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# EDITORIAL

**HAJI ZAINAL ABIDIN BIN HAJI ABDULLAH**  
*General Manager*

Over the past fifty years, STIDC has been central to building a thriving and sustainable timber industry in Sarawak. The state's rich natural resources, particularly its tropical rainforests, have laid a solid foundation for local businesses, job creation, and economic growth.

In response to global climate challenges, Sarawak is transitioning towards a green economy. This shift includes promoting forest plantations, carbon trading, and the production of eco-friendly products with low carbon footprints. Sustainable fuels, such as hydrogen, hydro, and biofuels like pellets, are also a focus of this transition.

Sarawak's commitment to sustainability is reflected in its forest plantation initiatives, which ensure a renewable supply of timber for the industry. As a key exporter of tropical timber, it is vital for Sarawak to meet international climate goals and align with consumer demands for eco-friendly products from sustainable and legal sources. This alignment includes strong certification, community involvement, and competitive pricing.

The Sarawak Government has aligned its development policies with global trends, including renewable energy, carbon capture, and advancements in the digital economy. Under the Post COVID-19 Development Strategy (PCDS) 2030, the timber industry is identified as a critical sector for transforming Sarawak into a high-income state by 2030, with a goal of achieving RM8 billion in annual export earnings.

For a sustainable future, all long-term forest timber licences must comply with the Malaysian Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management (MC&I SFM) by 2025. Developing planted forests to produce high-quality logs and utilising fast-growing bamboo and other biomass resources—such as rubber wood, sago, and oil palm trunk—is essential. These materials are ideal for producing high-value biofuels like charcoal and pellets, which can reduce reliance on petroleum and cut greenhouse gas emissions.

The potential for these biofuels and activated carbon is significant, with opportunities for global expansion. Sarawak aims to build a sustainable industry that no longer depends on natural forests. The Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) policy is crucial for balancing economic needs with environmental protection and community welfare.

Transitioning from a primary-based industry to a high-value-added sector is essential. By adopting innovation, automation, and Fourth Industrial Revolution (IR 4.0) technologies, Sarawak can produce engineered wood, panels, furniture, and bamboo products for international markets.

Sarawak's Post COVID-19 Development Strategy (PCDS) 2030 envisions a dynamic, data-driven society that fosters economic prosperity, social inclusivity, and environmental sustainability. The aim is to double the state's economy from RM136 billion in 2019 to RM282 billion by 2030, with an annual growth rate of six to eight percent. This strategy will ensure equal opportunities for all Sarawakians and a clean, healthy environment for future generations.

As we move forward, we will continue to leverage data to boost productivity, develop high-value products, enhance safety, and promote environmental conservation. This augurs well with the goals of PCDS 2030 to modernise the economy, increase household income, and integrate environmental sustainability into long-term growth.



# FRIM, STIDC To Collaborate on Harvested Wood Products Research



The delegation at the STIDC Furniture Industry Complex in Kota Samarahan.

STIDC hosted the Forest Research Institute Malaysia's (FRIM) visit to Wisma Sumber Alam on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024. The visit aimed to discuss collaboration on a joint research project.

During the meeting, FRIM delivered four presentations. Dr. Geetha Ramasamy presented the first session on Accounting for HWP using tier 1. Mr. Zairul Amin Rabin followed with a presentation on Accounting for HWP using tier 2 – density of solid wood. Dr. Suffian Misran then discussed Accounting for HWP using tier 2 – density of wood-based panels. Additionally, Dr. Asniza Mustapha presented on Half-lives of HWP.

FRIM indicated that the project aimed to develop an approach for Certification of Release and Uptake for Harvested Wood Products (HWPs) to assist Malaysia in preparing the Biennial Update Report (BUR) 5.

BUR is a national greenhouse gas inventory report submitted biennially to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). BUR 5 is

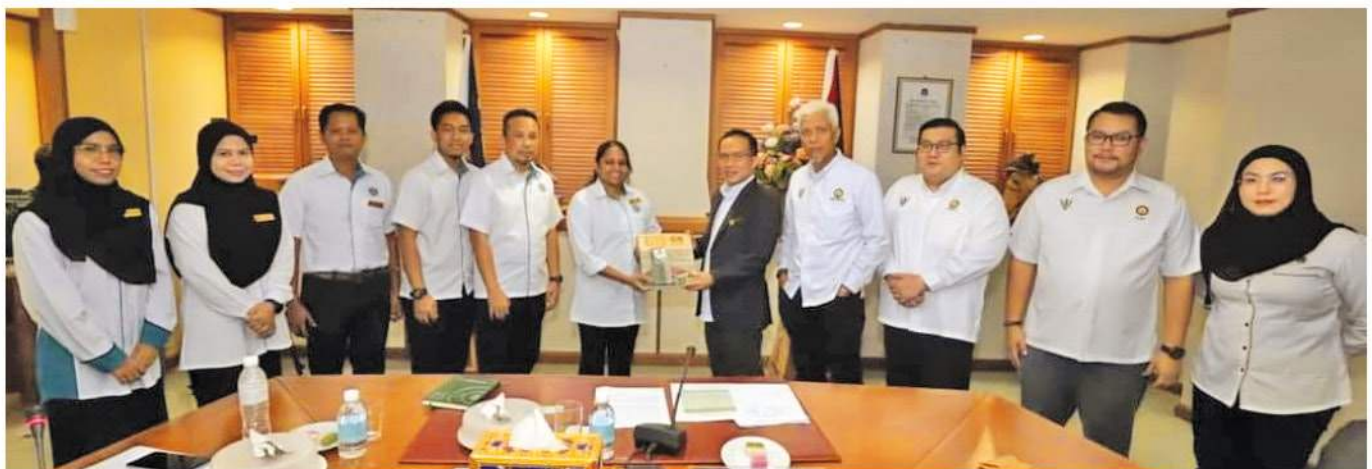
scheduled for publication this year and will include, for the first time, reporting on HWPs.

The FRIM project thus assessed whether HWPs in Malaysia acted as carbon sinks or sources using an appropriate national approach. This evaluation determined whether HWPs stored more carbon or released it into the environment over the reported years.

To conduct these assessments, categories of wood products were defined, and data on HWPs, including production, import, and export figures from 1990 to the present, were collected.

STIDC contributed significantly by supplying data on Sarawak's harvested wood products from 1990 to 2021, aiding in these calculations.

During their visit, the delegation also toured the STIDC Furniture Industry Complex in Kota Samarahan.



Encik Johari Bin Zainudin, Assistant General Manager for Research, Development & Innovation Division of STIDC, presenting a souvenir to the delegation from FRIM.



# Enhancing Corporate and Sarawak's Image Through Liaison Officers

**S**TIDC was tasked by the Sarawak Government as the Host Agency for the Negeri Sembilan contingent at the Malaysia Games (SUKMA XXI) Sarawak 2024.

Their primary responsibility was to provide Liaison Officers throughout SUKMA XXI Sarawak 2024.

To ensure efficient preparation, smooth communication, and effective coordination at the STIDC secretariat level, a Liaison Officers Workshop was conducted.

Mr. Mohammad Nizam Bin Wang, Chief Assistant Director for the Administration Unit at Sarawak Premier's Office, moderated the workshop.

He covered essential topics including the Role of Liaison Officers, Basic Knowledge, Personal Appearance and Dress

Etiquette, Effective Communication, The Do's and The Don'ts, as well as Daily Reporting Methods and Formats.

Additionally, the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Entrepreneur Development of Sarawak provided insights into SUKMA XXI Sarawak 2024.

The workshop aimed to prepare Liaison Officers and the STIDC secretariat to execute their duties excellently.

They were expected not only to uphold the corporate and state reputation but also to enhance their communication skills and establish networks with other departments and agencies.

As representatives of STIDC and the Sarawak Government, the Liaison Officers would serve as ambassadors to promote and enhance the corporate image and Sarawak's civil service.



Puan Diana Rafidah Binti Majani, Acting Assistant General Manager for the Corporate Communication Division of STIDC, presenting a memento to Encik Mohammad Nizam Bin Wang, Chief Assistant Director of the Administration Unit at the Sarawak Premier's Office.



# STIDC Empowers Integrity : Enhancing Complaints Management and Verification



Haji Zainal Abidin (seated fourth from the left), with his Deputy, Cik Hajah Haluyah Binti Awi (seated fourth from the right), along with MACC officers and participants.

**S**TIDC through its Risk Management and Integrity Division, the Human Resource Management Section, and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), hosted a course on Enhancing Core Integrity Units: Complaints Management and Verification in Kuching on 17-18 July 2024.

Fifty-eight participants attended, including management, members of the Risk Management and Integrity Division, and integrity officers from STIDC subsidiaries.

The course aimed to prepare STIDC for implementing Ethics Complaint services and to introduce Grade 41 and higher officers and Integrity Section members to complaints management, verification, and confirmation processes.

Three speakers, Assistant Commissioner Mohamad Nizam bin Kalam, Senior Officer Siti Zaharah binti Haji Alias, and Senior Assistant Commissioner Mohamad Safari bin Abdullah, shared their knowledge and experiences.

