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Meetings of STA Subsidiary Companies

The Boards of Directors and Board of Honorary Advisers of STA Mutual Sdn Bhd, STA Training Sdn Bhd and STA Enterprises Sdn Bhd convened their respective meetings on 21 November 2022. The Directors and Honorary Advisers accepted Dato Sri Wong Kie Yik, KBE's decision to step down as the Chairman of the subsidiary companies and put on record their profound gratitude for his generous and relentless contribution as Chairman over the past fourteen (14) years. Dato Henry Lau was elected to assume the position of Chairman in his stead.

STA Mutual Sdn Bhd Board of Honorary Advisers and Board of Directors Meetings No.4/2022

Both the Board of Honorary Advisers and Board of Directors of STA Mutual Sdn Bhd considered request for sponsorship as well as approved the awards of STA Best Graduating Student and STA Best Final Year Project for year 2022 to two (2) students each from the Faculty of Forestry and Environment, Universiti Putra Malaysia and the Faculty of Resource Science and Technology, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak. They are:

Best Graduating Student

Mr Muhammad Firdaus
Bin Jamaluddin
(Faculty of Resource Science and
Technology, Universiti Malaysia
Sarawak)

Ms Najaa Batrisyia Abdullah
Zakaria
(Faculty of Resource Science and
Technology, Universiti Malaysia
Sarawak)

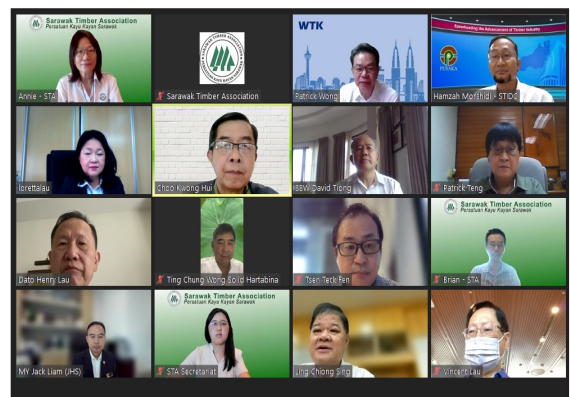
Best Final Year Project

Ms Puteri Nuratiqah
Binti Suhaimi
(Faculty of Forestry & Environment,
Universiti Putra Malaysia, Serdang
Campus)

Mr Mohammad Aizzuddin
Fahmi Bin Abdul Rafar @
Abdul Ghafar
(Faculty of Resource Science and
Technology, Universiti Malaysia
Sarawak)

STA Training Sdn Bhd Board of Directors Meeting No.3/2022

The Board of Directors for STA Training Sdn Bhd appointed Mr Philip Choo as the Company Secretary in place of Dato Henry Lau. The Board was also informed of the new training arrangement which took effect from 1 October 2022 whereby assessment is carried out immediately after training and proposed the training and assessment fees to be charged next year. The training and assessment fee is claimable from HRD Corp.



STA Mutual Sdn Bhd Board of Honorary Advisers Meeting

STA Enterprise Sdn Bhd Board of Directors Meeting No.3/2022

The STAE BOD Meeting No.3/2022 covered and endorsed various items which included the tenancy of Wisma STA, maintenance of the building, as well as financial and administrative matters.

本公司子公司，STA Mutual有限公司、STA Training有限公司以及STA Enterprises有限公司董事和STA Mutual有限公司荣誉顾问分别于2022年11月21日召开会议，批准与财务和行政事项有关的各种项目。董事和荣誉顾问接受拿督黄启晔爵士辞去子公司主席一职的决定，并推选拿督刘利康接替他出任主席一职。

Lembaga Pengarah syarikat-syarikat subsidiari STA, STA Mutual Sdn Bhd, STA Training Sdn Bhd dan STA Enterprises Sdn Bhd serta Lembaga Penasihat Kehormat STAM telah mengadakan mesyuarat masing-masing pada 21 November 2022 untuk meluluskan pelbagai perkara berkaitan urusan kewangan dan pentadbiran. Para Pengarah dan Penasihat Kehormat menerima keputusan Dato Sri Wong Kie Yik, KBE's untuk berundur sebagai Pengerusi syarikat subsidiari dan memilih Dato Henry Lau untuk menyandang jawatan tersebut menggantikan beliau.

58th Session of the International Tropical Timber Council

The fifty-eighth session of the International Tropical Timber Council (58-ITTC) and the associated sessions of four Committees were held in hybrid format from 7 to 11 November 2022 in Yokohama, Japan. The International Tropical Timber Council (the Council) is the governing body of the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO).

Mr Jesse Mahoney, Chair of 58-ITTC stated in his opening remark that ITTO members should respect their commitments as parties to the International Tropical Timber Agreement (ITTA) in order to deliver continued success. He added that ITTC session represents an opportunity to shape the future of ITTO and consolidate its place as a multilateral tropical forestry forum.

He further commented that the presence of members in 58-ITTC re-affirmed members' support for the sustainable management and

conservation of tropical forests as well as the expansion and diversification of international trade in tropical timber from sustainably managed and legally harvested forests.

At the opening, four (4) speeches were delivered by Mr Takei Shunsuke, Japan's Minister of State; Dr Yamanaka Takeharu, Mayor of Yokohama; His Excellency Roberto Seminario Portocarrero, Peru's Ambassador to Japan; and Ms Sheam Satkuru, ITTO Executive Director.

