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Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh and warm greetings,

As we enter the second quarter of 2026, I am pleased to reflect on the steady progress made by the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) in advancing the State's timber and engineered wood sector. The first quarter of the year has set a positive tone, marked by strengthened industry engagement, continued market development efforts, and a renewed commitment towards sustainability and innovation.

In line with Sarawak's aspiration to be a leader in high-value timber products, STIDC remains focused on promoting the adoption of engineered wood solutions. These products not only enhance value creation within the industry but also support sustainable forest management practices. Our ongoing initiatives in research, development, and knowledge dissemination are aimed at positioning Sarawak as a competitive and responsible player in the global timber market.

The second quarter will see an intensified effort in industry collaboration, capacity building, and market intelligence sharing. Engagements such as dialogues with industry stakeholders, participation in trade exhibitions, and strategic partnerships will continue to be key platforms in strengthening our ecosystem. I encourage all stakeholders to actively participate and leverage these opportunities for growth and resilience.

At the same time, STIDC will continue to emphasise the importance of compliance with regulatory frameworks and the adoption of best practices across the timber value chain. A well-governed and forward-looking industry is essential to maintaining market confidence and ensuring long-term sustainability.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all industry players, partners, and staff for your dedication and support. Let us continue to work together with a shared vision to drive the timber industry forward, embracing innovation while preserving our natural resources for future generations.

Thank you.

Wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

DATU HAJI ZAINAL ABIDIN BIN HAJI ABDULLAH

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editorial

Exclusive Interview

WASTE INTO WORTH:

How UPM and STIDC are Rethinking Malaysia's Timber Industry



by **Lynch Cowan
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The Faculty of Forestry and Environment at Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Serdang, was packed with a different kind of energy during the recent **World Wood Day 2026** exhibition. Walking through the halls, it wasn't just about academic posters; it was about real, tangible innovation. This year felt particularly special because the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) made the long trip over from East Malaysia to come on board as a key strategic partner. To get a sense of what this collaboration actually means on the ground, I caught up with **Dr. Norzanalisa Saadun**, Head of the Department, and **Dr. Sabiha Salim**, a Senior Lecturer at the faculty, to chat about community roots, changing old mindsets, and why it is time to look at wood waste differently.

Part I: Keeping it Local, Taking it Global

A chat with Dr. Norzanalisa Saadun

Writer: Dr. Norzanalisa, thanks for taking the time. Let's start from the beginning, how did World Wood Day end up at UPM, and how did you get STIDC involved this year?

Dr. Norzanalisa: We

actually started this back in 2024. Our first event was held on 21 March, the date of World Wood Day, which also coincides with the International Day of Forests. It also happened to fall during Ramadan, which meant no food or drink during the day, so we shifted to a heavy focus on culture and wrapped things up with a *buka puasa* (breaking of fast) meal.

Organising the event during the fasting month presented some practical challenges. Since World Wood Day activities can be held throughout the year and are not restricted to 21 March, we decided to hold our annual celebration in May from 2025 onwards. This year, we teamed up with the Malaysian Timber Council (MTC) and decided to cast a wider net. We sent an invite to STIDC, but given the distance, we really didn't expect them to say yes! We are incredibly grateful they did. Having them here as a strategic partner means East Malaysia has a massive voice at the table.

Writer: I understand you've also been working to get Malaysia noticed on the global stage for this?



DR. NORZANALISA SAADUN
Head of Department Department of Wood and Fiber Industries Faculty of Forestry and Environment, Universiti Putra Malaysia

Dr. Norzanalisa: We're collaborating directly with the World Wood Day Foundation and the International Wood Culture Society through WorldWoodDay.org. When I first took over as Head of Department and looked at the website, I could not find any recent Malaysian programmes prominently featured, while activities

from neighbouring countries, including the Philippines, were more visible. It bothered me because we have such a rich heritage and so much going on in terms of sustainability. We reached out, got involved, and they actually made a special welcoming video just for us. It was a proud moment for the faculty.

Writer: Looking at the crowd today, this feels a bit like a corporate social responsibility (CSR) project. Is that how UPM views it?

Dr. Norzanalisa: "In the university context, we see this more as industry and community engagement, particularly through knowledge transfer, rather than simply as CSR. At its heart, it's about knowledge transfer."

UPM brings the students and academic expertise to the table, while our agency and industry partners provide financial, technical and in-kind support. This year, we really wanted to connect with the locals, so we brought in residents from Taman Seri Serdang and partnered with the Subang Jaya City Council (MBSJ). We even got a session dedicated to a local association for people with disabilities (OKU) from Selangor.

