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STA 68th Council Meeting

Majlis STA telah mengadakan Mesyuaratnya yang ke-68 pada 29 Ogos 2008 di Wisma STA, Kuching

Dalam mesyuarat tersebut, Majlis membincangkan hal-hal yang berkaitan dengan kewangan dan pentadbiran Persatuan dan keempat-empat anak syarikatnya.

Berhubung isu caj penggunaan jalan balak pula, Majlis telah memutuskan untuk menaikkan yuran penyenggaraan jalan dari RM0.20 sebatu setan hoppus ke RM0.30 sebatu setan hoppus mulai 1 Oktober 2008 sejajar dengan kenaikan kos bahagian ganti mesin, minyak dan tenaga kerja. Kadar tol jalan pula dikedekalkan sebagai RM0.20 sebatu setan hoppus .

■ The STA Council held its 68th Meeting on 29 August 2008 at Wisma STA, Kuching. The meeting was presided by Datuk Wong Kie Yik, the Chairman.

At the meeting, the Council deliberated on financial and administrative matters of the Association and its four wholly-owned companies.

The Council was briefed on matters pertaining to the Malaysia-European Union Forest Law Enforcement Governance and Trade Voluntary Partnership Agreement (FLEGT_VPA) and Environment Impact Assessment issues, proposed amendments to the Association's M&A, proposals on

training of skilled workers under Section 54B Forests Ordinance (Sarawak Cap. 126) and the training of workforce engaged in the forest and timber industries of the State.

On the issue of logging road usage charge, the Council resolved to increase the road maintenance fee from RM0.20 per mile per hoppus ton to RM0.30 per mile per hoppus ton effective 1 October 2008 in view of the rising costs of spare parts, fuel and labour. The road toll remains status quo at RM0.20 per mile per Hoppus ton.

A new Associate Member, WTK Heli-Logging Sdn Bhd was approved during the meeting under the Hill Logging Category. 🌲



68th Council Meeting in progress

Visit by the Joint Independent Technical Evaluation of Malaysian Licensing System - FLEGT-VPA Team

■ The Team for the Joint Independent Technical Evaluation of Malaysian Licensing System - FLEGT-VPA made a visit to Sarawak from 9 to 17 September 2008. The visit, coordinated by the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation, included visits to forest logging areas, mills, export and

import points, and relevant government authorities and agencies in three regions of Sarawak namely, Sibu, Miri and Bintulu.

On 10 September 2008, the team paid a visit to STA where they met up with Members of the STA Certification Committee. ❁



Left: Members of STA



Below: The Evaluation Team

Below: Group photo



Pasukan Penilaian untuk Penilaian Teknikal Bebas Bersama untuk Sistem Perlesenan Malaysia di bawah FLEGT-VPA telah mengadakan lawatan ke Sarawak dari 9 hingga 17 September 2008. Lawatan ini dikendalikan oleh Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak. Tempat-tempat yang dilawati termasuklah kawasan pembalakan, kilang-kilang, kawasan eksport dan import dan pihak berkuasa dan agensi-agensinya kerajaan yang berkaitan di tiga bahagian di Sarawak iaitu Sibu, Miri dan Bintulu.

Pada 10 September 2008, pasukan ini telah mengadakan lawatan ke STA di mana mereka bertemu dengan ahli-ahli Jawatankuasa Pensijilan STA.

Workshop on *Introduction to Conflict Management for Natural Resource Management*

STA, dengan kerjasama Program Bertanggungjawab Perhutanan dan Perdagangan Asia (RAFT), telah mengadakan Bengkel selama dua hari tentang "Pengenalan kepada Pengurusan Konflik untuk Pengurusan Sumber Asli" pada 25 dan 26 September 2008 di Wisma STA, Kuching.

Bengkel ini dikendalikan oleh Ibu Wiwiek Awaiti, pelatih dari program RAFT. Tujuan bengkel ini adalah untuk mempertingkatkan pengetahuan dan pefahaman peserta tentang konflik dalam pengurusan sumber asli, proses menganalisis konflik dan pencarian cara terbaik untuk penyelesaian konflik berkaitan dengan kerja peserta dengan menggunakan pengetahuan dan kemahiran yang diperolehi.

■ In collaboration with Responsible Asia Forestry and Trade (RAFT) Programme, STA organised a 2-day Workshop on "Introduction to Conflict Management for Natural Resource Management" on 25 and 26 September 2008 at Wisma STA, Kuching. The workshop was attended by 18 participants comprising representatives from STA Member Companies, the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation and staff members of STA.