Over the five days, the Council and its committees discussed wide-ranging issues of interest to its 75 members, including issues related to the legal trade of tropical timber, sustainable management of tropical forests as well as the essential role of tropical forests in climate-change mitigation and adaptation.

The Council adopted four (4) decisions, including approval of financing projects, pre-projects, and activities as well as other decisions such as one-year extension to the ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2021-2022 to bring it into line with the biennial approval cycle of the ITTO Administrative Budget and extension of working group established

Training on Forest Licensee Portal

The Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) and Sarawak Information System Sdn Bhd (SAINS) developed the Forest Licensee Portal in line with the Sarawak Digital Economy Strategy to digitalise the forest management services throughout Sarawak. The Portal aimed to support FDS and licensees or contractors with registration of forest workers, submission of Daily Production Return (DPR) and request for Royalty Assessment for natural logs.

Even though a trial run and a series of training were conducted in 2021 for licensees throughout Sarawak to encourage the usage of the Portal, most of the submissions are still being made physically at FDS offices. Therefore, in an effort to drive more companies to shift to paperless submission and endorsement by FDS, both FDS and STA jointly organised another series of trainings in Sibul on 24-26 October 2022, Bintulu on 8-9 November 2022, Miri on 11 November 2022 and Kuching on 29 November 2022.

Approximately 160 representatives from timber licensees and contractors, FDS, SAINS and STA who attended the series of trainings were briefed on the features of the Portal and benefitted from hands-on guidance for using the Portal.

Mr Semilan Anak Ripot, Assistant Director from Revenue and Data Management Division (RDMD) of FDS, in his welcoming remarks in Sibul informed that the Portal was developed to replace the old paper based system, reduce delays and complexity, as well as simplify the application process for licensees and contractors. The Portal also allow licensees to submit and monitor their applications online, at the same time allowing FDS officers to receive, process submissions and update applicants on the application status. He added that the Portal will be fully implemented in the near future.

Mr Joshua Deri, Engineer from RDMD, FDS who conducted the trainings informed participants that the licensee needs to first and foremost appoint and register a maximum of two (2) staff with valid Sarawak ID as its Licensee User Administrator (LUA) by submitting the registration and supporting documents to the Director of Forests for approval. Once approved, a user account will be created for

to assess the need for renegotiation and/or further extension of the ITTA, 2006. The Council also acknowledged new financial contributions in 2022 amounting to approximately USD 4 million for ITTO's work and the successful organising of the Annual Market Discussion focusing on carbon trade and tropical forests by the Trade Advisory Group.

The Annual Market Discussion kicked off with an overview of forest carbon market in the context of Nationally Determined Contributions Implementation in Asia Pacific followed by sharing by industry players on the challenges faced in Brazil and Africa in managing carbon projects as well as the use of technologies in assessments of carbon stocking in standing forests in Peru and carbon emission trading in New Zealand.

The fifty-ninth session of the Council is tentatively scheduled for 4 - 8 December 2023, to be hosted by Thailand.

2022年11月7日至11日在日本横滨市举办的第五十八届国际热带木材理事会会议讨论如热带木材的合法贸易、热带森林的可持续管理以及热带森林在减缓和适应气候变化方面的重要作用的课题。



Malaysia delegation led by Mr Mad Zaidi Mohd Karli (4th left) with Ms Sheam Satkuru, ITTO Executive Director (5th left); Ms Annie Ting, CEO of STA is standing 2nd from right

Isu-isu seperti perdagangan sah kayu tropika, pengurusan mampan hutan tropika serta peranan penting hutan tropika dalam mitigasi dan penyesuaian perubahan iklim telah dibincangkan pada sesi kelima puluh lapan Pertubuhan Kayu Tropika Antarabangsa yang diadakan di Yokohama, Jepun dari 7 hingga 11 November 2022.

the licensee and linked with the licensee's profile in the REVLOG system.

Currently, the Portal consists of 6 modules namely worker registration, management personnel, LUA, DPR, royalty assessment and bill listing.

砂州森林局(FDS)和本会于2022年10月至11月期间假诗巫、民都鲁、美里和古晋以持证人和承包商为对象，联合主办一系列关于森林持证人门户网站的培训。该门户网站由FDS开发，旨在通过提供木材员工在线注册、提交每日生产申报表(DPR)和天然林原木特许权税费评估请求等服务，将整个砂拉越的森林管理服务数字化。



(Photos from top to bottom) Group photo during training in Sibuloh; Welcoming remarks by Mr Semilan Anak Ripot, Assistant Director from Revenue and Data Management Division of FDS; Group photo during training in Miri; Group photo during training in Bintulu.

Sepanjang Oktober dan November 2022, FDS dan STA telah menganjurkan satu siri latihan untuk memberi taklimat kepada pemegang-pemegang lesen dan kontraktor di Sibuloh, Bintulu, Miri dan Kuching mengenai Portal Pemegang Lesen Hutan.

Portal tersebut dibangunkan oleh FDS untuk mendigitalkan perkhidmatan pengurusan hutan di seluruh Sarawak dengan menawarkan perkhidmatan seperti pendaftaran pekerja balak dalam talian, penyerahan Pulangan Pengeluaran Harian (DPR) dan permohonan untuk Penilaian Royalti bagi balak dari hutan asli.

Discussion on Research and Development of Planted Forests with Plantation Industries

Following the study visit to Hanoi, Vietnam organised by Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) in October 2022, a discussion on research and development (R&D) of planted forests with plantation industries was held on 17 November 2022 at Hilton Hotel, Kuching. Chaired by Datu Hamden Bin Haji Mohammad, Director of Forests, the discussion was attended by about 60 participants from FDS, Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC), Licence for Planted Forests (LPF) holders and STA.