Writer: The slogan this year is “circular economy.” What does that actually look like when it comes to wood waste

Dr. Norzanalina: It’s about making sure nothing goes to waste. We’re showing the community how to take scrap wood and turn it into something useful; like phone stands, or beautiful art pieces. And if clean, untreated wood can no longer be reused, it may be chipped and mixed with organic matter for composting.

We really want local councils to see the value in the wood waste they collect from urban forests. In countries such as the US and South Korea, suitable urban wood residues are increasingly recovered for products such as composite panels or bioenergy instead of being sent directly to landfill. We aren’t quite there yet in Malaysia, but that’s the direction we hope to move towards. It also aligns with UPM’s Planetary Health and Sustainability Blueprint (PHSB), which promotes more sustainable use of resources and environmental well-being.

Part II: The Next Generation and Closing the Distance

A chat with Dr. Sabiha Salim

Writer: Dr. Sabiha, as the Chairperson of World Wood Day (WWD) 2026 with UPM in charge of the 2026 program, could you please break down the core message for us this year?

Dr. Sabiha: This is our third year running the event since 2024. This year, our focus is on **Sustainable Wood, Circular Future**. The philosophy is pretty straightforward: we want to keep wood in use for as long as humanly possible after it leaves the forest.



The longer we keep it in circulation, the longer we store the carbon inside it, rather than letting it end up as pollution.

Today’s program is a mix of a lot of things. We have an international webinar with speakers from South Korea and Los Baños in the Philippines, plus talks from both wood processors and architects. It’s not just about the industrial side; it’s about how we use it in design. Then, of course, there’s the exhibition bringing together universities, industry players, and government bodies as well as hands-on workshops conducted by UPM student facilitators and participate by the local community including PPOC.

Writer: How much of a difference does it make having an agency like STIDC to collaborate with?

Dr. Sabiha: It’s huge. An event like this is only useful if it connects the academic world with actual industry and government agencies. Having support from STIDC, MTC, and companies lets us see what’s actually happening in the real world. We get to look at the products STIDC is showcasing and match that with what our students are learning. Beyond industry and government connections, collaboration with local authority such as MBSJ is also important because it allows the knowledge generated to reach the community, create awareness, and encourage the optimum use of wood.

It also does wonders for bridging the geographical gap between the Peninsula and Sabah and Sarawak. For example, Encik Johari stepped up earlier to deliver the industry remarks on behalf of STIDC’s General Manager. Hearing that gave our students a genuine look at how things are done over in Sarawak, which has its own unique industry dynamics.

Writer: The students running around today seem incredibly hands-on. What are the program that follows?

Dr. Sabiha: That’s honestly the best part of this event. The energy from the students is incredible. This afternoon, they are running three distinct, practical workshops:

- Making wooden phone stands.
- Crafting truncated wood products.
- Mixing organic compost.

Everything they are using is reclaimed wood or offcuts. Even in our own university workshops, we end up with a lot of leftover wood from running mechanical and structural tests on materials. Instead of paying a lorry to come and dump it, we store it and reuse it.

When students actually get their hands dirty like this, they stop looking at leftovers as rubbish; they start seeing value. That’s the exact mindset we want to instill in our future talent before they graduate.

Writer: By breaking down regional silos with partners like STIDC and getting the local community involved, UPM is showing that the future of Malaysian timber isn’t just about cutting down trees; it’s about making sure what we have lasts.





Activities/News

97th STIDC Board of Management Meeting



Our Chairman, Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Awang Tengah bin Ali Hasan, presided over today's STIDC Board of Management Meeting, held at the STIDC Board Conference Room, Wisma Sumber Alam, Kuching.

In his opening remarks, Datuk Amar also extended his warmest wishes for Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri, maaf zahir dan batin.

On behalf of the Board, he also conveyed his sincerest congratulations to Yang Berbahagia Datu Haji Zainal Abidin bin Haji Abdullah upon receiving

the Darjah Jasa Bakti Sarawak (D.J.B.S.), which confers the title 'Datu', in conjunction with the 79th Birthday Celebration of Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak, Tun Pehin Sri Dr. Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar, on 11th October 2025. He also recognised and congratulated dedicated STIDC staff members who were honoured with the Pingat Perkhidmatan Terpuji during the same celebration.