The course began with a lecture on the Whistleblower Protection Act 2010 (Act 711), procedures for implementing Ethics Complaint Management Functions, and procedures for implementing Verification and Confirmation Functions. This was followed by group discussions and practical training sessions.

The course concluded with remarks from Haji Zainal Abidin Bin Haji Abdullah, General Manager of STIDC.

It is hoped that this course would enhance participants' understanding of complain management, verification, and confirmation processes, making them more organized and systematic.



# Positive changes on the horizon for Tanjung Manis

The Economic Planning Unit (EPU) Sarawak, led by Datu Ir. Haji Zuraimi Bin Haji Sabki, Deputy Advisor in the Sarawak Premier Office, visited Tanjung Manis to review the latest developments in the area.

He noted that the visit was in line with the Sarawak government's socio-economic development initiative, which aims to promote rural transformation through digital innovation, entrepreneurship, education, infrastructure, transport, and utilities.

He observed that many positive changes are on the horizon, paving the way for the area's progress.

Under the Post-Covid Development Strategy (PCDS) 2030, he highlighted that the government is focusing on accelerating growth in partnership with industry players.

Figure 6.11 T-MEGA Zoning Plan



T-MEGA ZONING PLAN



Datu Ir. Haji Zuraimi (centre) posing for a group photo before a briefing on the latest developments in the Tanjung Manis area.

He also stressed the importance of establishing an AgroPark model in Tanjung Manis to provide better infrastructure and benefits for the younger generation.

A briefing on STIDC's initiatives for Tanjung Manis was presented by the Project Planning & Development Section of STIDC. STIDC plays a crucial role in developing various industries in Tanjung Manis, including shipbuilding, the Palm Oil Industry Cluster (POIC), the Central Oil Distribution Terminal (CODT), timber-based products, fishery and aquaculture, livestock, agriculture, and halal food processing.



Tanjung Manis Airport

Central Oil Distribution Terminal

Tanjung Manis Integrated Port



# STIDC Conducted Mid - Year Strategic Planning Retreat 2024

**S**TIDC conducted its Mid-Year Strategic Planning Retreat from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at Wisma Sumber Alam, Petra Jaya, Kuching.

During the three-day retreat, each division and section within STIDC presented their performance for the first half of 2024. This event was crucial as it allowed us to assess our achievements and identify challenges, ensuring the effective execution of our plans.

The retreat also provided an opportunity for our second-tier officers to showcase the achievements of their respective divisions and sections. It aimed to enhance their presentation and public speaking skills, contributing to their professional growth.

Haji Zainal Abidin Bin Haji Abdullah, General Manager of STIDC, emphasised the importance of teamwork and collaboration among all participants. "Through the collective efforts of a unified team, we can achieve STIDC's vision. Let us lead positive change and set new benchmarks for sustainable practices in the timber industry," he said.

He advised all Heads of Divisions and Heads of Sections to act promptly on the feedback provided to ensure accurate reporting for the year-end retreat. He also noted that KPIs and initiatives needed to be shared with all subordinate staff to ensure that everyone understood our plans and how they could contribute with their expertise.



Haji Zainal Abidin (front row, sixth from the right) with Datu Haji Hashim Bin Haji Bojet, Advisor to STIDC (fifth from the right), the management team (front row), and the retreat participants.

"KPI statements needed to focus more on outcomes and impacts. All potential leaders or second-tier officers needed to maintain knowledge comparable to their respective heads and be proactive in enhancing their competencies. I hoped that such retreat sessions would continue to drive us towards providing quality services to our stakeholders," he concluded.



# STIDC Launched Ethics Complaint Service

**T**he General Manager of the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC), Tuan Haji Zainal Abidin bin Haji Abdullah, launched the Ethics Complaint Service on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024, at Wisma Sumber Alam, Petra Jaya, Kuching.



Hajah Haluyah Binti Awi, Deputy General Manager of STIDC (fifth from the left), representing the General Manager of STIDC, launching the STIDC Ethics Complaint Service during the staff assembly on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

This Ethics Complaint Service aims to receive complaints about misconduct related to disciplinary and criminal offences among agency members. Complaint Management is one of the core functions of STIDC's Integrity Section, which is responsible for handling ethics complaints in line with the Sarawak State Integrity Circular No. 2 of 2019, dated 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019, and effective 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013. This circular outlines the Guidelines for Managing Integrity Units in State and Federal Public Agencies.

Additionally, the Ethics Complaint Service serves as an important internal control in the fight against corruption, as specified in MS ISO 37001:2016 Anti-Bribery Management System (ABMS), and is in accordance with STIDC's Whistleblower Policy.

With the launch of this Ethics Complaint Service, supported by transparent, systematic, efficient, and fair detection and verification processes, STIDC demonstrates its commitment to a no-compromise stance on disciplinary and criminal offences, particularly those related to corruption, misconduct, and abuse of power.

The public and all STIDC members can submit complaints via STIDC's website at [www.sarawak.timber.gov.my](http://www.sarawak.timber.gov.my).





Particle boards

# STIDC Initiatives Through Green Technology



One of the wood chips plants in Sarawak.

**S**TIDC aims to become an environmentally friendly entity through various initiatives, such as tree planting activities and the development of bamboo-based industries in Sarawak.

Recently, STIDC participated in a joint dialogue hosted by The European House - Ambrosetti and Associazione Italia - ASEAN, alongside the Malaysian Investment Development Board (MIDA) and the Italian Trade Agency (ITA). The discussion covered ASEAN's post-pandemic economic outlook, green technology for sustainability, e-Economy, smart technology, value chain 4.0, aerospace safety for durability, and investment opportunities and cooperation tools between Italy and ASEAN countries.

Additionally, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Green Pellet (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd and Kanematsu Corporation. Green Pellet (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of STIDC, produces eco-friendly wood pellets from wood residue and wood sourced from planted forests, catering to industrial fuel needs. This aligns with STIDC's green initiatives and the slogan 'Driving Sustainability'. Its primary markets are Korea and Japan.

STIDC is actively promoting the use of engineered wood for housing and building construction components in Sarawak, supporting the Sarawak Government's drive towards green development, environmental sustainability, and carbon storage.





Briquette charcoal



Wood chips



Core plugs



Wood pellets



Pallet blocks



Fibre boards

Recognising its efforts, STIDC received the prestigious BrandLaureate Best Brand Award in the Nation Pride category for Sustainable Forest Management. This award reflects STIDC's dedication to promoting the circular economy and green technology.

Moreover, through its subsidiaries and associated companies, STIDC utilises factory and forest waste to produce high-value-added products such as fibreboard, wood pellets, and wood chips. This commitment is encapsulated in STIDC's tagline, 'Nothing Goes to Waste'. Alongside these efforts, STIDC spearheads the use of matured rubber trees and bamboo as alternative sources of raw materials to supplement timber, reducing dependence on timber from natural forests.

STIDC has also organised the Sarawak Bamboo Industry Development Awareness Programme Roadshow to highlight the potential of bamboo as an alternative wood source and to encourage community and private sector involvement in bamboo planting. Additionally, STIDC participated in the 12<sup>th</sup> World Bamboo Congress in Taiwan to enrich knowledge, network with successful bamboo industry players from 20 countries, and share experiences.

Recently, Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah Ali Hasan, Deputy Premier of Sarawak and Chairman of STIDC's Board of Management, led a delegation to Stockholm, Sweden, to promote Sarawak as an investment destination and explore collaboration opportunities in forest management, plantation, and timber processing technology.

STIDC demonstrates its commitment to environmental stewardship through innovative green technologies and strategic initiatives. By engaging in forest plantation, developing bamboo-based industries, and promoting sustainable practices such as eco-friendly timber products, STIDC continues to support the Global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Sarawak's aspiration from the Post-Covid Development Strategy 2030 (PCDS2030) to ensure Sarawak remains a green state.



# MTC Explored Sarawak's Timber and Bamboo Industries

A recent visit by The Malaysian Timber Council (MTC) Board of Trustee and management team to STIDC highlighted the potential for greater collaboration between the two entities.

During the visit, Haji Zainal Abidin Bin Haji Abdullah, General Manager of STIDC, gave a clear overview of the corporation's goals and activities. STIDC aims to transform and modernise the timber industry with the goal of increasing export earnings to RM8 billion by 2030. This goal is part of the Post Covid-19 Development Strategy (PCDS) 2030, which includes several key initiatives by STIDC.

A major part of STIDC's strategy is the development of the bamboo industry. Significant investments have been made to explore various uses for bamboo, including bicycles, biomass, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, textiles, food, furniture, handicrafts, and biochar. Central to these efforts are the Sabal Bamboo Nursery, which produces 45,000 seedlings each year, and the Tanjung Manis Bamboo Nursery, which produces 450,000 seedlings annually.

The Bamboo Community Project has involved 146 participants and covered more than 63 hectares, while commercial bamboo plantations have expanded to 3,597 hectares across Sarawak.

Haji Zainal also highlighted that STIDC's vision goes beyond bamboo. Recent projects include developing the engineered wood industry, exploring carbon trading, and supporting small and medium-sized businesses. STIDC conducted a workshop on the Furniture Making Industry Blueprint for Sarawak 2024 and organised benchmarking visits to the Muar Furniture Association in Johor and Institut Kemahiran MARA (IKM) in Alor Setar, Kedah. STIDC also supports young furniture designers through the SayD'Signers Sarawak Programme.