In his opening remarks, Datu Hamden shared his observations on the forest plantation development in Vietnam and their R&D efforts. He stressed that R&D is crucial towards developing productive planted forests and hence this discussion held is the Department's first attempt to learn more about the R&D programmes carried out by the respective agencies and industry and re-strategise the Government-led R&D framework based on the gap identified. He sought solid collaborations and contributions from all stakeholders to emulate the Vietnamese forest plantation industry. More intensive meetings will be organised in the future to discuss the R&D activities required by the industry.

Following that, four (4) papers were presented by Dr. Pang Shek Ling, Head of Industrial Forest Research Centre, FDS; Mdm. Millicent Abdullah, Research Officer, FDS; Ms. Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer, STA; and Ms. Wan Ching Ching, Manager, R&D Division, STIDC to provide an overview of the past,

current and future R&D projects undertaken by the respective organisations.

The discussion also served as a platform to collate R&D activities conducted by each LPF company as well as concerns and suggestions put forward by the participants. Knowledge and experience on tree planting were also exchanged.



Datu Hamden Bin Hj Mohammad, the Director of Forests (centre) chairing the discussion session.

砂州森林局局长拿督韩旦莫哈末近期假古晋希尔顿酒店主持种植业人工森林研究与开发(R&D)研讨会。该研讨会是该部门首次尝试更多地了解各机构和木业开展的研发计划，并根据确定的差距重新制定政府主导的研发框架。

Datu Hamden Bin Hj Mohammad, Pengarah Hutan baru-baru ini mempengerusikan perbincangan mengenai penyelidikan dan pembangunan (R&D) ladang hutan dengan industri perladangan di Hotel Hilton, Kuching. Perbincangan itu merupakan percubaan pertama Jabatan untuk mengetahui dengan lebih lanjut mengenai program R&D yang dijalankan masing-masing oleh agensi dan industri serta menyusun semula rangka kerja R&D yang diterajui Kerajaan berdasarkan jurang yang dikenal pasti.

Field Visit to Acacia Plantations and Mills in Bintulu

The Fibre and Biocomposite Development Centre (FIDEC) of Malaysian Timber Industry Board, through the Forest Department Sarawak (FDS), is conducting a study on *Acacia mangium* plantations and industries in Sarawak. The main objectives of the study are to understand the process flow of *Acacia mangium* from plantation establishment to processing at mills as well as determine the potential and availability of *Acacia mangium* bark residues supply for tannin extraction at commercial level. A workshop was jointly organised by FDS and STA on 13 October

2022 to assist FIDEC gather relevant data and information for the study.

Following that, a field visit to *Acacia* plantations and mills in Bintulu was conducted from 28 to 30 November 2022 to help the team of researchers, led by their Deputy Director, Ts. ChM. Dr. Yeoh Beng Hoong identify suitable location for *Acacia* bark extraction along the harvesting operation and processing at mill.

The 3-day field visit was also joined by officers



Ts. ChM. Dr. Yeoh Beng Hoong (middle) in a group photo with Mr Paul Valentine, General Manager of SPF (3rd from right), Mr Ling Tiing Tchin, General Manager of Ta Ann Holdings Berhad (5th from right) and Mr Philip Visser, Silviculture Manager of Samling Reforestation (Bintulu) Sdn Bhd (5th from left).

from FDS and STA Secretariat who were brought to the *Acacia* harvesting sites, log ponds and processing mills under the Sarawak Planted Forests Sdn Bhd (SPF) and STA member companies namely GP Pusaka Sdn Bhd, Samling Reforestation (Bintulu) Sdn Bhd, Bright Wood Sdn Bhd, TreeOne Megapellet Sdn Bhd, Zumida Sdn Bhd and Ta Ann Plywood Sdn Bhd.

Lawatan lapangan ke ladang dan kilang Akasia di Bintulu telah diadakan dari 28 hingga 30 November 2022 untuk membantu pasukan penyelidik daripada Pusat Pembangunan Fiber dan Biokomposit (FIDEC) menjalankan kajian mengenai ladang dan industri *Akasia mangium* di Sarawak, mengenal pasti lokasi yang sesuai untuk mengekstrak kulit kayu *Akasia* sepanjang operasi penuaian dan pemrosesan di kilang. Lawatan lapangan tersebut turut disertai oleh pegawai-pegawai daripada FDS dan STA.

一项实地考察民都鲁的金合欢人工林和工厂于2022年11月28日至30日进行，以帮助纤维和生物复合材料发展中心 (FIDEC) 的研究团队对砂拉越的金合欢人工林和工业进行考察，以确认沿着砍伐作业和工厂加工适合提取金合欢树皮的位置。砂森林局官员和本会秘书处的职员也参加此项实地考察。

STA Timber Products Marketing Category Meeting

The STA Timber Products Marketing (TPM) Category Meeting was held on 23 November 2022 at Wisma STA. The hybrid meeting was presided over by its Chairman, Mr Stephen Hii Hium Ung.