It aimed to increase participants'

understanding and knowledge of conflicts in the management of natural resources, including how to fully analyse conflicts and decide on the appropriate response(s) to those conflicts, including how to resolve a work-related conflict using knowledge and skills acquired during the workshop.

The workshop was facilitated by Ms. Wiwiek Awaiti, a trainer from the RAFT Programme. She is also currently attached to the Judicial Reform Team, Supreme Court of Indonesia and Indonesian Centre for

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Left: Ms. Wiwiek explaining to students on the meaning of conflict



Right: A participant explaining the drawing of another participant



Left: Ms. Wiwiek elaborate on the members of the group need to do for their group work

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Environmental Law.

This 2-day workshop was divided into four themes (i) Orientation & Introduction to Conflict (ii) Natural Resource Management Conflict, Outcomes and Collaboration (iii) Conflict Analysis - Issues, Causes and Stakeholders and (iv) Analysing Conflict and Introduction to

Consensual Negotiations. It was conducted by using a stimulating mix of methods, namely theory presentations; exchange of experience from the participants' field of work; small group work; guided plenary discussions; structured exercises; case studies; simulation games and energizers. ❁



Top left, Top right, Left, Below Left: Participants in group discussion on case studies, analysing of various issues, how conflict arises and working together as a group



Below: Ms. Wiewiek probing participants on the results of their discussions



Right: Group photo of participants at the Workshop

Presentation by GISCON Systems GmbH, Germany

■ On 15 September 2008, STA assisted GISCON Systems GmbH in organising a presentation on their Forest Management Information System at Wisma STA, Kuching. The presentation was attended by 16 participants from STA Member Companies.

GISCON Systems GmbH is a system-based company for spatial and process-oriented business applications. Mr. Achim Steudle and Mr. Ludger Kuhlage of GISCON Systems GmbH gave the presentation, introducing a system that allows users to carry out the planning and monitoring of forest

operations, including monitoring, machinery cost calculation, generation of performance statistics, sales and invoices, query and reporting tools, human resource management and wage payment, with linkage to GIS/mapping and accounting systems. The system has been developed on a modular basis, i.e. the clients may decide which modules they want to utilize. The system is also able to be operated from various sites, from a central server/system administrator, using secure access rights to different management levels within a company. 🌳

Pada 15 September 2008, GISCON Systems GmbH dengan bantuan STA telah mengadakan taklimat tentang Sistem Pengurusan Maklumat Hutan di Wisma STA, Kuching. GISCON Systems GmbH merupakan syarikat yang membangunkan sistem pengurusan ini bagi aplikasi.



From left: Mr. Ludger Kuhlage and Mr. Achim Steudle from GISCON Systems GmbH, Mr. Bernd Hahn-Schilling

Below: Mr. Bernd Hahn-Schilling introducing the representatives from GISCON Systems GmbH



Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Science

■ The Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Science (Sustainable Tropical Forest Management) jointly developed by STA and Lincoln University of New Zealand had its one-week Orientation from 8 to 12 September 2008 for its second intake of students. Fourteen individuals have enrolled for this course. The Orientation session was conducted at Wisma STA, Kuching by Associate Professor Dr. Hugh Bigsby. This session aimed to familiarise the students with the requirements for postgraduate study, the resources available throughout the course, the common computer software/tools used and the expectations for written and research work.

This course consists of six subjects which will be taught in intensive 1-week blocks over a period of two years. Students will be

given course materials that will be used during the intensive block courses and for self-study at other times.

The first lecture for the first module of the first subject, Forestry in Sarawak, was delivered from 22 to 26 September 2008. In this module, students were introduced to forests, forest uses which include timber and non-timber, forest types and factors influencing the location and structure of major forest types. It also creates an awareness to students on Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) within Sarawak, role of the various institutions, regulations and laws for sustainable management. On 24 September 2008, the students proceeded to Semengoh Forest Reserve for field work focusing on the use of basic forestry equipment and tree identification. 🌳

Right: Dr. Hugh Bigsby explaining to students the usage of MARIA at the STA Exhibition Centre for their studies during the Orientation session



Left: Students learning the techniques of measuring trees at Semengoh Forest Reserve

Sesi orientasi bagi kumpulan pelajar kedua bagi Program Diploma Lulusan Ijazah dalam Sains Gunaan (Pengurusan Hutan Tropikal Mampan) yang dijalankan bersama oleh STA dan Universiti Lincoln, New Zealand telah diadakan dari 8 hingga 12 September 2008. Sesi orientasi ini dikendalikan oleh Profesor Madya Dr. Hugh Bigsby di Wisma STA, Kuching.