STIDC has achieved significant milestones, showing its commitment to innovation and sustainability in Sarawak's wood-based and bamboo sectors. The corporation's growth and initiatives reflect its dedication to building a thriving and sustainable wood-based and bamboo industries.

Meanwhile, Puan Noraihan Abdul Rahman, Chief Executive Officer of MTC said a united approach is essential for advancing the timber sector. She explained that the visit to STIDC and Kayusar Plywood Factory aimed to strengthen their partnership and support the growth of the country's wood-based industry. She noted that STIDC has clear plans to improve both the upstream and downstream sectors of Sarawak's wood-based industry. "We hope to see greater cooperation between industry players in Peninsular Malaysia and Sarawak to advancing this industry," she said.

The visit by MTC to STIDC and Kayusar Plywood Factory highlighted the strong partnership and collaborative efforts to boost Malaysia's wood-based and bamboo industries. STIDC's ambitious plans, including modernising the timber industry and expanding bamboo utilisation, aim to significantly enhance Sarawak's export earnings and industry growth. With ongoing initiatives and investments, STIDC is driving innovation and sustainability.



Haji Zainal Abidin (centre) with Puan Noraihan (third from the left) and other MTC officials at Wisma Sumber Alam.



# STIDC participated in a benchmarking visit to Penrose Plantation Forest

**S**TIDC recently participated in a benchmarking visit to Penrose Plantation Forest, located in the Southern Tablelands of New South Wales. This visit aimed to enhance international collaboration in sustainable forest management and environmental conservation through the exchange of best practices.

The delegation was led by Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah Ali Hasan, the Deputy Premier of Sarawak and Chairman of the STIDC Board of Management. He is also the Second Minister for Natural Resources and Urban Development and the Minister for International Trade, Industry, and Investment of Sarawak.

Penrose Plantation Forest is renowned for its extensive and well-managed pine plantations, covering more than 1,000 hectares. It serves as a crucial site for research, recreation, and sustainable timber production, employing advanced silvicultural techniques to maintain the health and productivity of the forest. The forest is also a recreational area for the local community and is notable for its innovative approaches to biodiversity conservation. Managed by the Forestry Corporation of New South Wales, Penrose Plantation Forest shows modern forestry practices that balance ecological preservation with commercial operations.

During the visit, the Deputy Premier highlighted Sarawak's commitment to ensuring a sustainable supply of raw materials for the timber industry while continuing efforts to preserve natural forests.



Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah (on the right) with the delegates listening to a briefing by Penrose Plantation Forest's Officer.

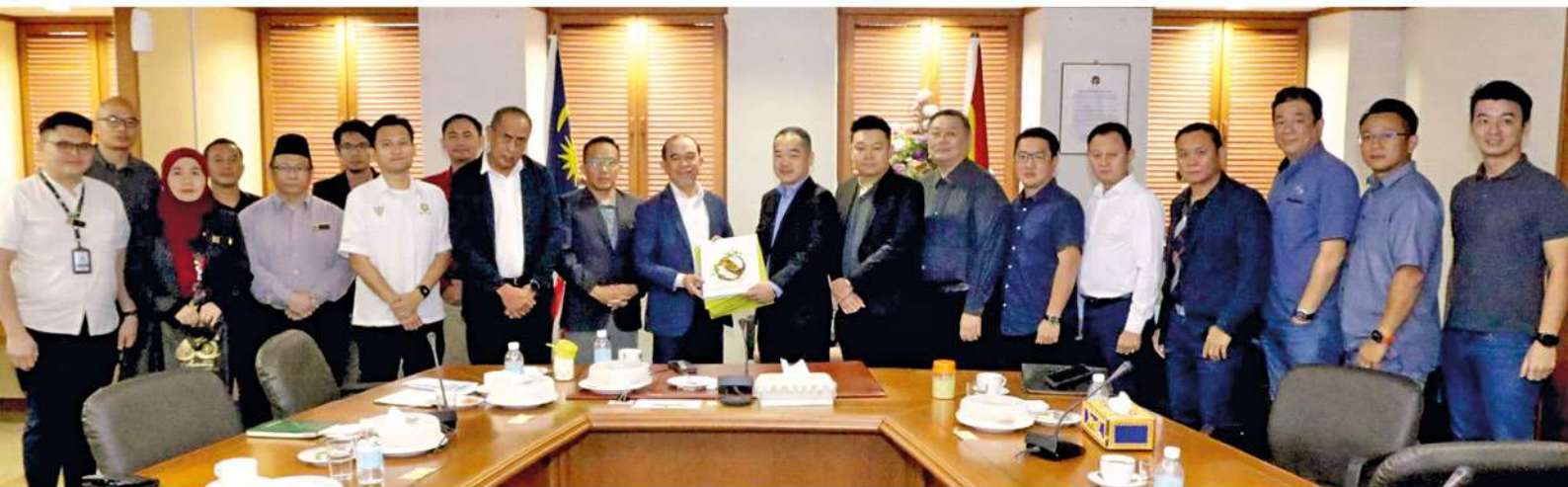
The delegation observed the full lifecycle of timber production, from planting to harvesting, and learned about the sustainable practices that minimise environmental impact. Additionally, they explored the forest's recreational facilities, including walking trails, picnic areas, and educational programmes designed to engage the community in forest conservation. The visit also featured a briefing on the forest's biodiversity conservation efforts, demonstrating how sustainable forestry can coexist with the preservation of natural habitats.



Datuk Amar Haji Awang Tengah Ali Hasan, Deputy Premier of Sarawak and Chairman of the STIDC Board of Management (right), with the delegates, listening to a briefing at Penrose Plantation Forest in Australia.



# Strengthening Sarawak's Furniture Sector: A Collaborative Effort for Growth



Haji Hashim (tenth from the right) presenting a souvenir to Desmond (ninth from the right). Also present are representatives of STIDC, MFC and SFIA at STIDC Headquarters in Petra Jaya.

A working committee was formed by STIDC, the Malaysian Furniture Council (MFC), and the Sarawak Furniture Industry Association (SFIA) to address key issues affecting the furniture sector, particularly in downstream processing.

The committee will focus on using more locally sourced raw materials, such as acacia, rubber wood, and bamboo. It will also encourage adding value to imported materials to meet the demands of the export market.

STIDC Advisor, Datu Haji Hashim bin Haji Bojet, expressed hope for this collaboration, urging industry players to share their ideas. This feedback will help the Sarawak government create business-friendly policies.

"Our goal is to create an environment that supports industry growth. A collective approach is vital. We are not only focusing on Sarawak but also on Malaysia as a whole, so teamwork is essential to achieving our goals," he said.

Datu Haji Hashim also pointed out the rising global demand for furniture, despite challenges in the market. "There is always a high demand for furniture, so we must be prepared to meet it.

This initiative aims to boost growth and enhance the industry's competitiveness both locally and internationally," he added during a recent visit from MFC and SFIA representatives to STIDC in Kuching.

Meanwhile, Desmond Tan Boon Hai, President of the Malaysian Furniture Council, highlighted Sarawak's aspiration of achieving RM8 billion in export revenue by 2030 from the wood-based sector, with the furniture sector expected to contribute RM4 billion.

"To reach this target, we need the government's support through favourable policies," he said, emphasising the importance of working together to ensure effective policy development.

This meeting was a significant step in aligning efforts within the industry, as both MFC and SFIA showed a strong willingness to participate in discussions and policy-making.

STIDC is committed to enhancing the wood-based industry in Sarawak through strategic initiatives that promote value-added products and sustainable practices.

The establishment of this working committee reflects their dedication to building a robust furniture industry that can meet both local and international **needs**.



# Exploring Timber Business Opportunities in Saudi Arabia



Mr. Awang Mentali, Assistant General Manager of Trade Promotion & Facilitation (second from right) presenting a souvenir during their recent visit to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

**S**TIDC recently visited Riyadh to explore business opportunities in the timber market, focusing on engineered wood products.

During this trip, STIDC took part in seminars, meetings, and the Saudi Wood Expo 2024.

A key highlight of the visit was STIDC's presentation titled "Sarawak Timber Industry: The Way Forward."

This presentation outlined the corporation's goal to become a global leader in the timber industry, with a strong emphasis on sustainability, innovation, and quality.

STIDC also explained how Sarawak's timber industry supports important environmental goals, particularly

under the Post-COVID Development Strategy 2030, which promotes green and sustainable practices.

The trip aimed to share STIDC's vision, find new market opportunities, and build relationships with potential suppliers from Malaysia.

This visit was part of the Malaysian Timber Council's High Impact Marketing Programme (HIMP), which seeks to increase Malaysia's timber exports by creating new business connections in Saudi Arabia.

Overall, this visit marked an important step for STIDC in expanding its global presence and promoting the quality and sustainability of Sarawak's timber products, particularly in the Middle Eastern market.