Hybrid meeting

Members unanimously elected the following Office Bearers, Committee members for STA TPM Committee for the term of year 2022 and 2023:-

Chairman	Mr Stephen Hii Hium Ung
Vice Chairman	Mr Vincent Chieng Ai Ung (Alternate: Ms Lau King Tuang)
Hon. Secretary	Ms Teresa Ling Lay Kiong
Hon. Treasurer	Mr Toh Kok Kwang
Committee Members	Mr Augustine Teng Kheng Hong Mr Patrick Teng Kheng Huh (Alternate: Mr Aaron Teng Wei Jia) Mr Roland Lau Tee Mei (Alternate: Mr Wong Hee Sing)

shifting of timber products and markets, shortage of general and skilled manpowers, promotion of timber certification, increase in logistic and production costs as well as the requirements of Environmental, Social and Government (ESG) in business.

During the meeting, TPM members discussed various issues faced by members such as

The meeting resolved to conduct a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis to assess the current downstream activities of Sarawak timber industry in order to achieve the goal of Sarawak Government for achieving export of value added products at RM6.0 billion. The SWOT analysis strategic plan will involve relevant STA committees under the downstream activities.

STA木材产品行销小组会议于2022年11月23日假STA大厦举行。由该小组主席許勳文先生主持的线上和线下混合会议选出任期2022年和2023年的委员会。会议也讨论了其会员所面临的各种问题，例如木材产品和市场的转移以及一般和熟练人力资源的短缺。

Mesyuarat Kategori Pemasaran Produk Kayu STA telah diadakan pada 23 November 2022 di Wisma STA. Mesyuarat hibrid yang dipengerusikan oleh Pengerusinya, Encik Stephen Hii Hium Ung telah memilih jawatankuasanya bagi penggal 2022 dan 2023. Mesyuarat membincangkan pelbagai isu yang dihadapi oleh ahli-ahlinya seperti peralihan produk kayu dan pasaran serta kekurangan bekalan tenaga kerja am dan mahir.

MTCC Stakeholder Dialogue 2022

The Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) Stakeholder Dialogue 2022, with the theme “*Certification of Forest Plantations (Post 2010) and Guidance on Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP)*” was held on 31 October 2022 - 1 November 2022 at Tamu Hotel & Suites Kuala Lumpur. The main objectives of the Dialogue were to seek feedback from the stakeholders on the certification of forest plantations established after 31 December 2010, and create awareness as well as obtain input on the development of guidance document on NTFP certification.

The Dialogue, attended by approximately 140 stakeholders representing various environmental and social interest groups, timber companies, certificate holders, timber associations, government agencies as well as research and academic institutions, was officiated by Datuk Hajah Zuraida Kamaruddin, Minister of the Ministry of Plantation and Commodity Industries (MPIC).

In her opening speech, Datuk Hajah Zuraida stated that the timber industry has shown positive export growth rate against the background of uneven recovery from COVID-19 pandemic. She added that the industry has contributed an export value of RM22.74 billion in 2021 and RM17.36 billion for the period January to August 2022, which is an increase of 21.7% compared to the corresponding period in 2021.

One of the main targets in the National Agricommodity Policy 2030 (DAKN 2030) is for the timber industry to obtain certification of at least 50% of the total forest area in 2030 or achieve certification for 50 forest management units and 750 timber companies. However, efforts to obtain certification under MTCS are limited by requirement under Criterion 6.10 of the Malaysian Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management (MC&I SFM) which disqualifies the certification of forest plantations established in areas converted from natural forest after 31 December 2010. She applauded MTCC for organising the Dialogue, bringing together various stakeholders involved in



Group photo

the implementation of MTCS to get feedback and views on requests, needs, challenges and directions for forest plantations established in year 2011 onwards.

Twelve (12) presentations were made during the Dialogue session alongside mixed panel and interactive group discussions involving representatives from governmental and non-governmental groups with interests in environment, social – indigenous and workers, industry as well as researchers and academicians. Ms Annie Ting, CEO of STA presented challenges faced by timber companies in obtaining forest plantation certification arising from the cut-off date of 31 December 2010, land claim, market preferences, acceptance of other certification scheme and soaring cost of production which is entirely borne by producer. She sought for more aggressive and effective promotional initiatives or strategies to increase consumer preference which can then expand the market for MTCS/PEFC certified timber products.



Ms Annie Ting, CEO of STA delivering her presentation in Session 2 of the Dialogue.

The Guidelines on Application of Requirements for Non-Timber Forest Products Certification in MTCS ST 1002:2021 Malaysian Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management under the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme was presented to participants by Mr Haniff Salleh, Executive Officer of MTCC. The guidance document that has been drafted is expected to benefit users, especially forest managers in expanding the scope of certification.

2022年度马来西亚木材认证理事会(MTCC)利益相关者对话会于 2022 年 10 月 31 日至 2022 年 11 月 1 日举行, 以征求利益相关者对 2010 年 12 月 31 日之后种植的人工林认证的反馈, 并对非木材产品认证指导文件的发展创建意识以及获取反馈。

STA首席执行官陈燕贞小姐发表木材公司在获取认证方面所面临的挑战, 包括 2010 年 12 月 31 日的截止日期、土地索赔、市场偏好、其他认证计划的接受程度以及完全由生产商承担的生产成本飙升。她寻求更积极有效的促销活动或策略来增加消费者的偏好, 从而扩大MTCS/PEFC认证木材产品的市场。

Dialog Pihak Berkepentingan Majlis Pensijilan Kayu Malaysia (MTCC) 2022 telah diadakan pada 31 Oktober 2022 - 1 November 2022 untuk mendapatkan maklum balas daripada pihak berkepentingan berkaitan pensijilan untuk ladang hutan yang ditubuhkan selepas 31 Disember 2010, mewujudkan kesedaran serta mendapatkan input mengenai perkembangan ke atas dokumen panduan pensijilan hasil hutan bukan kayu.

