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**KUCHING:** Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) and Ministry of Industrial Development (MID) will jointly organise the state's first expo for timber industry and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) here.

The four-day event will be held at Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCK) from June 7 to 10, said STIDC yesterday in a statement.

It is held in conjunction with STIDC's 40th anniversary and the state's celebration of the SME week.

Chief Minister Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud is expected to grace the event on June 7.

The expo is organised to promote trade and sales of timber and non-timber products produced by local manufacturers.

It is also to give opportunity for exhibitors to show their company's activities, enhancing their product brands and further strengthen their global trade rapport with potential foreign buyers and investors.

As a 'one-stop centre', the expo will provide a platform for both buyers and suppliers of timber and non-timber related products and services to conduct business networking.

More than 200 booths will showcase varieties of timber based products which include furniture and SMEs local products, such as food including Sarawak 'Kek Lapis', Laksa Paste, Snacks, Edible Bird Nests, beverages, textiles, cosmetics and handicrafts.

An international conference on timber will also be organised at the same time and venue where local and overseas speakers will talk on various issues related to timber industry and SMEs.

There will also be speakers from the state, Australia and China who will be presenting working papers on the challenges of the current timber market and the market requirement.

Meanwhile, speakers from South Korea and Indonesia are expected to share experiences and information on forest plantation and SME industries, respectively.

Speakers from Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM), Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) and Forestry Department will also deliver talks during the conference.

The State Planning Unit (SPU) will give a special presentation on the investment opportunities in Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy (SCORE).

The expo starts from 10am to 6pm from June 7. Admission is free. STIDC has arranged for free shuttle bus services daily from Riverside Majestic bus stop to BCK from 8am to 6pm.

For more details, the public are advised to contact 082-473000/ 082-445337 or visit STIDC's website at [www.sarawaktimber.org.my](http://www.sarawaktimber.org.my).