Mr. Awang Mentali, Assistant General Manager of Trade Promotion & Facilitation representing STIDC by giving a talk on Sarawak Timber Industry, The Way Forward at Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



# STIDC to have a Xylarium as a reference for local timber species



Visit to Forest Research Centre (Xylarium & Herbarium), Sandakan, Sabah



Visit to Rainforest Discovery Centre (RDC), Sandakan, Sabah



**S**TIDC aspires to establish a Xylarium at its headquarters in Kuching, to serve as a database for local timber species.

The STIDC Timber Portal team recently made a bench-marking visits to Sabah Forestry Department and Forest Research Centre of Sabah to gain insights into how a Xylarium operates and to explore various aspects related to the timber species that will be showcased in STIDC Timber Portal.

Currently, STIDC has developed a Timber Portal which can be accessed through the link <https://timberportal.sarawaktimber.gov.my/>

Since its launch on 11 November 2013, this portal has featured 96 Sarawak timber species.

Through this visit, STIDC hoped to gain a better understanding of the challenges faced in the field, particularly in obtaining the necessary wood samples, as well as to ensure the accuracy of the data.

This visit also aimed to strengthen collaboration with key partners and agencies, such as the Sabah Forestry Department and the Forest Research Centre, Sabah.

The discussions during the visit provided a valuable opportunity for exchanging ideas that will contribute to the development of the Xylarium as a database for Sarawak timber species.

Furthermore, the information gathered will be stored as an important reference point for the development of the database and will also serve as a guide for future projects.

This data is useful for publishing educational materials, such as brochures and academic resources, and for organising courses on local wood species.

In addition, STIDC offers Wood Identification Flash Cards, information on Sarawak Timber Species, and resources on The Application of Timber in Our Culture.

STIDC hopes that the establishment of the Xylarium will strengthen its role as the leading online reference source for local timber species in Sarawak by enhancing the timber database.



# STIDC Hosted Negeri Sembilan Contingent at SUKMA XXI 2024

**S**TIDC hosted the Negeri Sembilan contingent at the 21<sup>st</sup> Malaysia Games (SUKMA XXI) 2024 in Sarawak. As part of its role, STIDC provided Liaison Officers throughout the games.

Haji Zainal Abidin Bin Haji Abdullah, General Manager of STIDC, described the Liaison Officers as minor ambassadors for Sarawak. They played a crucial role in promoting Sarawak's public services, maintaining the corporation's and state's good reputation, and enhancing communication and networking with other departments and agencies.

STIDC also organised the VIP Golf Tournament. Datuk Amar Haji Mohamad Abu Bakar bin Marzuki, the Sarawak State Secretary and a Board Member of STIDC, expressed gratitude to the Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia and the Sarawak Government for appointing STIDC as the host agency. He also thanked the Sarawak Golf Club, sponsors, and supporters for their contributions to the event's success.

Datuk Amar noted that the tournament, which brought together distinguished guests and golf players from across the country, not only provided a competitive platform but also aimed to promote golf among leaders and VIPs. He viewed the event as an opportunity to strengthen relationships and build future collaborations.

He encouraged all participants to showcase their golfing skills and congratulated the winners. For those who did not win, he urged them to keep striving for future success. Datuk Amar also invited participants from outside Sarawak to explore the natural beauty and attractions of Sarawak. Known for its ethnic diversity and cultural tolerance, Sarawak's rich heritage is a significant draw for visitors.

Sarawak aims to attract four million tourists in 2024 by highlighting its culture, natural adventures, and food festivals as key attractions. Sarawak seeks to position itself as a hub for eco-tourism.

In line with the Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030 (PCDS 2030), Sarawak is focusing on six key economic sectors: manufacturing, commercial agriculture, tourism, forestry, mining, and social services. By 2030, Sarawak aspires to be a leading destination for eco-tourism and business events in the ASEAN region. The strategy involves empowering communities to conserve heritage, culture, and biodiversity while promoting investment and development in tourism.

Sarawak plans to develop more tourism products and assets, supported by improved connectivity and capacity building for local tourism operators. Sarawak will diversify its tourism focus to include health tourism, sports tourism, agro-tourism, and education tourism. These initiatives are expected to increase the number of visitors by 7.5 per cent annually.

It is hoped that all participants and officers enjoyed a memorable time and experience in Sarawak and fostered a spirit of fellowship for the nation's well-being.







Haji Zainal Abidin (standing fifth from the left) with some of the Liaison Officers.



VIP Golfers



Haji Zainal Abidin (standing in the middle) with the Negeri Sembilan secretariat.



# STIDC Celebrated Success with Negeri Sembilan Contingent

STIDC hosted the Negeri Sembilan contingent for the 21<sup>st</sup> Para SUKMA games, a national multi-sport event for athletes with disabilities.

The event, held in Kuching, Sarawak, was marked by enthusiastic participation and smooth coordination, making it a great success.

STIDC's involvement reflects its strong commitment to promoting community engagement and sportsmanship.

Athletes and officials from Negeri Sembilan praised STIDC for its warm hospitality, excellent facilities, and efficient organisation, which contributed to a memorable experience for all participants.

For the record, this 21<sup>st</sup> edition of Para SUKMA took place from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024, with the Negeri Sembilan contingent sending 119 athletes and officials to compete in 10 events.

Their hard work paid off, as they returned home with an impressive total of 53 medals including 14 gold, 19 silver, and 20 bronze, solidifying their position as strong contenders in the games.



Representing STIDC, Hajah Suraya Mohamad Ali (third from right) with Menteri Besar Negeri Sembilan Darul Khusus, YAB Dato' Seri Utama Haji Aminuddin Bin Harun



Awang Mentali (standing in the middle) representing General Manager STIDC, Haji Zainal Abidin, with the Negeri Sembilan secretariat for PARA Sukma XXI



A group photo with Negeri Sembilan PARA Sukma XXI Athletes



# trade statistics SARAWAK

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

PRODUCTS	2024 <sup>p</sup> January - June			2023 <sup>p</sup> January - June			% Change 2024/2023	
	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume	Value
PLYWOOD	316,447	709,772	48.90	269,432	670,220	43.90	17.45	5.90
LOGS	247,255	200,677	13.83	280,279	265,564	17.40	(11.78)	(24.43)
SAWNTIMBER	51,962	82,893	5.71	76,301	153,001	10.02	(31.90)	(45.82)
FIBREBOARD	87,519	194,847	13.42	80,370	197,903	12.96	8.90	(1.54)
VENEER	5,678	9,587	0.66	9,385	16,924	1.11	(39.50)	(43.35)
DOORSKIN	8,121	22,910	1.58	12,033	34,410	2.25	(32.51)	(33.42)
LAMINATED BOARD/FLOORING	3,865	26,749	1.84	2,793	14,159	0.93	38.36	88.92
PARTICLEBOARD	4,211	5,182	0.36	6,529	7,615	0.50	(35.50)	(31.95)
DOOR PANELS & FRAMES	8,441	16,090	1.11	6,730	12,334	0.81	25.43	30.45
MOULDING	1,010	2,893	0.20	1,138	3,290	0.22	(11.24)	(12.07)
OTHER PRODUCTS*	8,928	15,139	1.04	8,633	17,943	1.18	3.42	(15.63)
OTHER PRODUCTS**[Units]	928,077	31,302	2.16	974,674	23,077	1.51	(4.78)	35.65
OTHER PRODUCTS***[Kgm]	122	152	0.01	-	-	-	100.00	100.00
CHARCAOL (Tonne)	1,433	4,427	0.31	564	1,442	0.09	153.97	207.11
WOOD PELLETS [Tonne]	5 7,669	42,376	2.92	18,463	12,798	0.84	212.34	231.11
WOODCHIP [Tonne]	130,084	86,393	5.95	149,587	95,912	6.28	(13.04)	(9.92)
<b>TOTAL (m<sup>3</sup>) (RM)</b>	<b>7 43,437</b>	<b>1,451,389</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>753,622</b>	<b>1,526,591</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>(1.35)</b>	<b>(4.93)</b>

**\*OTHER TIMBER PRODUCTS:**

- » Blockboard
- » Dowels
- » Finger jointed
- » Lamin Board
- » Laminated beam/post
- » Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL)
- » Railways sleepers
- » Wooden Fences
- » Wooden Handle
- » Wooden Lattice
- » Wooden Stakes