Dari 22 hingga 26 September 2008, kuliah untuk modul pertama dan subjek pertama, Perhutanan di Sarawak telah disampaikan. Modul ini bertujuan memberi pengetahuan tentang hutan, penggunaan hutan, jenis hutan dan faktor yang mempengaruhi lokasi dan struktur jenis-jenis hutan utama.

Train-The-Trainer Course: Conducting On-Job Training for Adults

■ As part of the Trainer Development Programme, STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT) conducted the Train-The-Trainer Course: Conducting On-Job Training for Adults from 15 to 19 September 2008. The aim of the Course was to provide the trainee trainers with knowledge and skills in delivering skills training to adult learners.

The course, held at the Timber Research Training Technical Centre (TRTTC), Kota Sentosa, Kuching was attended by 13 candidates from STA Member Companies and STA Training Sdn Bhd. The selected

candidates were from different skills sets namely, tree-felling skills set and log extraction skills set. Upon completing this course, all the candidates will be given two months to train at least two operators in their organisation after which, assessors from STA would carry out an assessment to determine their competency as a trainer.

The Course covered ways of transferring skills to adult learners effectively, incorporating both the element of fun and interactivity in on-job training. 🌟

Sebagai sebahagian Program Pembangunan Pelatih, STA Training Sdn Bhd telah mengadakan "Train-The-Trainer Course: Conducting On-Job Training for Adults" dari 15 hingga 19 September 2008. Kursus ini bertujuan untuk menyediakan pelatih dengan pengetahuan dan kemahiran dalam menyampaikan latihan kemahiran kepada pelajar dewasa.



The Course in session

Course participants and the trainers



Certificates in Planted Forest Establishment Skills Sets

■ The establishment of forest plantations by STA Members requires a lot of skilled workers. Thus, STA Training Sdn Bhd (STAT), with assistance from Grand Perfect Sdn Bhd are offering two skills sets, namely Certificate in Clear-fell Site Preparation and Certificate in Mechanical Site Preparation (Excavator).

The Certificate in Clear-fell Site Preparation is designed to create awareness among the participants about (i) environmental issues associated with land clearing and how to avoid adverse effects and (ii) the safety, maintenance and practical use of a chainsaw when undertaking the task of underbrushing and felling of residual trees.

The Certificate in Mechanical Site Preparation (Excavator) is designed to help Excavator operators with the

understanding of environmental and safety issues associated with land clearing, tracking and roading. There is also a component that deals with machine maintenance and the time frame for this task. This will eliminate costly repairs and down time occurring unexpectedly.

Mr. Kenneth Fergusson from New Zealand is employed by STAT as a trainer for the Planted Forest Skills set. Mr. Fergusson is equipped with vast experience in land clearance and silviculture and had worked in the Solomon Islands and New Zealand. He had spent the last three years with Industry Training Works, Carter Holt Harvey where he was a trainer in developing forestry skills for people entering the forest industry.

The training for these Skills Sets had started in April 2008. For further information, please contact Mr. Peter Peros of STAT at Tel: 082-332 222.



Left: Mr. Kenneth Fergusson demonstrating the maintenance of a chainsaw



Right: Excavator operator under training

Usaha memaju ladang hutan oleh ahli STA pada masa akan datang, memerlukan tenaga kerja mahir yang tinggi. STA Training Sdn Bhd dengan kerjasama Grand Perfect Sdn Bhd mewujudkan dua set kemahiran dalam bidang ini iaitu, Sijil dalam "Clear-fell Site Preparation" dan Sijil dalam "Mechanical Site Preparation (Excavator)". Encik Kenneth Fergusson dari New Zealand akan memberi latihan ke atas set kemahiran ini.

Untuk maklumat lanjut, sila hubungi Encik Peter Peros dari STA Training Sdn Bhd di Talian: 082-332 222

MIFF 2009 - Where Trade Matters Most

Malaysian International Furniture Fair (MIFF) 2009 yang ke-15 akan diadakan dari 3 hingga 7 Mac 2009 di Pusat Dagangan Dunia Putra dan Pusat Pameran dan Konvensyen MATRADE.

Untuk maklumat lanjut, sila layari <http://www.miff.com.my>

WoodMac China 2009 Edisi ulang tahun ke-10 akan diadakan dari 17 hingga 20 Februari 2009 di Shanghai New International Expo Centre, Pudong. Bersempena dengan ekspso ini, FurniTek dan WoodBuild China juga akan dilangsungkan. Maklumat lanjut boleh didapati dari www.woodmacchina.net

■ The 15th edition of the Malaysian International Furniture Fair (MIFF) 2009 will be held from 3 to 7 March 2009 at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) and the MATRADE Exhibition and Convention Centre (MECC) spreading over 85,000 sq m of exhibition space. Both venues will be connected by a non-stop shuttle service throughout the duration of the show.

