

International Seminar in Tokyo for Tackling Illegal Logging, 2007  
- Response of the world to the Timber Procurement Policies of Japan -  
Implementation Plan (5/2/2007)

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## 1. Purpose

To address the global problem of illegal logging, the Japanese government started to implement measures to prioritize products made from raw material of timber that is proven to be legal and sustainable for its procurements from April 2006. Because of this, the Forestry Agency created the “Guideline for Verification on Legality and Sustainability of Wood and Wood Products” and published them inside and outside of Japan in February 2006, and we expect the development of a supply system on the basis of this. Asking also the countries who export timber to Japan to understand the Japanese system, requesting that they promote measures to counter illegal logging at the countries of origin to ensure a smooth import of timber to Japan that is proven to be legal and sustainable are important issues. And out of the same necessity for the supply of legal material also for those involved in procurement in the government and private sector, we decided to invite those involved from overseas to hold an international seminar as follows, hosted by the Council for the Promotion of General Measures Against Illegal Logging (chaired by Motoaki Okuma, President of the Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute and consisting of members from the Japanese industry, NGOs and related scientists).

## 2. Outline of the International Seminar

- (1) Name: International Seminar in Tokyo for Tackling Illegal Logging, 2007 – Response of the World to the Timber Procurement Policies of Japan -
- (2) Date: 26(Mon) – 27(Tue) February, 2007
- (3) Location: Conference rooms at Tokyo Big Site (Ariake, Koto-ku, Tokyo, Japan) 6F
- (4) Contents of Seminar Discussions  
Reports by invited guests on the efforts in their wood producing areas (eight global areas) to verify the legality and sustainability of the wood and wood products supplied to the Japanese market, followed by discussions and a panel discussion.
- (5) Side Events  
Poster sessions by invited guests and those who desire it on the basis of the topics listed under (4), and others
- (6) Participants  
Japanese government workers involved in the procurement of timber products, persons involved in procurement at companies, timber businesses, timber importers, consumers, environmental NGOs, scientists  
Persons involved in timber export and persons working at relevant government posts of countries exporting timber to Japan

(7) Languages used

Japanese, English (simultaneous interpretation)

(8) Contact

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3. Outline of International Seminar Proceedings

		Main venue
Monday, Feb. 26	1100 -1230	Overall conference Organizer's greetings: Chairman, Council for Tackling Illegal Logging Issue Guest's greetings: Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries Keynote speeches: ITTO Work of Relevance to Illegal Logging and Trade Amha bin Buang (Assistant Director, Economic Information and Market Intelligence of ITTO) Significance and Potential of the Japanese Government's Procurement and Guidelines (TBC) Kazuyuki Morita (Director, Wood Products Trade Office of Forestry Agency)
		Break
	1400 -1730	Efforts by exporting countries/regions (tropical timber-exporting countries/regions) Malaysia: Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh (General Manager of Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC)) Indonesia: Jimmy Purwonegoro (Vice Chairman, BRIK) China: Lu Wenming (Professor, Forest Policy and Economics; Director, Division of International Cooperation, Chinese Academy of Forestry) Papua New Guinea: Bruce Telfer (Asia/Pacific Manager, SGS Forest Monitoring Service)

Tuesday, Feb. 27	930 -1230	Efforts by exporting countries/regions (temperate and boreal forests) Japan: Kouji Kaodyai (Secretary General, Forest-products Identification Promotion Conference ) Russia: Alexander N. Sidorenko (Chairman of "Dalexportles" Association) Canada: Carl-Eric Guertin (Communications and Responsible Trade Manager of Quebec Wood Export Bureau, Canada Wood ) USA: Michael Virga (Acting Executive Director, American Forest and Paper Association)
		Break
	1400 -1600	Panel discussion (future issues and vision of illegal logging countermeasures) Closing ceremony    Wrap-up reports

#### 4. Contents of Presentations and Discussions

(1) Presentations and discussions of the invited guests: Relevance between Japanese guidelines and the verification

Items verified by the verification/system to check legality at the time of logging/ system to check sustainability/ system of separation management

(2) Panel discussion: Future issues and vision of illegal logging countermeasures (TBC)

Problems with the current certification system and issues to be improved in future/ expectations and requests for the Japanese government's procurement policy and private-sector procurement policies

#### 5. Joint Event (Poster sessions and exhibition)

We will hold poster presentations by invited guests and applicants apply for it, and exhibitions concerning legal wood products.

#### 6. Preparation of a Report, etc.

We will do poster presentations with a content that is based on the presentations of the invited guests and invite applicants on a broad basis from the relevant countries and regions.