**\*\*OTHER TIMBER PRODUCTS:**

- » Furniture & Furniture parts
- » Wooden Pallets

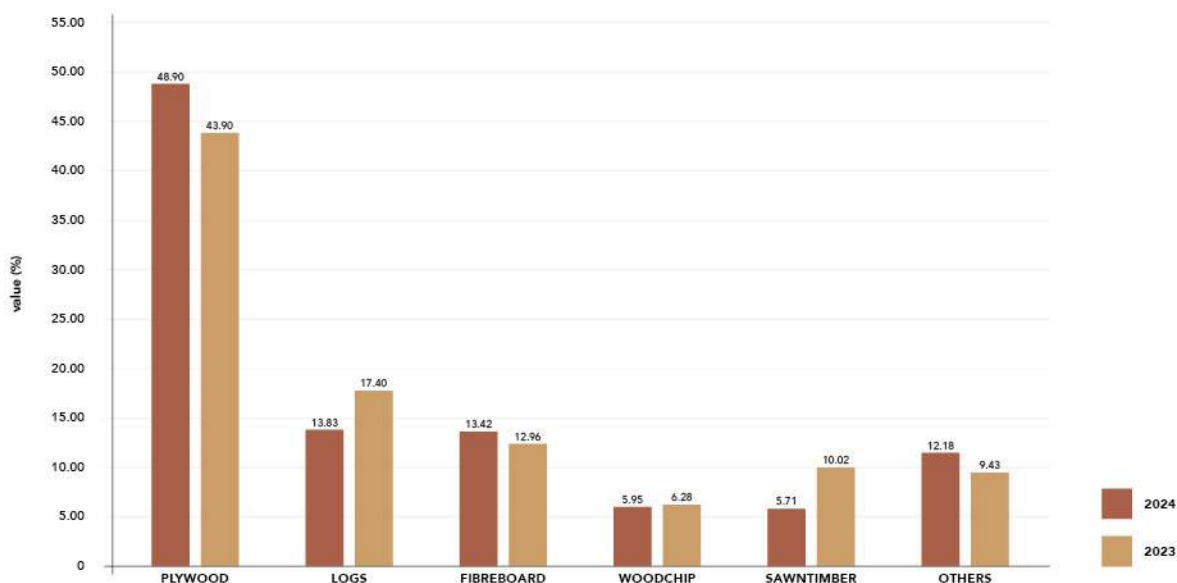
**\*\*\*OTHER TIMBER PRODUCTS:**

- » Scented Wood

**Notes:**

- » Fibreboard include MDF and HDF
- » Total of volume (m<sup>3</sup>) does not include 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)]

**EXPORT VALUE OF MAJOR TIMBER & TIMBER PRODUCTS FROM SARAWAK**  
(RM'000) : 2024 / 2023





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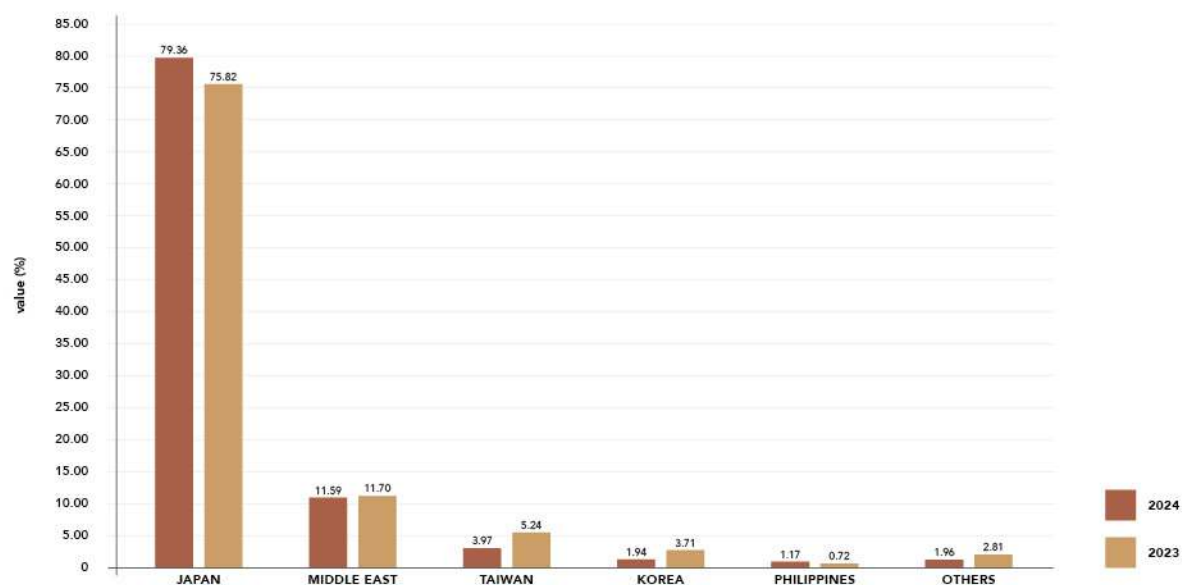
**TABLE 2**  
**EXPORT OF PLYWOOD BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATIONS**

DESTINATIONS	2024 <sup>a</sup> January - June			2023 <sup>a</sup> January - June			% Change 2024/2023	
	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume	Value
JAPAN	240,245	563,308	79.36	190,764	508,194	75.82	25.94	10.85
MIDDLE EAST	45,162	82,286	11.59	39,172	78,389	11.70	15.29	4.97
TAIWAN	15,416	28,170	3.97	18,424	35,138	5.24	(16.33)	(19.83)
KOREA	7,420	13,756	1.94	12,371	24,853	3.71	(40.02)	(44.65)
PHILIPPINES	2,391	8,318	1.17	1,427	4,838	0.72	67.59	71.92
INDIA	2,494	6,651	0.94	1,574	5,263	0.79	58.39	26.38
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	1,534	2,010	0.28	1,085	1,419	0.21	41.46	41.67
VIETNAM	383	1,534	0.22	174	801	0.12	119.99	91.64
AUSTRALIA	541	1,524	0.21	764	2,461	0.37	(29.29)	(38.09)
TURKEY	270	509	0.07	779	1,826	0.27	(65.34)	(72.12)
OTHERS*	592	1,707	0.24	2,898	7,039	1.05	(79.57)	(75.75)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>316,447</b>	<b>709,772</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>269,432</b>	<b>670,220</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>17.45</b>	<b>5.90</b>

**\*OTHER DESTINATIONS:**

- » SINGAPORE
- » NEW ZEALAND
- » THAILAND
- » CHINA
- » UNITED STATES
- » CANADA
- » PAPUA NEW GUINEA
- » INDONESIA
- » HONG KONG
- » MEXICO

**EXPORT VALUE (%) OF PLYWOOD TO MAJOR DESTINATIONS**  
(RM'000) : 2024/ 2023



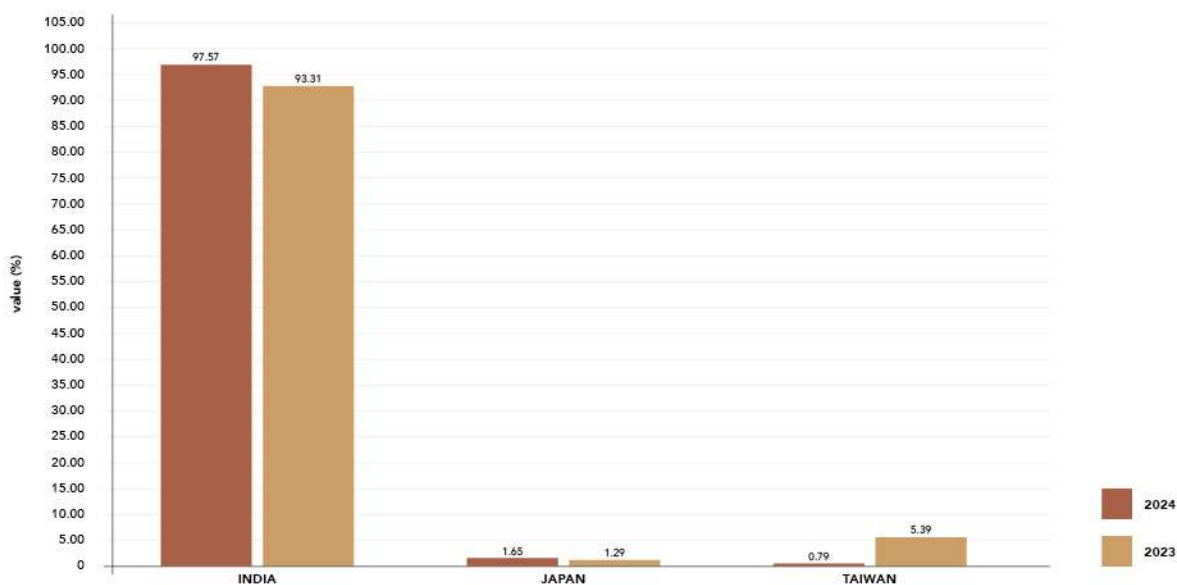


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**TABLE 3**  
**EXPORT OF LOGS BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATIONS**

DESTINATIONS	2024 <sup>p</sup> January - June			2023 <sup>p</sup> January - June			% Change 2024/2023	
	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume	Value
INDIA	241,493	195,796	97.57	264,541	247,811	93.31	(8.71)	(20.99)
JAPAN	4,024	3,303	1.65	3,842	3,427	1.29	4.75	(3.62)
TAIWAN	1,738	1,578	0.79	11,897	14,326	5.39	(85.39)	(88.98)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>247,255</b>	<b>200,677</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>280,279</b>	<b>265,564</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>(11.78)</b>	<b>(24.43)</b>