Cik Annie Ting, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif STA membentangkan cabaran yang dihadapi oleh syarikat-syarikat perikanan untuk mendapatkan pensijilan berikutan tarikh putus 31 Disember 2010, tuntutan tanah, pilihan pasaran, penerimaan terhadap skim pensijilan lain dan kos pengeluaran tinggi yang ditanggung sepenuhnya oleh pengeluar. Beliau mengharapkan inisiatif atau strategi promosi yang lebih agresif dan berkesan untuk menjadikannya sebagai pilihan keutamaan pengguna yang kemudiannya boleh mengembangkan pasaran produk kayu yang diperakui MTCS/PEFC.

MTA Executive Committee Meeting No.3/2022

STA attended the Malaysian Timber Association (MTA) Executive Committee (EXCO) Meeting chaired by its President, Mr Goh Chee Yew on 7 November 2022 at MTC Board Room Menara PGRM Kuala Lumpur.

EXCO members shared and discussed issues undertaken by each association, such as the MTA-Malaysian Timber Council trip to Brussels, Belgium and The Hague, Netherlands in September 2022 to meet and discuss with key stakeholders on the European Union Deforestation-Free Products Regulation (EUDR). The trip aimed to present Malaysian timber industry's position on the matter and explore practical way forward to influence the implementation mechanism of the EUDR before it is finalised for implementation in early 2023.

After the visit, EU Parliament had met and passed the cut-off date of 31 December 2019 for deforestation-free which implies that no commodities and products would be allowed to enter or exit the EU market if they were produced on land subject to deforestation or forest degradation after the cut-off date. This means that Malaysia's ongoing initiative to promote forest plantation would be hampered.

The EXCO members also discussed the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Charter drafted by MTC in line with its objectives and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030. The President informed that MTC will organised consultative sessions and conduct briefing sessions on ESG charter.

Mr Yong Teng Koon, consultant appointed to prepare MTA's Malaysian Timber Industry Roadmap (MTIR) also made a presentation of preliminary outcome of the survey conducted by Mr Yong to gather feedback and inputs from EXCO members for MTIR.

STA menghadiri Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Eksekutif (EXCO) Persatuan Kayu Kayan Malaysia (MTA) yang dipengerusikan oleh Presidennya, Encik Goh Chee Yew pada 7 November 2022 di mana perkara-perkara seperti Pelan Hala Tuju Industri Kayu Kayan Malaysia, Piagam Alam Sekitar, Sosial dan Tadbir Urus (ESG) yang digubal oleh MTC serta kemas kini hasil lawatan MTA-Majlis Kayu Malaysia ke Brussels Belgium dan The Hague Belanda pada September 2022 mengenai Peraturan Produk Bebas Penebangan Hutan Kesatuan Eropah (EUDR) telah dikongsi dan dibincangkan.

本会于2022年11月7日出席由主席吴志耀先生主持的马来西亚木材公会(MTA)年度执行委员会(EXCO)会议, 其中分享和讨论的事项包括马来西亚木材理事会(MTC)所草拟的环境、社会和治理(ESG)章程以及MTA与MTC于今年9月前往比利时布鲁塞尔和荷兰海牙之后就欧盟无毁森林产品条规的更新。

MTC Debriefing Session 2022

Throughout the year 2022, the Malaysian Timber Council (MTC) had conducted market research, task force and mission trips to overseas, some of which were carried out in collaboration with timber associations based in Peninsular Malaysia.

In an initiative to update and share with the industry stakeholders on the outcome of the programmes and potential markets which the industry members could tap into, MTC organised a Debriefing Session on 15 November 2022 at the Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (MITEC) Kuala Lumpur.

Representatives from timber associations based in Peninsular Malaysia and MTC personnel shared and updated participants on the outcome of a number of MTC's market research visits to Indonesia, Vietnam and the Philippines, its marketing mission to Australia as well as the MTC's Task Force on Log Importation visit to Papua New Guinea.

These trips to other markets around the world helped the timber industry to understand the current situation, market sentiments, country policies and directions as well as possible business opportunities such as venturing in overseas markets.



Debriefing session in progress.

Majlis Kayu-Kayan Malaysia (MTC) mengemas kini pemegang taruh industri mengenai hasil beberapa lawatan penyelidikan pasaran luar negara, lawatan pasukan petugas serta lawatan misi dalam Sesi Taklimat pada 15 November 2022 di Pusat Perdagangan dan Pameran Antarabangsa Malaysia (MITEC) Kuala Lumpur.

马来西亚木材理事会(MTC)于2022年11月15日假吉隆坡马来西亚国际贸易展览中心(MITEC) 举办的汇报会中向木业利益相关者更新多项海外市场调研访问、专案组和任务旅程的结果。

Webinar on Public Review of the Printing Presses and Publications Act, 1984



Webinar in session

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA) has appointed a team of researchers from Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) to study the effectiveness of enforcement and regulation of publication under the Printing Presses and Publishing Act 1984 (AMCP) which governs the usage of printing presses and the printing, importation, production, reproduction, publishing and distribution of publications in Malaysia.

The team, led by Dr Noor Aziah Binti Abdullah from UUM and Associate Professor Dr. Mohd Hizam Hanafiah from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia carried out a webinar on "Public Review of the Printing Presses and Publications Act 1984" on 16 November 2022 to inform stakeholders of the background and progress of study and collate feedback on the proposed improvements to the Act.