The meeting was attended by STIDC Board members, including Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Haji Mohamad Abu Bakar bin Marzuki;

Yang Berhormat Datuk Haji Len Talif Salleh; Yang Berbahagia Dato Sri Dr Haji Wan Lizozman bin Wan Omar; Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri Datuk Amar (Dr) Haji Abdul Aziz bin Dato Haji Husain, Yang Berbahagia Dato Sri Haji Mohd Naroden bin Haji Majais, Yang Berbahagia Datu Haji Abdullah bin Julaihi and Yang Berbahagia Datu Haji Hamden bin Haji Mohammad.

Also present were YBhg. Datu Haji Zainal Abidin bin Haji Abdullah, STIDC General Manager; Cik Hajah Aluyah Awi, STIDC Deputy General Manager; and STIDC management staff.

Activities/News

STIDC Organises First Mass Engineered Timber (MET) Technical Course for 2026

As Sarawak continues to develop its high-value, sustainable timber sector, the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) recently held Series 1 of the Mass Engineered Timber (MET) Technical Course 2026. The two-day programme took place from 25–26 June at the Multipurpose Hall, Wisma Sumber Alam, bringing together 36 participants from government agencies, private companies, architects, engineers, and STIDC staff.

The course was designed to give local industry players a clearer understanding of MET concepts, design, and practical uses in modern construction. By building up this local technical knowledge, STIDC aims to encourage more widespread use of engineered wood, supporting the State's push towards eco-friendly building practices.



Knowledge Sharing by Experts

The technical sessions were led by a team from the Faculty of Engineering, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Shah Alam, featuring Prof. Ir. Ts. Dr. Rohana Hassan, Dr. Norshariza Mohamad Bhkari, and Ir. Muhd Salmizi Jaafar, who shared their practical expertise on structural design.

Alongside the technical topics, the programme included a session on integrity and anti-corruption to highlight the importance of good governance in the profession. This was delivered by Encik Azmizam bin Abdullah, Senior Assistant Superintendent from the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC).

Focus on Talent Development and Sustainability

In his opening speech, STIDC General Manager, YBhg Datu Haji Zainal Abidin bin Haji Abdullah, pointed out that developing workforce skills and technical capabilities is key to moving the timber construction industry forward. Datu Haji Zainal thanked the speakers from UiTM and the participants for their commitment, noting that adopting MET is a practical choice for Sarawak's future.

"For Sarawak's timber industry, Mass Engineered Timber is a smart step toward cleaner, faster, and more



environmentally friendly construction," he said. "This course fits right into the government's plans to grow our downstream timber sector and add real value to our natural timber resources."

He also explained that this event is just the beginning of a planned training series. This first session focused on building a solid foundation, while upcoming series will go into deeper technical details and practical strategies tailored for Sarawak.

Working Together for the Industry

The smooth running of the course marks another successful joint effort between the public and private sectors. STIDC thanks all the speakers, participants, and the organising team for making the event possible. The knowledge gained over the two days will help strengthen the engineered timber sector and support a competitive, sustainable economy for Sarawak.

Activities/News

Industry Update and Dialogue Deepens Understanding of the Recruitment of Non-Sarawakian Workers in Sarawak

Industry leaders, government agencies and key stakeholders from across Sarawak came together in April for a two-session Industry Update and Dialogue on Regulatory Requirements and Procedures for the Recruitment of Non-Sarawakian Workers in Sarawak. Jointly organised by the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) and the Immigration and Labour Management Unit (ILMU), Department of the Premier of Sarawak, the programme provided a timely platform for meaningful discussions on workforce management and regulatory compliance.

The first session took place on 16 April at the Promenade Hotel, Bintulu, followed by a second session on 23 April at Dewan Seminar PUSAKA, Wisma Sumber Alam, Kuching. More than 150 participants representing the manufacturing, timber and forestry, oil and gas, oil palm, construction and services sectors attended the programmes, underscoring the importance of effective labour management in supporting Sarawak's continued economic growth.

Speaking in Bintulu on behalf of STIDC General Manager YBhg. Datu Haji Zainal Abidin bin Haji Abdullah, STIDC Deputy General Manager YBrs. Hajah Haluyah binti Awi emphasised that non-Sarawakian workers continue to play an important

role in sustaining the State's industries. As businesses expand and workforce demands evolve, she noted that employers must remain well-informed of current requirements to ensure smooth operations while safeguarding the interests and welfare of their employees.

The same message resonated during the Kuching session. In her welcoming remarks, YBrs. Cik Hajah Haluyah Awi highlighted the contribution of non-Sarawakian workers to key sectors of the economy and stressed the importance of responsible recruitment practices that fully comply with labour and immigration regulations.