**EXPORT VALUE (%) OF LOGS TO MAJOR DESTINATIONS**  
(RM'000) : 2024/ 2023





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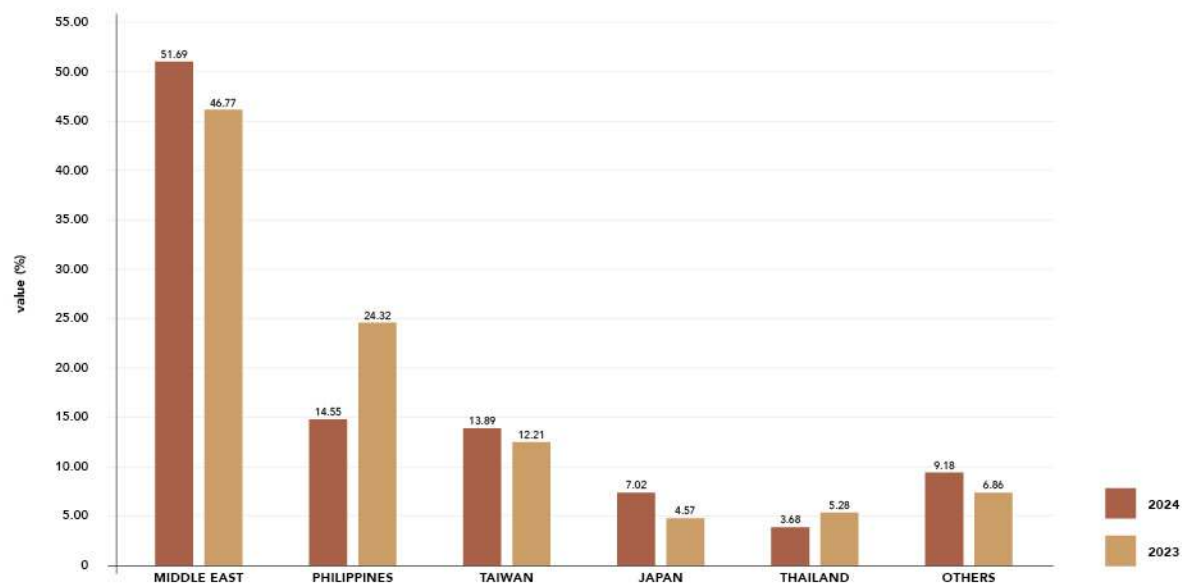
**TABLE 4**  
**EXPORT OF SAWNTIMBER BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATIONS**

DESTINATIONS	2024 <sup>a</sup> January - June			2023 <sup>a</sup> January - June			% Change 2024/2023	
	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume	Value
MIDDLE EAST	25,663	42,915	51.77	31,126	71,551	46.77	(17.55)	(40.02)
PHILIPPINES	12,478	12,059	14.55	22,892	37,203	24.32	(45.49)	(67.59)
TAIWAN	6,047	11,516	13.89	8,150	18,677	12.21	(25.80)	(38.34)
JAPAN	1,997	5,818	7.02	2,235	6,999	4.57	(10.65)	(16.87)
THAILAND	2,787	3,047	3.68	6,691	8,074	5.28	(58.35)	(62.27)
MALDIVES	432	2,764	3.33	28	115	0.08	1455.57	2297.38
CHINA	1,157	1,591	1.92	2,322	3,501	2.29	100.00	100.00
KOREA	406	728	0.88	2,130	4,035	2.64	(80.93)	(81.97)
MAURITIUS	170	609	0.73	76	336	0.22	100.00	100.00
AUSTRALIA	77	340	0.41	62	221	0.14	100.00	100.00
OTHERS*	748	1,506	1.82	590	2,289	1.50	26.83	(34.21)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51,962</b>	<b>82,893</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>76,301</b>	<b>153,001</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>(31.90)</b>	<b>(45.82)</b>

**\*OTHER DESTINATIONS:**

- » BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
- » INDIA
- » SOUTH AFRICA
- » SRI LANKA
- » VIETNAM
- » SINGAPORE
- » SEYCHELLES
- » PAKISTAN
- » HONG KONG
- » UNITED STATES

**EXPORT VALUE (%) OF SAWNTIMBER TO MAJOR DESTINATIONS**  
(RM'000) : 2024/ 2023





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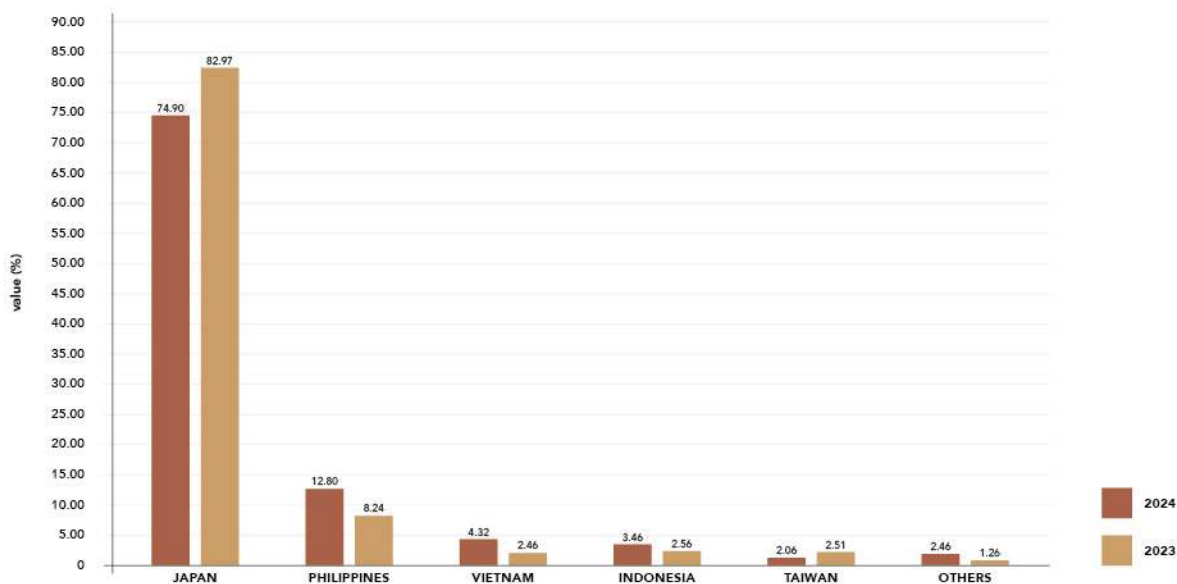
**TABLE 5**  
**EXPORT OF FIBREBOARD BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATIONS**

DESTINATIONS	2024 <sup>p</sup> January - June			2023 <sup>p</sup> January - June			% Change 2024/2023	
	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume	Value
JAPAN	62,470	145,947	74.90	65,675	163,855	82.80	(4.88)	(10.93)
PHILIPPINES	10,211	24,934	12.80	6,665	16,269	8.22	53.19	53.26
VIETNAM	3,283	8,413	4.32	1,890	4,849	2.45	73.66	73.48
INDONESIA	3,181	6,748	3.46	2,491	5,051	2.55	27.67	33.61
TAIWAN	1,727	4,018	2.06	2,135	4,960	2.51	(19.09)	(18.99)
KOREA	1,915	3,464	1.78	849	1,545	0.78	125.47	124.23
OTHERS*	4,732	1,322	0.68	663	1,374	0.69	613.71	(3.79)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>87,519</b>	<b>194,847</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>80,370</b>	<b>197,903</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>8.90</b>	<b>(1.54)</b>

**\*OTHER DESTINATIONS:**

- » AUSTRALIA
- » INDIA
- » CANADA
- » CHINA
- » BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

**EXPORT VALUE(%) OF FIBREBOARD TO MAJOR DESTINATIONS**  
(RM'000) : 2024/ 2023



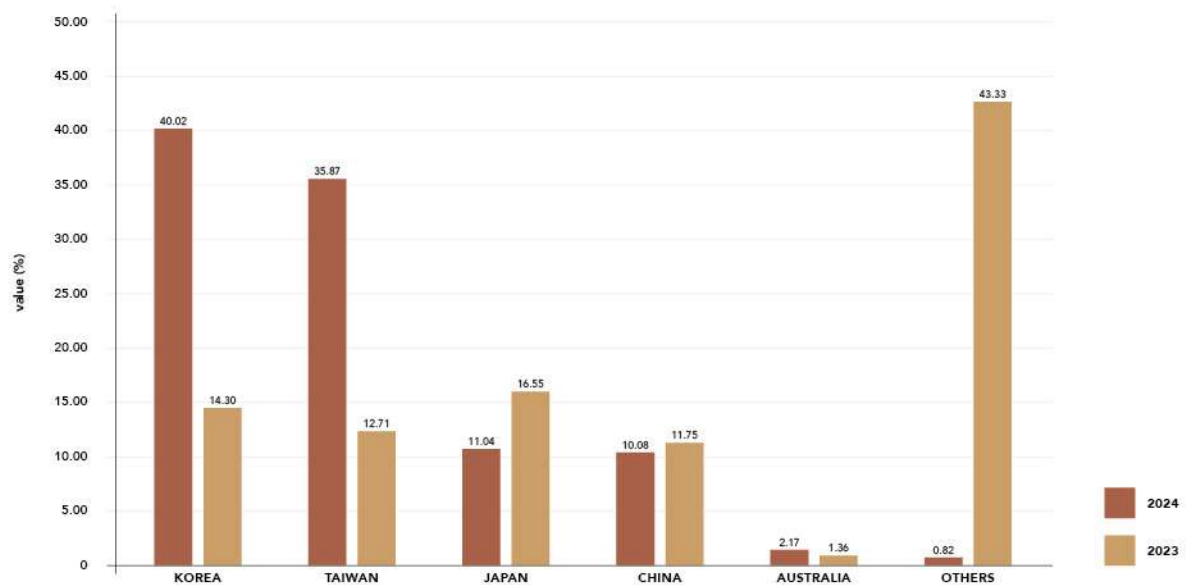


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**TABLE 6**  
**EXPORT OF VENEER BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATIONS**

