

PRESS RELEASE

PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE WOOD FURNITURE MAKING COMPETITION IN CONJUNCTION WITH INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FOREST 2024

Bandar Seri Begawan Saturday, 15th Rabiulakhir 1446H / 19th October 2024M

The Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism, through the Forestry Department, held a prize presentation ceremony today for the Wood Furniture Making Competition in conjunction with International Day of Forest 2024. The purpose of this competition is to promote local wood products, particularly wooden furniture, and to highlight the creativity of woodworking companies and entrepreneurs in the wood industry in the country. The ceremony took place at One City Shopping Centre, Kampong Sungai Hanching.

Present as the guest of honor was Yang Mulia Dayang Hajah Tutiaty binti Haji Abdul Wahab, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism.

Also in attendance were Yang Mulia Dayang Noralinda binti Haji Ibrahim, Deputy Permanent Secretary II, Yang Mulia Awang Reni bin Haji Yahya, Acting Director of Forestry and Chairman of the event, as well as representatives from government departments and relevant stakeholders.

The ceremony began with the recitation of Surah Al-Fatihah and a prayer led by Awang Ahmad Yusra bin Haji Adnan, Forestry Officer. This was followed by welcoming remarks from the event coordinator, Dayang Hajah Nur Salihah Amalina binti Haji Su'ut, Senior Forestry Officer, who emphasized the objectives of the competition: to encourage local entrepreneurs to produce high-quality and creative wooden furniture. It is hoped that the products competing in this event will be accepted in the market and become the choice of schools and students, supporting the locally-produced wood products.

The ceremony continued with a video presentation showcasing the products made by the companies participating in the competition, along with a recap of the competition's journey. This was followed by the announcement of the winners of the Wood Furniture Making Competition and the presentation of souvenirs to the competition judges, who represented the Ministry of Education, IBTE, Thomson Furniture, and Ashley Furniture Homestore.

The competition featured two categories based on the type of products made. Category A focused on the creation of a set of desks and chairs for primary and secondary schools, while Category B focused on the creation of bookshelves for home, in offices, and study use.

TS Wood Sdn Bhd won as the champion for Category A, while Oriente Sdn Bhd came in second place and TSEN Sdn Bhd in third place. For Category B, FRD Woodcraft came in first place, Malaikah D'Seni in second place and Majestiqore.Bn. in third place. All the winning companies took home trophies, prizes and certificates of participation.

This Wood Furniture Making Competition also focused on producing high-quality wooden furniture with marketing potential at reasonable and affordable prices, suitable for general use in schools, offices, homes, and other appropriate spaces.

The prize presentation Ceremony for the Wood Furniture Making Competition was held on the third day of the National Wood Products Expo of Brunei Darussalam, which has been ongoing since 17th October 2024.

END

Prepared by: Forestry Department Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism Brunei Darussalam

Date: 15 Rabiulakhir 1446H / 19th October 2024M