Renowned as a one-stop furniture buying centre in Southeast Asia, the MIFF series has emerged as a complete solution offering strategic location, wide variety of products, coupled with convenience services that meet the needs and criteria of manufacturers and buyers from around the globe. Exhibitors will be exposed to new and different markets while strengthening the already forged businesses. MIFF's credibility lies in its capability of attracting buyers from the most diverse countries by origin under one roof for great business networking.

The MIFF 2008 recorded

approximately 19,000 visitors comprising international buyers from 137 countries while generating USD 690 million (RM2.17 billion) worth of sales during the show. Buyers came from Europe (20.9%), the ASEAN region (17.9%), the Middle East (12.4%), Australasia (9.7%), followed by the Far East (7.6%)

The MIFF series strive to continue being a more design oriented show that excels in style, innovation and quality to cater to the needs of the international market. In its quest to present diverse innovative products, exhibitors at MIFF are carefully selected to ensure visitors return each year satisfied with their purchases. By diversifying the displayed items and cajoling the growth of innovatively designed usable furniture, the show has become the one stop global complex for the convergence of the west in the east.

For further information, please visit <http://www.miff.com.my> ☛

WoodMac China 2009

■ The 10th anniversary edition of WoodMac China 2009 will be held from 17 to 20 February 2009 at the Shanghai New International Expo Centre, Pudong with the exclusive support of the 13 member associations of the European Woodworking Machinery Manufacturers Association and the China National Forestry Machinery Association. The event will cover over 34,000 sq m of space with participation by exhibitors from Germany, Italy, Spain, Japan, Taiwan, U.S.A and China.

Alongside WoodMac China, the FurniTek and WoodBuild China will also take place. Participants and exhibitors will include suppliers of components, hardware, wood papers, laminates, glues, lumber, veneers and other supplies used for the production of furniture, building and construction, interior decoration materials and all wood products.

For more information on the events, please visit www.woodmacchina.net ☛

STA Members Directory CD-ROM

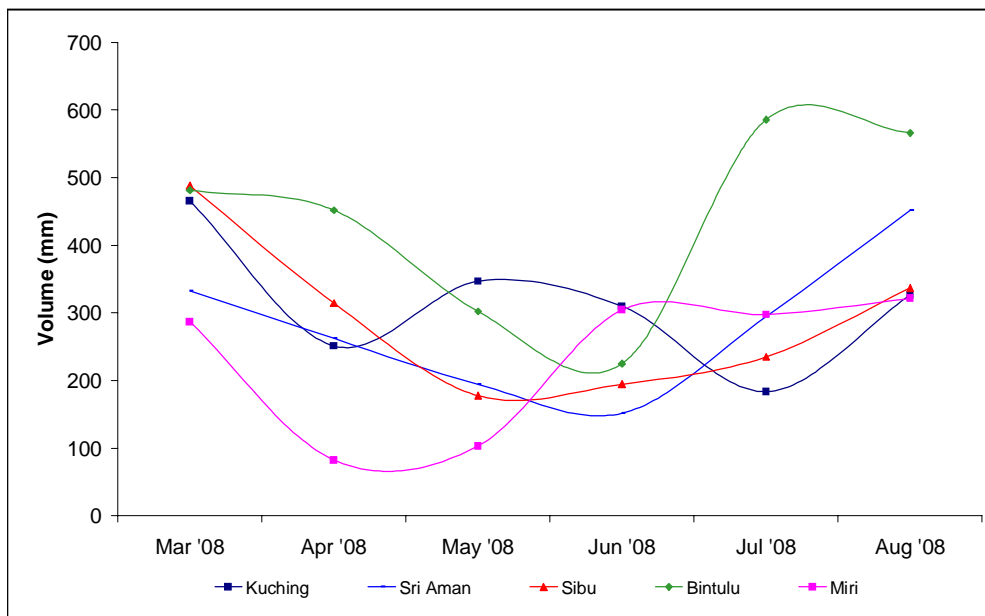
The STA Members Directory CD-ROM July 2008 Edition is now available at the STA Secretariat. The STA Members Directory is a searchable CD which enables users to search for information on timber products and STA members through a search engine interface. The CD also includes brief information on the Association, forestry and timber related government agencies, maps and other relevant information.

Should there be any enquiries, please contact the STA Secretariat at 082-332 222 or email to sta@sta.org.my



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