Dr Noor Aziah informed that a revision to the AMCP is timely as online media, which is becoming a dominant platform for users to share and gain information, is not covered under the existing Act.

Following a lengthy discussion, participants suggested that the licensing requirements as well as compounds be revised and meetings with permit holders be held on a regular basis in order to achieve and maintain freedom of press within the Malaysian society.

Pasukan penyelidik Universiti Utara Malaysia, yang dilantik oleh Kementerian Dalam Negeri untuk mengkaji keberkesanan penguatkuasaan dan pengawalseliaan penerbitan di bawah Akta Mesin Cetak dan Penerbitan 1984 (AMCP) telah menjalankan “Semakan Awam Akta Mesin Cetak dan Penerbitan 1984” pada 16 November 2022 untuk memaklumkan kepada pihak berkepentingan tentang latar belakang dan kemajuan kajian di samping mengumpul maklum balas mengenai cadangan penambahbaikan Akta.

由内政部委任依据1984年印刷和出版法令(AMCP)研究执行和监管出版有效性的马来西亚北方大学研究员团队于2022年11月16日进行“1984年印刷和出版法令公众审查”，向利益相关者通报研究的背景和进展，并整理对法令改进建议的反馈。

Closing Ceremony of POLI.design Workshop

The second module of the SayD’SignersSarawak-POLI.design Furniture Course workshop was held from 14 to 17 November 2022 at Merdeka Palace Hotel and Suites, Kuching. The module was jointly organised by Saradec Management Sdn Bhd (Saradec) and POLI.design, a post-graduate school in Design of the Politecnico di Milano (PoliMi) in Italy to connect young Malaysian designers with internationally renowned experts in furniture design.

During the closing ceremony at the end of the 4-day workshop, Datu Haji Hashim bin Bojet, General Manager of Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation applauded the efforts of Saradec especially of its CEO, Ms Dayang Nena Abang Bruce in ensuring the success of the Workshop. He hoped that the furniture industry will provide these young talented designers with opportunities to design products that are able to penetrate the global market, in support of STIDC’s vision to transform the timber industry through value-adding, especially in the furniture industry.

The designers from SayD’SignersSarawak will also have the chance to exhibit and showcase their designs and products in the Milano Design Week scheduled to take place in April 2023.



From left to right: Mr Vincenzo Vinci, Designer and Founder of Vince Studio-Design and Research, Ms Dayang Nena Abang Bruce, CEO of Saradec, Ms Annie Ting, CEO of STA and Mr Luca Fois, Professor in Design of the Politecnico di Milano

在Saradec Management 有限公司 (Saradec) 家具课程项目第二单元成功举办后的闭幕典礼上，砂拉越木材工业发展机构(STIDC)总经理拿督哈芝哈欣波泽希望家具业能提供这些年轻有才华的设计师机会以设计能够渗透全球市场的产品，以支持 STIDC 通过增值改造木材行业的愿景，尤其是家具业。

Dalam majlis penutupan berikutan kejayaan mengendalikan modul kedua projek kursus perabot Saradec Management Sdn Bhd (Saradec), Datu Haji Hashim bin Bojet, Pengurus Besar, Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak berharap industri perabot akan memberi peluang kepada golongan muda berbakat ini untuk mereka bentuk produk yang mampu menembusi pasaran global, bagi menyokong visi STIDC untuk mentransformasikan industri perkayuan melalui nilai tambah, terutamanya dalam industri perabot.

Webinar on Net Zero Goals for Institutional Investors, Asset Owners and Asset Managers

Institutional Investors Council Malaysia (IIC) and Capital Markets Malaysia (CMM), through the Sustainable Investment Platform jointly organised a webinar to discuss net zero goals for institutional investors, asset owners and asset managers on 25 November 2022.

Participants of the webinar were informed of the latest regional developments among asset owners and asset managers through a presentation by Ms Trista Chen, Environmental Resources Management (ERM) Partner, Singapore. She highlighted that the climate change have had an increasing impact to the global systems and aside from the physical climate risk such as rising sea level that are known to the general public, there has been a growing dialogue on transitional risk such as the risk of assets being stranded due to climate change.

Investors are also starting to weigh the impact of climate change to economies and portfolios in their decision and require companies receiving investment to disclose their business plan and strategies to do with climate change. By fully integrating climate change considerations into business plans, companies stand to benefit from maximised revenues, minimised costs and improved stakeholder trust.

Ms Margie Ong, ERM Partner, Malaysia explained how asset owners can manage their carbon footprint beyond policy setting. Companies that wish to build its climate profile needs to take several actions such as determine its aspiration level, available data landscape, create preliminary Corporate Strategy and process roadmap, select one (1) pilot Fund and build the Fund's Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Position and Portfolio Company's ESG Guidance.

Companies taking on climate actions need to understand their operation well, namely the type of fuel used and type of emissions released into the atmosphere, be credible with inventory and start where it is feasible. These were advices given by Mr Kee Vern Lai, Greenhouse Gases

HRD Corp Meet & Greet Session 2022 (Kuching)

The Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp) Sarawak Regional Office organised a "HRD Corp Meet & Greet Session 2022" on 24 November 2022 at Imperial Hotel, Kuching as an avenue to share latest terms and conditions, services and products provided by HRD Corp. with employers and training providers.

