

SPTA Opens REDD Discussion

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THURSDAY, 29 MAY – The School of International Tropical Forestry (SPTA) Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) once again organised an International Seminar on Tropical Forest Carbon Stock Assessment in conjunction with World Forestry Day 2014.

The seminar was a gathering of results and research studies in Sabah, Peninsular Malaysia and Cambodia on the assessment of carbon stocks in tropical forests.

According to the organising chairman, Dr. Phua Mui How, the seminar was an ideal platform for the dissemination of information and discussion between experts and concerned parties in the implementation of Reduction from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) in Sabah.

He added that REDD was a mechanism to reduce Green house Gas emissions by giving payments as compensation.

“Preserving carbon stocks and the financial mechanism is regarded as one of the most effective approaches in reducing carbon emissions into the atmosphere,” he said.

According to him, Malaysia was expected to become one of the non-Annex I countries that will implement REDD in the future.

The one-day seminar was attended by about 200 participants from the Sabah Forestry Department, Sabah Foundation, Sabah Forest Industries, Forest Research Institute of Japan and the University of Japan besides participants from UMS itself. – *ZMD (fl)*

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