"Today's session is not only about understanding processes, but also about ensuring that our growth is supported by strong principles of fairness, accountability and sustainability," she said.

Participants received updates from the relevant authorities on amendments to the Sarawak Labour Ordinance (Cap. 76), procedures for employment pass applications, labour licensing requirements, and ongoing efforts to strengthen governance and integrity. They were also introduced to digital platforms aimed at improving efficiency,

Deputy State Secretary (Administration) Datu Felicia Tan Ya Hua (seated centre) and Deputy General Manager STIDC Hajah Haluyah Awi (seated second from right) attended the Industry Update and Dialogue on Regulatory Requirements and Procedures for Recruitment of Non-Sarawakian Workers in Sarawak at Promenade Hotel, Bintulu.



transparency and accessibility in labour management processes.

Delivering the keynote address in Bintulu, Deputy State Secretary (Administration) YBhg. Datu Felicia Tan Ya Hua described the programme as a significant milestone, marking the first collaboration of its kind between ILMU and STIDC. She highlighted Sarawak's Foreign Workers Transformation Approach (FWTA) and its digital initiatives, including JobSarawak, SANSOLS and EXPRT, which form part of the State's broader efforts to digitalise processes, reduce manual procedures and enhance accountability.

Meanwhile, in Kuching, YBhg. Datu Ken Anak Leben, Special Administrative Officer in the Department of the Premier of Sarawak, reiterated the State Government's commitment to strengthening labour and immigration management, particularly following the implementation of amendments to the Sarawak Labour Ordinance. Since the rollout of the FWTA in January 2025, he noted that more than 10,000 companies have registered and are utilising JobSarawak, SANSOLS and EXPRT to streamline recruitment processes.



"These initiatives are not just about moving from manual to digital systems," he said. "They are about enhancing transparency, improving efficiency, and building trust through clear and accountable processes."

One of the highlights of both sessions was the dialogue segment, which allowed participants to engage directly with regulators, seek clarification and share the challenges they face on the ground. Discussions covered labour legislation, immigration procedures, governance and integrity, as well as the practical application of digital systems in recruitment and worker management.

Datu Haji Zainal Abidin bin Haji Abdullah (fourth from right) at the Industry Update Programme, held at Dewan Seminar, Wisma Sumber Alam, Petra Jaya.

Feedback gathered during the sessions will help ensure that future improvements remain responsive to industry needs.

Closing the Kuching programme, STIDC General Manager YBhg. Datu Haji Zainal Abidin bin Haji Abdullah described the engagement as both productive and timely. The encouraging turnout, he said, reflected the industry's willingness to work hand in hand with the authorities in aligning policy with practice. He reiterated that while non-Sarawakian workers remain essential to supporting economic activities, their recruitment must be guided by compliance, transparency and a genuine commitment to worker welfare.

Special Administrative Officer in the Premier's Department of Sarawak, Yang Berbahagia Datu Ken Anak Leben (seated centre), Deputy General Manager STIDC, Hajah Haluyah Awi (seated front row left) and Senior Assistant General Manager, Licensing, Industrial Planning & Investment Division Nicholas Andrew Lissem (seated front row right) attended the Industry Update and Dialogue on Regulatory Requirements and Procedures for Recruitment of Non-Sarawakian Workers in Sarawak at Dewan Seminar, Wisma Sumber Alam, Petra Jaya.



The initiative reflects the aspirations of Sarawak's Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030 (PCDS 2030), which places strong emphasis on good governance, regulatory compliance and digital innovation as drivers of long-term resilience and competitiveness. The organisers expressed their appreciation to all speakers, participating agencies and attendees, noting that continued collaboration between government and industry will be instrumental in ensuring that Sarawak remains an attractive, well-regulated and competitive destination for investment and growth.

Activities/News

STIDC Aidilfitri Celebration at Its Newly Completed Glulam Concourse



KUCHING, 17 April 2026 – The Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) hosted 600 guests today for its *Majlis Ramah Tamah Aidilfitri PUSAKA 2026*, marking the official launch of the newly completed Concourse Area at Wisma Sumber Alam.

The event, which brought together officials from various government agencies and STIDC subsidiary companies to strengthen working relationships, also served as a showcase for Sarawak's advancements in sustainable timber construction.

The celebration was graced by Deputy Premier of Sarawak and STIDC Chairman, Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah bin Ali Hasan, who officially inaugurated the site's new Glulam Building Structure.

Completed in July 2025, the eight-metre-tall structure serves as a practical demonstration of how traditional Sarawakian hardwoods can be utilised in modern, large-scale structural engineering.

