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Sumitomo's Visit to Samling's Reforestation Research & Development and Plantation Sites

The main purpose of this visit is to gain a better understanding about Samling's reforestation research and development, planting, harvesting and logistics operations. In addition, Sumitomo was invited to visit our sawmilling and Magna Foremost operations in Bintulu, in addition to the intended site for the wood pellet project. The arrival of Ms. Hataya and Mr. Tamura on 7 May 2019 was greeted by representatives from Samling Group, namely Francois, Christiaan and Pek Lee. During the first day of the visit, Sumitomo's team was accompanied to the Segan Nursery in the morning, followed by a visit to the Harvesting Operations and Plantation site after lunch at Segan Guesthouse. After leaving the Harvesting Operations and Plantation site, the entourage continued their journey to Bintulu Port in the evening before settling down at New World Suites for the night.

The schedule of the three-day visit was quite packed. Sumitomo and the Samling team proceeded from Bintulu to Miri on the second day with a stop-by at the site of the newly proposed pellet plant in the early morning. Upon arrival of Ms. Hataya in Miri, she was treated to lunch before continuing her meeting with the Pellet team and the CEO of Samling Group, Mr. Lawrence Chia. Dinner was hosted for Sumitomo by Mr. Lawrence Chia, and other team members of Samling Group. By sheer coincidence, it was discovered that it was Ms. Hataya's birthday and a traditional Chinese celebration was organised for her, a true testament to Samling's hospitality. On the last day of the visit, Sumitomo visited our plywood and housing products production facilities before heading back to Japan. A fruitful and constructive visit indeed!