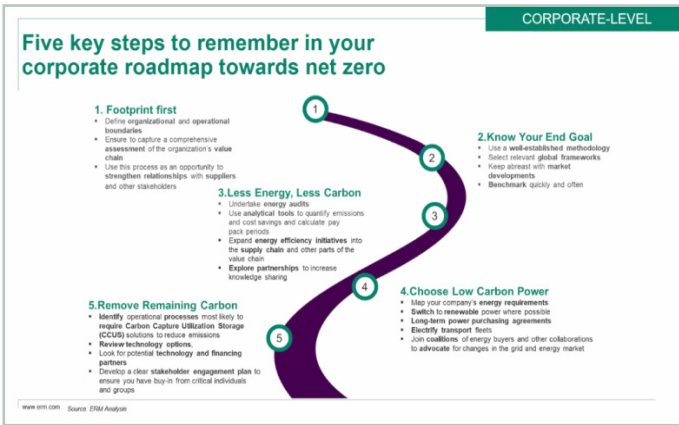
Mr Bruce Jackson Joe Anak Jabas, Senior Associate of HRD Corp Sarawak Regional Office informed participants that Section 13(1) of the *Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad* (PSMB) Act, 2001 stipulated that every employer liable under the Act is obligated to register with HRD Corp. While it is compulsory for companies with ten (10) or more Malaysian employees to register and pay HRD levy of 1% of monthly wages of each Malaysian employees, it is optional for companies



Participants listening to presentation by Mr Bruce Jackson, Senior Associate of HRD Corp Sarawak Regional Office

with five (5) to nine (9) Malaysian employees to register and subsequently pay 0.5% of monthly wages of each Malaysian employees.

The imposition and collection of the levy is for training and development (upskilling, re-skilling and multi-skilling) of Malaysian employees, apprentices and trainees in the workforce.



Key steps to remember in the journey towards net zero were shared in the webinar.

(GHG) Consultant, Malaysia who also shared the three (3) scopes of GHG emissions.

Scope 1 and 2 are direct and indirect emissions that are owned and controlled by the company. Scope 1 emissions are from company's facilities and vehicles while Scope 2 emissions are emitted from electricity generation such as steam heating and cooling.

Meanwhile, Scope 3 emissions are consequences of the company's activities occurring from sources not owned or controlled by it such as transportation and distribution, business travel, waste from operations and investments.

马来西亚机构投资者委员会(IIC)和马来西亚资本市场(CMM)于2022年11月25日通过可持续投资平台联合举办网络研讨会讨论机构投资者、资产所有者和资产管理者的净零目标。通过网络研讨会,参与者了解了最新的区域发展,如何在政策制定之外管理碳足迹以及不同类型的排放。

Institutional Investors Council Malaysia (IIC) dan Capital Markets Malaysia (CMM), melalui Platform Pelaburan Mampan bersama-sama menganjurkan webinar untuk membincangkan matlamat sifar bersih untuk pelabur-pelabur institusi, pemilik aset dan pengurus aset pada 25 November 2022. Melalui webinar itu, para peserta mengetahui tentang perkembangan terkini serantau, bagaimana mereka boleh menguruskan jejak karbon di luar penetapan dasar serta jenis pelepasan yang berbeza.

Mr Fareez Rizal Spree, Associate Stakeholders Engagement of HRD Corp Sarawak Regional Office shared that levy contributed for two (2) years would be forfeited if no claims are made within the 2 years. He also introduced HRD Corp's signature training programme, held in collaboration with local and international subject matter experts, as well as merging the human capital development needs of the industry with aspirations of the Malaysian government.

The session ended with a presentation by Mr Jeffrey Douglas, Senior Assistant Director of Department of Labour Sarawak on Sarawak Labour Statistics for year 2021. The statistic covered estimated population in Sarawak labour force based on ethnic group, gender, economic sectors such as agriculture, fishery & forestry; wholesale & retails; manufacturing; construction; and hotels & food services.

2022年11月24日在古晋帝宫酒店举办的“2022年人力资源发展机构见面会”中,雇主和培训提供者了解有关注册的义务、每个类别征收税以及人力资源发展机构招牌培训计划。



Mr Bruce Jackson, Senior Associate of HRD Corp Sarawak Regional Office

Majikan dan penyedia latihan telah mengetahui tentang kewajiban untuk mendaftar, levi yang dikenakan bagi setiap kategori serta program latihan HRD Corp semasa "HRD Corp Meet & Greet Session 2022" yang diadakan pada 24 November 2022 di Hotel Imperial, Kuching.

UNIMAS Students' Visit to STA

STA hosted and welcomed the visit by a group of twenty three (23) final year students undergoing the course of Wood Science and Protection Technology from the Faculty of Resource Science and Technology, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) on 25 November 2022.

Headed by Associate Professor Dr Wong Sin Yeng, the objectives of the visit were to enable the students to learn about the roles and functions of STA and attain a better understanding and knowledge of the forestry and timber industry in Sarawak as part and parcel of their wood science and protection technology course in UNIMAS.

Upon arrival, the group was given a guided tour to STA Exhibition Centre located at Level 4 of Wisma STA. The Centre serves as an education and promotion focal point, providing information in relation to the forestry and timber industry in Sarawak using state-of-the-art technologies such as touch screen kiosks and multimedia presentation screens.

Subsequently, Associate Professor Dr Wong and her students were given a briefing on the Roles and Functions of STA and Overview of the Timber Industry in Sarawak by Ms Annie Ting, Chief



Associate Professor Dr Wong (seated 2nd from the right) with Ms Annie Ting (seated 3rd from the right) together with the students and staff members from the STA Secretariat.