“This glulam structure highlights how we can use Belian (*Eusideroxylon zwageri*) for columns and Keruing (*Dipterocarpus spp.*) for beams in entirely new ways,”

Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah said.





“By using glued laminated timber technology, we are proving Sarawak’s commitment to sustainable timber and the future of Mass Engineered Timber (MET) in our local building industry.”

The concourse structure represents a significant technical milestone, incorporating approximately 150 cubic metres of structural hardwood glulam. The framework is held together by two metric tons of custom-made steel plate connectors, designed to ensure long-term joint stability.

The engineering behind the project features a highly specialised steel rod anchorage system. This system is secured using high-strength epoxy resin specifically formulated to handle heavy structural loads.

With the opening of the new concourse, STIDC aims to continue pioneering modern, eco-friendly applications for local timber while providing a functional public space for the community and corporation staff.



Activities/News

STIDC and PMW International Partner to Accelerate Tanjung Manis Development

On 9 April 2026, Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) has signed a new partnership agreement with PMW International Sdn Bhd. The signing ceremony took place at the STIDC Headquarters in Petra Jaya. This exciting partnership aims to boost business and create new industrial growth in Tanjung Manis, making it a main entry point for business in Sarawak's central region. STIDC is working hard to help rural areas grow. By joining hands with PMW International to form a new company called PMW Winabumi (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd, STIDC is moving into building materials. Datu Haji Zainal Abidin bin Haji Abdullah, the General Manager of STIDC, said that Tanjung Manis is a top priority. He explained that this project shows other investors that Tanjung Manis is a great place for business. This plan also supports Sarawak's goals to create a stronger economy and offer good jobs for local people.

The main goal of this partnership is to make construction materials right here in Sarawak. PMW International will use its skills to build a factory that makes foundation piles, concrete poles, and square piles for building projects. The company will also make poles for phone towers, electricity lines, streetlights, and eco-friendly solar lights. Meanwhile, Lee Hon Hwa, the Executive Director of PMW International, said they want to make these products locally to help Sarawak's builders. He hopes the factory construction can start quickly. This project will bring a lot of good changes to the local community. Once the final papers are approved, building the factory will take about a year. The factory plans to start working by the end of 2027. Most importantly, the company wants to hire local workers. PMW has already started interviewing residents, and many people are excited about the new jobs. This partnership will help local families learn new skills and bring more businesses into the area.



Activities/News

UNIMAS Embarks on Technical Study Tour of Wood Composite Industries in Sibu and Tanjung Manis

A group of 23 students and a lecturer from the Wood Science and Technology programme at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) recently participated in a technical study tour to several wood-based factories in Sibu and Tanjung Manis from 10 to 11 June 2026.





Led by Professor Wong Sin Yeng and accompanied by officials from the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC), the visit aimed to provide students with first-hand exposure to STIDC's regulatory functions, timber technology, the manufacturing of wood composite products, and the latest developments within Sarawak's wood-based industry.



Throughout the programme, participants had the opportunity to tour production facilities manufacturing various downstream timber products, including plywood, laminated boards, charcoal briquettes, and woodchips. Additionally, they attended a briefing session highlighting STIDC's role and functions in driving the development of the state's timber industry.

It is hoped that this visit will deepen the students' understanding of actual industrial operations while strengthening ties between academic institutions and the industry, ultimately fostering highly skilled and competitive human capital.



Activities/News

STIDC Showcase Sarawak's Sustainable Wood and Furniture Innovations at Brunei's 33rd Consumer Fair and Trade Expo

From top to bottom:

The STIDC delegation at the 33rd Consumer Fair and Trade Expo (CFTE), held at the International Convention Centre (ICC) in Berakas, Brunei.

Brunei's Deputy Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Yang Mulia Dayang Hajah Tutiati Binti Haji Abdul Wahab (left), listens to a briefing on furniture products by STIDC Industrial Development Manager Lundy Joe Sibat at the STIDC expo booth.



Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) showcased the best of Sarawak's furniture products at the 33rd Consumer Fair and Trade Expo (CFTE) from 24 June 2026 to 28 June 2026 in Brunei. Held at the International Convention Centre (ICC) in Berakas, the STIDC delegation connected with regional buyers and visitors through to the final day of the expo.

As Brunei's premier bi-annual trade event, this edition of the CFTE was one of its biggest yet, buzzing with over 700 booths, international pavilions, and dedicated business-matching sessions. The expo provided a prime platform for STIDC to highlight the growth and transformation of Sarawak's timber industry, with focus on high-value, sustainably crafted furniture and downstream wood products.





