年砂拉越设计周将于 2023 年 2 月 13 日至 16 日在BCCK举行,获得各行业包括经济、贸易和旅游的参与。

Satu sidang media untuk melancarkan Minggu Reka Bentuk Sarawak 2023 telah diadakan di Pusat Konvensyen Borneo Kuching (BCCK), Kuching pada 11 Januari 2023.

Minggu Reka Bentuk Sarawak 2023 akan mengambil tempat di BCCK dari 13 hingga 16 Februari 2023 dengan penyertaan daripada pelbagai sektor termasuk ekonomi, perdagangan dan pelancongan.

Fire Emergency Awareness - How To Act Safely

n equipping themselves with the knowledge to respond in the event of a fire, the Assistant Technicians Manager and of STA Enterprises Sdn Bhd attended (STAE) an online seminar entitled "Fire Emergency Awareness - How to Act Safely?" organised by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) on 27 January 2023.

STAE is a subsidiary company of STA that manages *Wisma* STA.

Duringthe Seminar, Mr Mohd Nasir Bin Che Yahaya, NIOSH certified trainer explained common fire hazards, fire protection system for buildings and carbon dioxide fire suppression system. He also provided a demonstration on handling of ABC dry powder fire extinguisher.

Participants were also informed of the roles of fire watcher, fire warden and chief incident and learned how to prepare emergency response plan. Besides that, the participants also learned about preparing emergency response plan and the roles of fire watcher, fire warden and chief incident.

STA企业有限公司(STAE)助理经理和技术人员于2023年1月27日参加由国家职业安全与卫生研究所(NIOSH)举办的一项题为"消防应急意识—如何安全行事?"线上研讨会,旨在让他们掌握知识,以便能在STA大厦发生火灾时做出反应。

Penolong Pengurus dan Juruteknik-juruteknik STA Enterprises Sdn Bhd (STAE) telah menghadiri seminar dalam talian bertajuk 'Kesedaran Kecemasan Kebakaran - Bagaimana untuk Bertindak dengan Selamat?', anjuran Institut Keselamatan dan Kesihatan Pekerjaan Kebangsaan (NIOSH) pada 27 Januari 2023 bagi melengkapkan diri dengan pengetahuan untuk bertindak sekiranya berlaku kebakaran di Wisma STA.

Cypcoming EVENTS

STA's Annual General Meeting for 2023 will be held on:

Date : 29 March 2023 (Wednesday)

Venue: Wisma STA, Kuching

For further information, please contact Ms Miriam Hong or Ms Jessie Kong by phone (082-332 222) or email (sta@sta.org.my)





SKILLS TRAINING FOR TRAINED WORKMEN





With effect from 1 January 2023, these skills set are claimable under the HRD Corp Claimable Course Scheme by registered employers from the Human Resource Development levy contributions.

For more information, please contact **Ms Suzie Adee** or **Ms Kirupaliny Bhaskaran** at 082-332 222 or email suzieesta.org.my / kirupalinyesta.org.my.

Presently, STAT offers training for the following twelve (12) skills set:

- 1. Tree Felling Chainsaw (Natural Forest)
- 2. Log Extraction Tractor (Natural Forest)
- 3. Log Loading Front End Loader (Natural Forest)
- 4. Mechanical Site Preparation Excavator (Forest Plantation)
- 5. Clear-fell Site Preparation Chainsaw (Forest Plantation)
- 6. Tree Felling Chainsaw (Forest Plantation)
- 7. Log Extraction Cable Hauler (Forest Plantation)
- 8. Log Extraction Bulldozer (Forest Plantation)
- 9. Log Loading Excavator (Forest Plantation)
- 10. Breaking Out Cable Hauler (Forest Plantation)
- 11. Tree and Log Identification
- 12. Log and Timber Identification













STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT), a subsidiary company of STA, is registered as a Training Provider with Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp), offering training to workmen in the forestry and timber industry.