DESTINATIONS	2024 <sup>a</sup> January - June			2023 <sup>a</sup> January - June			% Change 2024/2023	
	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume	Value
KOREA	2,227	3,837	40.02	1,036	2,419	14.30	114.98	58.58
TAIWAN	2,276	3,439	35.87	1,137	2,151	12.71	100.14	59.85
JAPAN	433	1,058	11.04	932	2,801	16.55	(53.49)	(62.22)
CHINA	662	967	10.08	1,280	1,989	11.75	(48.27)	(51.39)
AUSTRALIA	39	208	2.17	45	230	1.36	(12.89)	(9.59)
INDIA	41	79	0.82	-	-	-	100.00	100.00
PHILIPPINES	-	-	-	4,956	7,333	43.33	(100.00)	(100.00)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,678</b>	<b>9,587</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,385</b>	<b>16,924</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>(39.50)</b>	<b>(43.35)</b>

**EXPORT VALUE(%) OF VENEER TO MAJOR DESTINATIONS**  
(RM'000) : 2024/ 2023



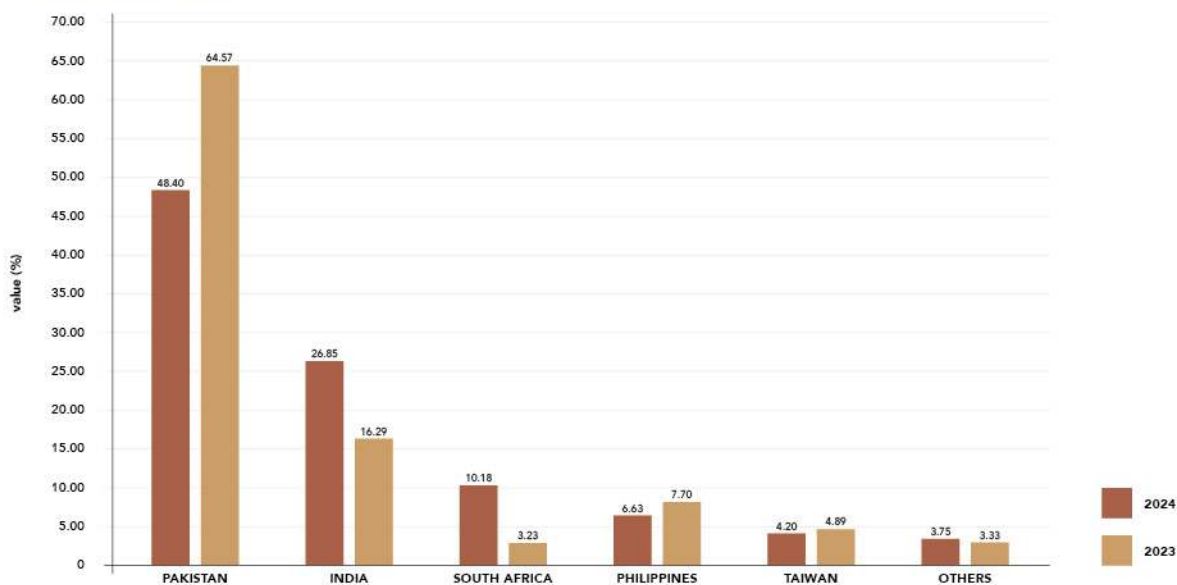


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**TABLE 7**  
**EXPORT OF DOORSKIN BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATIONS**

DESTINATIONS	2024 <sup>a</sup> January - June			2023 <sup>a</sup> January - June			% Change 2024/2023	
	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume	Value
PAKISTAN	3,974	11,088	48.40	7,927	22,217	64.57	(49.87)	(50.09)
INDIA	2,300	6,151	26.85	1,964	5,604	16.29	17.10	9.76
SOUTH AFRICA	827	2,331	10.18	420	1,110	3.23	96.94	109.94
PHILIPPINES	469	1,519	6.63	838	2,649	7.70	(44.04)	(42.65)
TAIWAN	298	962	4.20	540	1,683	4.89	(44.83)	(42.85)
INDONESIA	148	439	1.91	170	534	1.55	(12.81)	(17.88)
THAILAND	105	421	1.84	90	355	1.03	16.79	18.66
NEPAL	-	-	-	83	258	0.75	(100.00)	(100.00)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,121</b>	<b>22,910</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>12,033</b>	<b>34,410</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>(32.51)</b>	<b>(33.42)</b>

**EXPORT VALUE(%) OF DOORSKIN TO MAJOR DESTINATIONS**  
(RM'000) : 2024/ 2023



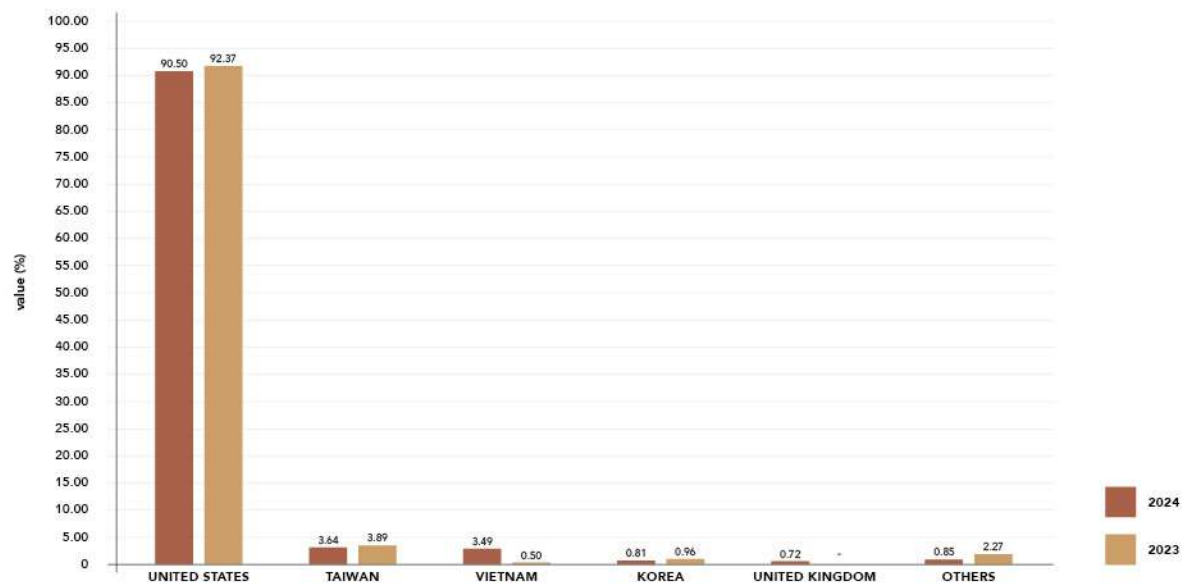


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**TABLE 8**  
**EXPORT OF LAMINATED BOARD/FLOORING BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATIONS**

DESTINATIONS	2024 <sup>p</sup> January - June			2023 <sup>p</sup> January - June			% Change 2024/2023	
	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume	Value
UNITED STATES	3,180	24,207	90.50	2,326	13,079	92.37	36.69	85.09
TAIWAN	308	973	3.64	269	551	3.89	14.70	76.65
VIETNAM	152	933	3.49	20	71	0.50	652.89	1219.09
KOREA	80	216	0.81	46	137	0.96	72.42	57.91
UNITED KINGDOM	34	192	0.72	-	-	-	100.00	100.00
SINGAPORE	86	106	0.40	83	107	0.76	3.23	(1.20)
CANADA	17	91	0.34	-	-	-	100.00	100.00
PAKISTAN	8	31	0.12	-	-	-	100.00	100.00
INDIA	-	-	-	49	215	1.52	(100.00)	(100.00)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,865</b>	<b>26,749</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,793</b>	<b>14,159</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>38.36</b>	<b>88.92</b>