Visitors and regional trade partners exploring sustainable wood products and investment opportunities at the STIDC pavilion.



STIDC Industrial Development Manager, Lundy Joe Sibat, highlighted the significance of the exhibition for regional trade. “Being present at the 33rd CFTE is a fantastic opportunity for us to connect face-to-face with our regional neighbours and partners. Brunei is an incredibly valued market for Sarawak,” he stated.

He emphasised that the platform extends far beyond a typical trade showcase, acting as a window into the evolution of Sarawak’s timber sector.

“This expo isn’t just about showcasing products; it’s about sharing the story of innovation and sustainability behind Sarawak’s timber industry today. We are really looking forward to the business-matching sessions to build genuine,

long-term partnerships that will benefit enterprises on both sides of the border,” Lundy added.

STIDC’s strong presence at the expo included dedicated exhibition booths showcasing prominent local players, namely Kayusar Sdn Bhd, Solo Timber Sdn Bhd, Brown Two Furniture and Hap Lee Fun Enterprise.

Commenting on the scale of the trade event, Ms Ting Chul San, Head of Corporate Communications at D’Sunlit Sdn Bhd, said the CFTE is more than a consumer fair; it is a platform to connect businesses and consumers, creating opportunities for networking, collaboration, market expansion and economic development.

The event was officiated by Brunei’s Deputy Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Yang Mulia Dayang Hajah Tutiatiy Binti Haji Abdul Wahab.

In addition to promoting wood-based products, Lundy highlighted the massive potential for industrial growth back home, inviting regional players to explore investment opportunities in Tanjung Manis. STIDC has been a key driver in transforming the Tanjung Manis economic zone into a robust industrial and commercial hub.

Beyond its well-established timber complexes, STIDC’s ongoing initiatives in the area include developing dedicated furniture parks, improving deep-water port facilities and expanding the integrated township. These developments not only expand STIDC’s exposure and direct involvement across these diversified sectors, but also aim to significantly increase the export value of its high-yield products by supporting high-value downstream activities, aquaculture and halal industries.

“We highly encourage international investors to look closely at the incredible possibilities Tanjung Manis has to offer,” Lundy added.

“With its strategic location, ready-made infrastructure, and STIDC’s comprehensive support frameworks, it is the perfect base for businesses wanting to expand their footprint in the ASEAN region.”

The STIDC pavilion offered visitors and entrepreneurs a closer look at the craftsmanship, modern design and sustainable practices shaping Sarawak’s wood-based industries. The Corporation’s team was on hand throughout the five-day event, engaging visitors and facilitating business matching opportunities.

TABLE 1: EXPORT SUMMARY OF TIMBER AND TIMBER PRODUCTS FROM SARAWAK

Products	2026 ^a January - June			2025 ^a January - June			% Change 2026 / 2025	
	Volume (M ³)	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume (M ³)	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume	Value
PLYWOOD	313,433	576,741	49.53	313,094	633,589	52.34	0.11	(8.97)
LOGS	262,847	191,141	16.41	216,920	178,102	14.71	21.17	7.32
FIBREBOARD	77,478	182,300	15.65	78,933	174,924	14.45	(1.84)	4.22
SAWN TIMBER	45,811	69,599	5.98	45,061	65,342	5.40	1.67	6.51
FLOORING	2,980	20,451	1.76	2,810	19,375	1.60	6.05	5.55
DOORSKIN	8,277	20,552	1.76	7,290	18,930	1.56	13.53	8.57
DOOR PANELS & FRAMES	6,333	12,380	1.06	6,023	12,297	1.02	5.16	0.67
veneer	4,314	8,232	0.71	2,221	4,313	0.36	94.23	90.87
WOODEN STAKES	2,443	3,900	0.33	2,327	3,991	0.33	4.97	(2.28)
MOULDING	915	2,520	0.22	865	2,531	0.21	5.73	(0.44)
OTHER PRODUCTS*	2,798	4,960	0.43	2,244	4,015	0.33	24.68	23.51
OTHER PRODUCTS**[Units]	18,740	6,416	0.55	205,479	15,035	1.24	(90.88)	(57.33)
OTHER PRODUCTS***[Kgm]	-	-	-	22,250	300	0.02	(100.00)	(100.00)
WOODCHIP [Tonne]	35,959	11,058	0.95	59,839	29,969	2.48	(39.91)	(63.10)
WOOD PELLETS [Tonne]	79,974	51,197	4.40	56,713	43,111	3.56	41.01	18.76
CHARCOAL (Tonne)	1,225	3,075	0.26	1,656	4,589	0.38	(26.02)	(32.99)
TOTAL (m³) (RM)	727,630	1,164,521	100	677,789	1,210,414	100	7.35	(3.79)

