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Sarawak Grand Timber and SMEs Expo from June 7

KUCHING: The Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) and the Ministry of Industrial Development (MID), Sarawak will jointly organize the first ever Expo for the timber industry and Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) for four days from June 7 - 10, 2013 at Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCCCK), Kuching.

The Timber Expo is organized in conjunction with STIDC 40th Anniversary whilst the SMEs Expo is held in conjunction with the State's celebration of the SMEs Week.

The event will be graced by Yang Amat Berhormat Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, Chief Minister of Sarawak on Friday, 7th June 2013 at 1000 hrs at BCCCK, Kuching.

The Expo is organized with the aim to promote trade and sales of timber and non-timber products produced by the local manufacturers. It is an opportunity for exhibitors to inform end users of their companies' activities, enhancing the product brand and further strengthen their global trade rapport with the potential foreign buyers and investors. As a "One Stop Centre", the Expo is to 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, which include among others the famous Sarawak Kek Lapis, Laksa Paste, snacks, edible bird nests, beverages, textiles, cosmetics and handicrafts.

Concurrently, an International Conference on Timber will also be held on June 7 and 8 at the same venue. The Conference will bring

together speakers from overseas as well as locals to speak on various issues that are of interest to the timber industry and the SMEs. Among them are speakers from USA, Australia and China who will present papers on the challenges in the current timber markets and the market requirements whilst speakers from South Korea and Indonesia are expected to share information and experiences on the forest plantation and the SMEs industries respectively. Speakers from Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) and Malaysia Timber Certification Council (MTCC) as well as the Forestry Department, Sarawak have also confirmed to speak at the Conference. There will be a special presentation by the State Planning Unit (SPU), Sarawak on the investment opportunities in SCORE. The conference is still open for registration to those who are interested to attend.

The four-day expo is open to public starting from June 7. It is from 10am to 6pm daily. Admission to the Expo is free however, visitors need to register on arrival at the venue.

STIDC has also arranged for a free shuttle service for visitors during the expo. The shuttle service is from the bus stop in front of Riverside Majestic Hotel to BCCCK and it is 8.00am to 6.15pm.

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