

**REPORT ON REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON ESTABLISHING CROSS-REFERENCES ON WOOD PRODUCTS  
QUALITY ASSESSMENTS AND STANDARD TESTING AMONG ASEAN MEMBER STATES**

**25-28 MAY 2015**

Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) has successfully organised the Regional Workshop in Establishing Cross-References on Wood Products Quality Assessments and Standard Testing among ASEAN Member States at the Licuala and Dillenia Room in FRIM, Kepong on 25-28 May 2015. Being the main sponsor of this workshop, APAFRI provided travel support to 12 participants from 6 ASEAN member countries.

Objectives of the workshop are among others to provide better understanding on mutual recognition agreement procedures, to appreciate test methods for selected wood products, to compare test methods used in participating countries and to facilitate collaboration and networking for further cross-referencing of the test methods.

The event was officiated by the Director General of FRIM, Dato' Dr Abd Latif Mohmod, and was attended by 15 nominated participants from Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, and Vietnam.

After the opening ceremony, the workshop began with presentations from speakers from the Malaysian Timber Industry Board, Department of Standards Malaysia, and the Construction Industry Development Board, regarding mutual recognition procedures for building and wood-based products.

A total of six presentations were given by FRIM research officers and one from University Technology MARA on testing and relevant technical requirements for timber, furniture and wood-based panel products. Besides Malaysia, each country presented their country status on testing methods and laboratory facilities.

The participants visited Timber Engineering Laboratory, Furniture Testing Laboratory and Wood Composite Testing Laboratory of FRIM during the workshop.



Participants of the Regional Workshop in Establishing Cross-References on Wood Products Quality Assessments and Standard Testing among ASEAN Member States





Opening remark by the Director General of FRIM, Dato' Dr. Abd Latif Mohmod



Participants from Cambodia, Sok Leng (left) and Chin Kesar (right)