

# **International seminar for tackling illegal logging, 2007 II in Yokohama Dec. 3-4, 2007**

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## **Illegal Logging How important it is**

- A comprehensive assessment estimates that illegal logging worldwide is probably as much as 5 to 10% of global industrial round wood production. Since most of the illegal logging takes place in developing countries, the proportion in these countries is much higher (Seneca Creek Associates and Wood Resources International, 2004).
- The World Bank concludes that the global loss of assets due to illegal logging in public lands exceeds US\$10 billion per year in developing countries and that an additional US\$5 billion is lost to tax evasion on legally logged wood (World Bank, 2006).



## Japanese Government Procurement Policy

- To tackle world wide illegal logging, the government of Japan has, from April, 2006, implemented measures to prioritize products made from raw materials of timber that's legality and sustainability can be proven upon purchase of the wood products.



## “the Guideline”

- In February, 2006 the Forestry Agency of Japan had prepared and announced a domestic and international proposal "The guideline for verification on legality and sustainability of wood and wood products".



## The Back ground of the Seminar

- As most wood and wooden products that are consumed in Japan have been supplied from offshore countries, it is critical to ask these exporting countries to properly understand the Japanese system and to promote the tackling of illegal logging in their own countries.



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- Therefore, as one part of tackling illegal logging, the Japan Federation of Wood-Industry Association sponsored "International Seminar for Tackling Illegal Logging, 2007 - Response of the world to the Procurement Policies of Japan – " and sent the message, "let us build a worldwide network of Goho wood" and made an appeal to " build a worldwide network of Goho wood."
- International seminar for tackling illegal logging, 2007 II in Yokohama is a follow up of above seminar.



# Three Agenda of the Seminar

- A) Verification system of legality and sustainability of wood and wood products by exporting countries
- B) Procurement of Goho wood and wood products in Japanese market and its marketing.
- C) G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit & World and Japanese tackles procurement of Goho wood and wood products – A credible and distributable system for verifying Goho wood and wood products.