***Other Timber Products:**

- Blockboard
- Dowels
- Finger jointed
- Lamin board
- Laminated beam/post
- Laminated board
- Laminated Veneer Lumber
- Particleboard
- Wooden Handle
- Wooden Lattice

****Other Timber Products:**

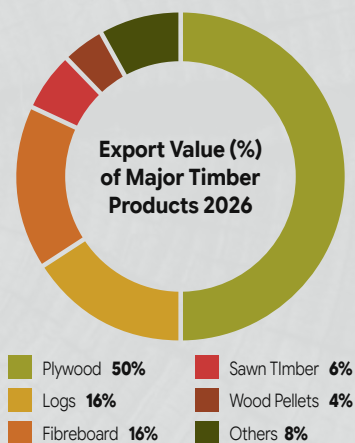
- Furniture & furniture parts

*****Other Timber Products:**

- Shingles

Notes:

- > Fibreboard include MDF and HDF
- > Total of volume (m³) does not includes woodchips (tonne) and other product (units)
- > a = actual data & total does not include application/permit to transport goods within the Federation [Customs Declaration Form No.3 (CDF3)]
- > p = preliminary data & total does not include application/permit to transport goods within the Federation [Customs Declaration Form No.3 (CDF3)]


TABLE 2: EXPORT OF PLYWOOD BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION

Destination	2026 ^a January - June			2025 ^a January - June			% Change 2026 / 2025	
	Volume (M ³)	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume (M ³)	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume	Value
JAPAN	233,018	444,711	77.11	257,136	536,195	84.63	(9.38)	(17.06)
MIDDLE EAST	49,625	78,718	13.65	30,845	53,280	8.41	60.89	47.75
TAIWAN	10,979	16,784	2.91	18,226	29,006	4.58	(39.76)	(42.14)
UNITED STATES	4,689	9,437	1.64	-	-	-	100.00	100.00
TURKIYE	5,397	9,089	1.58	-	-	-	100.00	100.00
OTHERS*	9,725	18,002	3.12	6,888	15,108	2.38	41.19	19.15
TOTAL	313,433	576,741	100	313,094	633,589	100	0.11	(8.97)

***Other Destinations:**

- Australia
- Brunei Darussalam
- China
- Hong Kong
- India
- Indonesia
- Korea
- Mexico
- Philippines
- Singapore
- Somalia
- Thailand
- Vietnam

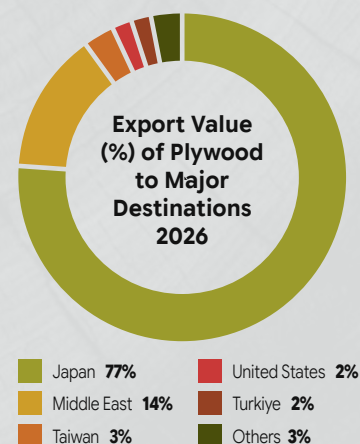
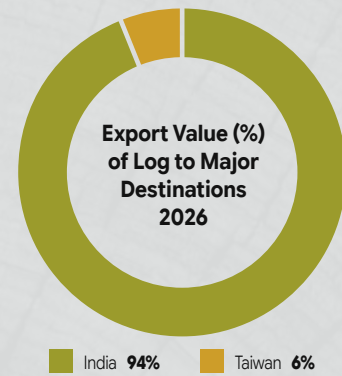


TABLE 3: EXPORT OF LOGS BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION

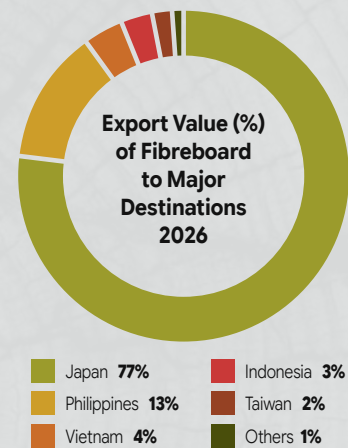
Destination	2026 ^a January - June			2025 ^a January - June			% Change 2026 / 2025	
	Volume (M ³)	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume (M ³)	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume	Value
INDIA	251,605	179,522	93.92	208,940	170,743	95.87	20.42	5.14
TAIWAN	11,242	11,619	6.08	5,056	5,195	2.92	122.35	123.67
JAPAN	-	-	-	2,925	2,164	1.21	(100.00)	(100.00)
TOTAL	262,847	191,141	100	216,920	178,102	100	21.17	7.32