Executive Officer of STA. Ms Ting's briefing covered the following topics namely, (i) STA and its subsidiary companies; (ii) an overview of the timber industry in Sarawak which included the available resources from both natural and planted forests, the industry itself as well as their export performances; (iii) management of forest in Sarawak which included Sarawak's very own Sarawak Timber Legality Verification System and status of Forest Management Certification (FMC) in Sarawak; and (iv) challenges faced by the industry.

The Briefing ended with a question and answer session. The students participated with enthusiasm when asking questions on the roles and functions of STA, as well as issues on planted forests.



(First and Second Photo) Students exploring some of the exhibits at the Exhibition Centre; (Third Photo) Briefing in progress

本会于2022年11月25日接待和欢迎一组23名来自马来西亚砂拉越大学 (UNIMAS) 资源科学与技术学院, 正在就读木材科学与保护技术课程最后一年的大学生。

Persatuan Kayu-Kayan Sarawak (STA) menganjurkan dan mengalulkan kunjungan sekumpulan 23 pelajar tahun akhir kursus Sains Kayu dan Teknologi Perlindungan daripada Fakulti Sains dan Teknologi Sumber, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) pada 25 November 2022.

WWF-Malaysia's 50th Anniversary Dinner

As part of the celebrations to mark its 50-year journey in conservation, WWF-Malaysia organised a two-day conservation conference which culminated in an anniversary dinner on 3 November 2022 at Shangri-La Tanjung Aru Resort in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, graced by Mr Marco Lambertini, Director General of WWF International and Tan Sri Abdul Wahid Omar, Chairman of WWF-Malaysia.

Ms Annie Ting, Chief Executive Officer of STA attended the dinner as a show of STA's support and appreciation to one of its key stakeholders at the forefront of conservation in Sarawak.

A preview of the WWF's upcoming documentary "Bornean Elephants – A Journey through a Living Landscape", which takes the perspective of Bornean elephants in Sabah as they traverse through the landscape and coexist with human was also unveiled in the anniversary dinner.



Left to right: Mr Edmund Lim, Director of Malaysian Wood Moulding and Joinery Council; Tunku Ali Redhaudin ibni Tuanku Muhriz, President of WWF-Malaysia; Ms Annie Ting, CEO of STA; Mr Jason Hon, WWF-Malaysia Head of Sarawak Conservation Programme; and Mr Abraham Ngu, Malaysian Timber Certification Council Regional Representative (East Malaysia)

STA首席执行官陈燕贞小姐出席于2022年11月3日在沙巴亚庇香格里拉丹绒亚路度假酒店举行的马来西亚世界自然基金会成立50周年晚宴，以表达本会对其保育砂拉越前线的主要利益相关者之一的支持和赞赏。

Cik Annie Ting, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif STA menghadiri majlis makan malam ulang tahun ke-50 WWF-Malaysia pada 3 November 2022 di Shangri-La Tanjung Aru Resort di Kota Kinabalu, Sabah sebagai tanda sokongan dan penghargaan STA kepada WWF-Malaysia yang merupakan salah satu pemegang taruh utama dalam usaha pemuliharaan di Sarawak.





November

OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAMME

Skills training in forestry activities have been designed to provide forest workmen with basic knowledge and practical skills required to work safely in the forests. It helps to create awareness on the environment, sustainable forest management as well as occupational safety and health.

STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT), a subsidiary company of STA, offers training to workmen in the forestry and timber industry. Presently, there are twelve (12) skills sets offered by STAT.

For this month, STAT conducted on ground operator training programmes as follows.

Log and Timber Identification

Date: 8 - 12 November 2022
 Location: Engkeramuh Camp, Kapit
 STAT Trainer: Mr Sumbang Rani
 Company: Hariwood Sdn Bhd

Log Extraction- Tractor (Natural Forest) & Log and Timber Identification

Date: 12 – 16 November 2022
 Location: Pila Camp, Kapit
 STAT Trainer: Mr Sang Sanjan & Mr Sumbang Rani
 Company: Ironwall Sdn Bhd

Tree Felling- Chainsaw (Natural Forest), Log Extraction- Tractor (Natural Forest) & Log Loading- Front End Loader (Natural Forest)

Date: 21 - 24 November 2022
 Location: Koyan Camp, Belaga
 STAT Trainer: Mr Denis Aman & Mr Kutok Bayang
 Company: Plus Force Sdn Bhd

Mechanical Site Preparation- Excavator (Forest Plantation) & Tree Felling- Chainsaw (Forest Plantation)

Date: 22 - 24 November 2022
 Location: Seping Camp, Tubau
 STAT Trainer: Mr Sumbang Rani & Mr Ngumbang Bayang
 Company: Shin Yang Sdn Bhd

Tree Felling- Chainsaw (Natural Forest), Log Extraction- Tractor (Natural Forest), Log Loading- Front End Loader (Natural Forest), Mechanical Site Preparation- Excavator (Forest Plantation) & Tree Felling- Chainsaw (Forest Plantation)

Date: 24 - 26 November 2022
 Location: Masama Camp, Tatau
 STAT Trainer: Mr Kutok Bayang, Mr Sumbang Rani & Mr Ngumbang Bayang
 Company: Shin Yang Sdn Bhd

STAT is the appointed training provider by Forest Department Sarawak to provide skills training for the five (5) prescribed forestry activities (PFAs) as listed in Schedule 1 The Forests (Trained Workmen) Rules, 2015.