**EXPORT VALUE (%) OF LAMINATED BOARD/ FLOORING TO MAJOR DESTINATIONS**  
(RM'000) : 2024/ 2023



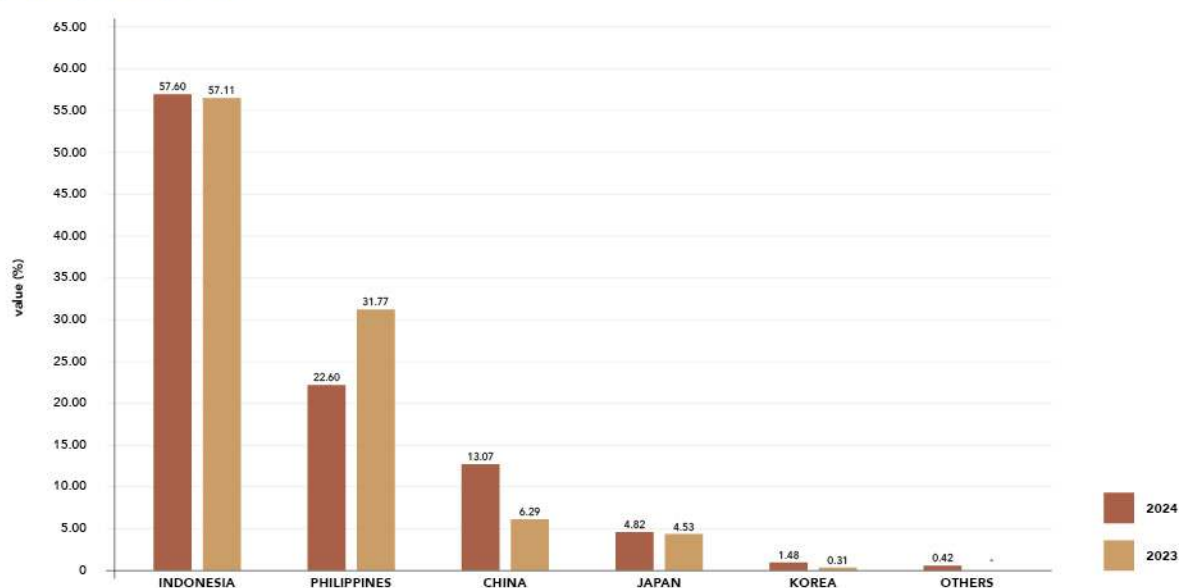


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**TABLE 9**  
**EXPORT OF PARTICLE BOARD BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATIONS**

DESTINATIONS	2024 <sup>p</sup> January - June			2023 <sup>p</sup> January - June			% Change 2024/2023	
	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume	Value
INDONESIA	2,424	2,985	57.60	3,810	4,349	57.11	(36.37)	(31.36)
PHILIPPINES	965	1,171	22.60	2,055	2,419	31.77	(53.03)	(51.58)
CHINA	496	677	13.07	362	479	6.29	37.00	41.53
JAPAN	241	250	4.82	281	345	4.53	(14.17)	(27.64)
KOREA	64	77	1.48	21	23	0.31	200.00	228.05
TAIWAN	10	13	0.25	-	-	-	100.00	100.00
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	11	9	0.17	-	-	-	100.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,211</b>	<b>5,182</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6,529</b>	<b>7,615</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>(35.50)</b>	<b>(31.95)</b>

**EXPORT VALUE (%) OF PARTICLE BOARD TO MAJOR DESTINATIONS**  
(RM'000) : 2024/ 2023



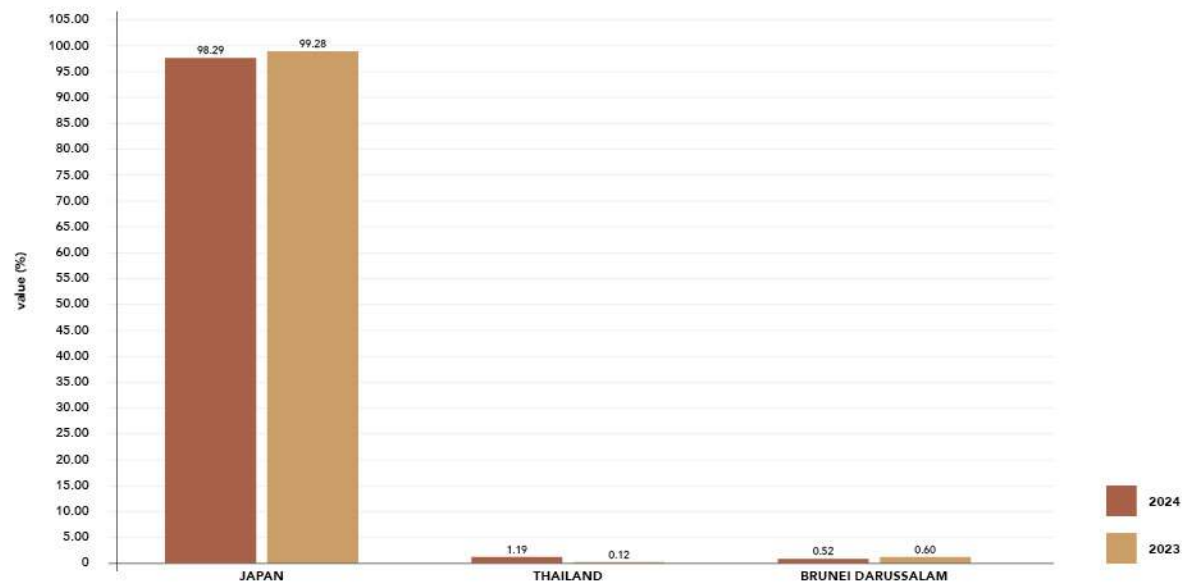


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**TABLE 10**  
**EXPORT OF DOOR PANEL & FRAME BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATIONS**

DESTINATIONS	2024 <sup>p</sup> January - June			2023 <sup>p</sup> January - June			% Change 2024/2023	
	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume	Value
JAPAN	8,341	15,814	98.29	6,636	12,246	99.28	25.71	29.14
THAILAND	24	192	1.19	28	15	0.12	(12.30)	1194.50
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	76	84	0.52	67	74	0.60	13.94	14.29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,441</b>	<b>16,090</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6,730</b>	<b>12,334</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>25.43</b>	<b>30.45</b>

**EXPORT VALUE (%) OF DOOR PANEL & FRAME TO MAJOR DESTINATIONS**  
(RM'000) : 2024/ 2023



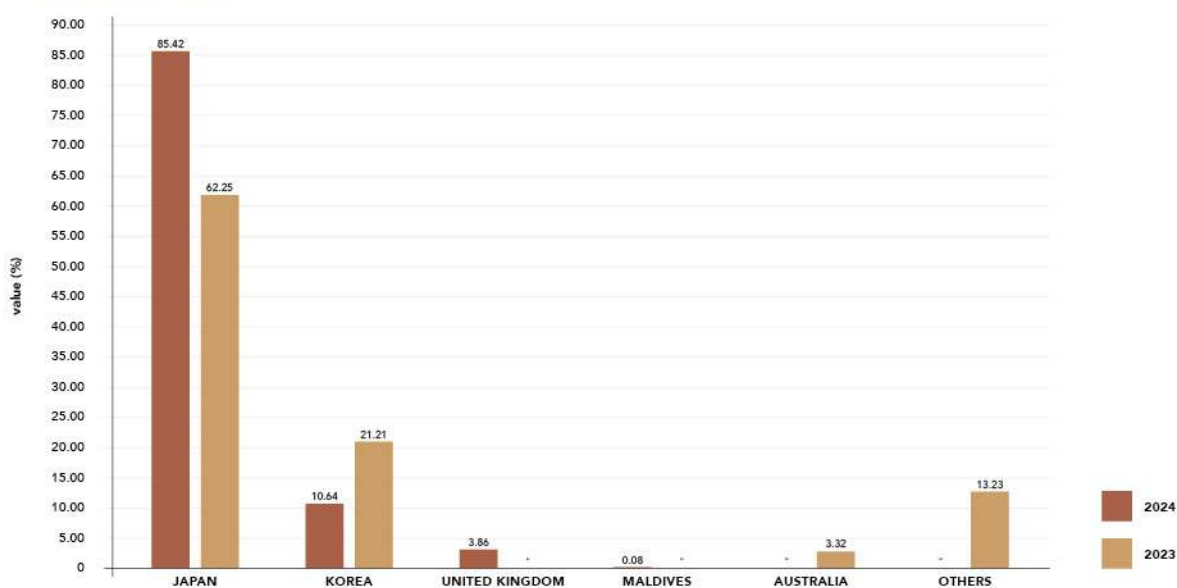


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**TABLE 11**  
**EXPORT OF MOULDING BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATIONS**

DESTINATIONS	2024 <sup>p</sup> January - June			2023 <sup>p</sup> January - June			% Change 2024/2023	
	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	FOB Value (RM'000)	Value %	Volume	Value
JAPAN	843	2,471	85.42	699	2,048	62.25	20.59	20.65
KOREA	136	308	10.64	254	698	21.21	(46.41)	(55.88)
UNITED KINGDOM	22	112	3.86	-	-	-	100.00	100.00
MALDIVES	9	2	0.08	-	-	-	100.00	100.00
AUSTRALIA	-	-	-	22	109	3.32	(100.00)	(100.00)
CHINA	-	-	-	96	182	5.55	(100.00)	(100.00)
SEYCHELLES	-	-	-	29	81	2.45	(100.00)	(100.00)
SOUTH AFRICA	-	-	-	38	172	5.23	(100.00)	(100.00)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>2,893</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,138</b>	<b>3,290</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>(11.24)</b>	<b>(12.07)</b>

**EXPORT VALUE (%) OF MOULDING TO MAJOR DESTINATIONS**  
(RM'000) : 2024/ 2023





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