**TABLE 4: EXPORT OF FIBREBOARD BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION**

Destination	2026 ^a January - June			2025 ^a January - June			% Change 2026 / 2025	
	Volume (M ³)	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume (M ³)	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume	Value
JAPAN	57,206	140,297	76.96	55,905	125,817	71.93	2.33	11.51
PHILIPPINES	11,711	23,968	13.15	13,477	29,011	16.58	(13.11)	(17.38)
VIETNAM	3,032	7,579	4.16	2,681	6,567	3.75	13.10	15.42
INDONESIA	2,889	5,534	3.04	3,024	6,252	3.57	(4.46)	(11.49)
TAIWAN	1,597	3,215	1.76	1,566	3,277	1.87	1.94	(1.89)
OTHERS*	1,044	1,706	0.94	2,280	4,000	2.29	(54.22)	(57.34)
TOTAL	77,478	182,300	100	78,933	174,924	100	(1.84)	4.22

***Other Destinations:**

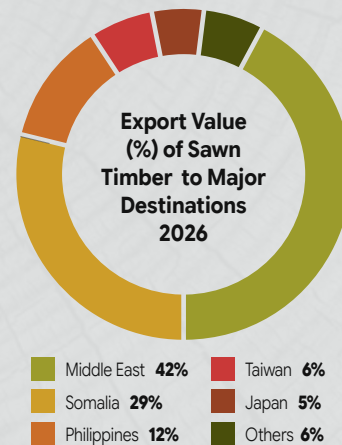
- Australia
- Brunei Darussalam
- Canada
- China
- India
- Korea
- Singapore

**TABLE 5: EXPORT OF SAWN TIMBER BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION**

Destination	2026 ^a January - June			2025 ^a January - June			% Change 2026 / 2025	
	Volume (M ³)	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume (M ³)	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume	Value
MIDDLE EAST	19,082	29,016	41.69	22,736	35,512	54.35	(16.07)	(18.29)
SOMALIA	13,388	20,546	29.52	2,142	2,677	4.10	524.92	667.52
PHILIPPINES	5,906	8,313	11.94	8,354	7,704	11.79	(29.31)	7.90
TAIWAN	3,340	4,526	6.50	5,082	7,085	10.84	(34.29)	(36.13)
JAPAN	1,459	3,278	4.71	1,289	3,367	5.15	13.25	(2.65)
OTHERS*	2,636	3,921	5.63	5,457	8,996	13.77	(51.69)	(56.42)
TOTAL	45,811	69,599	100	45,061	65,342	100	1.67	6.51

***Other Destinations:**

- Australia
- Brunei Darussalam
- China
- India
- Korea
- Maldives
- Pakistan
- Seychelles
- South Africa
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand

**TABLE 6: EXPORT OF WOOD PELLETS BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION**

Destination	2026 ^a January - June			2025 ^a January - June			% Change 2026 / 2025	
	Volume (M ³)	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume (M ³)	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume	Value
JAPAN	74,500	49,492	96.67	56,510	42,937	99.60	31.83	15.27
KOREA	5,400	1,646	3.21	-	-	-	100.00	100.00
THAILAND	74	59	0.12	203	174	0.40	(63.61)	(65.78)
TOTAL	79,974	51,197	100	56,713	43,111	100	41.01	18.76





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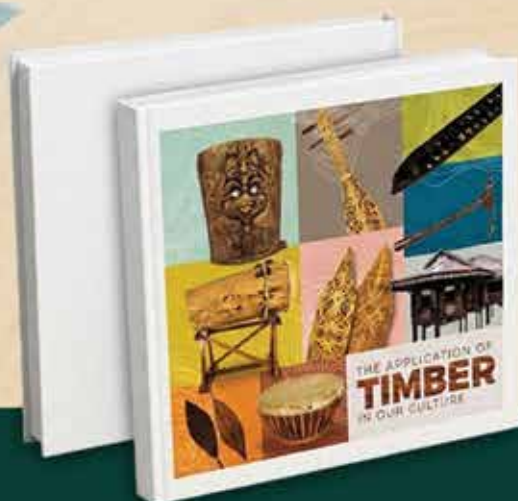
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