

**1994 GREEN PLANET MISSION  
(JIFPRO & THE YOMIURI SHIMBUN)  
15TH OCTOBER 1994**

**"SARANG"  
KOTA  
BELUD  
SABAH  
MALAYSIA**



**SAFODA**

**Sabah Forestry Development  
Authority**

**JIFPRO**

**Japan International Forestry  
Promotion And Cooperation  
Centre**

# **OVERVIEW ON JIFPRO PROJECT AT SARANG**

The JIFPRO project at Sarang in the District of Kota Belud, Sabah covers a beautiful hilly area of 236 hectares overlooking the South China Sea. Its natural vegetations are dominated by lallang, shrubs and secondary forest.

SAFODA and JIFPRO agreed on the project implementation when both parties held meeting on September 9, 1993 in Kota Kinabalu. About 150 hectares of the total project area will be planted with *Acacia mangium* and the rest with Dipterocarpaceae, teak and other natural vegetations. All costs of project implementations will be borned by donations from government, non-governmental organisations and individual Japanese citizens channeled through JIFPRO.

This greening project will be utilized for research, training and recreational purposes by both Japanese and Malaysia citizens in future.

# **SAFODA**

The Sabah Forestry Development Authority (SAFODA) was established on December 24, 1976. Being a State government agency in forestry development, it operates on the following objectives:

- (a) to convert wasteland and marginal agricultural land to productive forestry use,
- (b) to supplement the production of timber and minor forest product from the natural forest with product coming from man-made forest.
- (c) to encourage and promote the active participation of the people in reforestation and afforestation work,
- (d) to uplift the living standard of the people through forest Settlement Schemes and the introduction of forest-oriented agricultural development schemes.

SAFODA has been in operation since 1978 and it has projects all over Sabah. Afforestation projects are mainly sited in the West Coast where poor grassland and scrubland are commonly found.

# **JIFPRO**

The Japan International Forestry Promotion and Cooperation Center (JIFPRO) is a nonprofit Organization established in 1991 to Contribute government level assistance (ODA) and facilitate private-level (NGO) Cooperative efforts to promote international afforestation.

The Center is funded by the Japanese government and Contributions from Japanese Citizen and private Companies.

To bequeth to posterity an earth that is rich in greenry, JIFPRO is Conducting the following projects through international Forestry Cooperation.

1. The promotion of Private Sector International Forestry Cooperation.
2. The Development and Securing of Human Understanding.
3. The improvement of Increased Understanding of International Forestry and Afforestation.

## **ASSISTANT MINISTER TO CHIEF MINISTER**

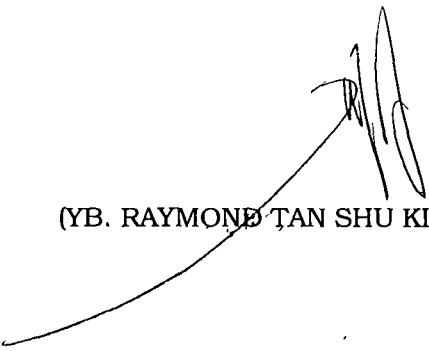


I am delighted to be given this opportunity to express my appreciation to the good work by the Sabah Forestry Development Authority and the Japan International Forestry Promotion and Cooperation Center (JIFPRO) for bringing us together here at Sarang today. October 15, 1994 for the launching of "the Green Planet Forestry Mission".

The issue of tropical forest depletion at an alarming rate of 17 million hectares every year is indeed a serious but important topic today. In realising the negative impact due to tropical forest depletion, the State government is determined to promote aggressively reforestation programmes through the Sabah Forestry Development Authority. The assistance of JIFPRO towards our cause is a significant recognition of our seriousness in creating healthy environment.

Last but not least I would like to welcome the Green Mission delegation from Japan headed by Mr. Akiyama. Wishing you a pleasant holidays in Sabah from 13 to 19 October, 1994.

Thank you.



(YB. RAYMOND TAN SHU KIAH)

## **SAFODA CHAIRMAN**



It is indeed a great pleasure for me to be given this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the Japan International Forestry Promotion and Cooperation Center (JIFPRO) and the Management of Sabah Forestry Development Authority (SAFODA) for the great initiative and work undertaken in the development of forest plantation at Sarang, Kota Belud.

I believe this project is a noble undertaking in addressing the present environmental issue on tropical forest. SAFODA has been actively promoting plantation forestry since 1978 as a positive measure to reduce impact due to natural forest depletion in the state of Sabah. It is realised that reforestation is a difficult and hard task. This requires understanding, cooperation and dedication from all concern. Assistance from JIFPRO is therefore timely and very much appreciated.

To the strong delegation from the citizens of Japan. I welcome you all to this "land below the wind" and may the launching of "the green planet mission" this day, October 15, 1994 be a catalyst to environmental concern.

"KEEP SABAH GREEN PLANT TREES"

Thank you.

A large, dark, scribbled signature, likely of the SAFODA Chairman, written in black ink.

(DATUK SERI PANGLIMA HJ. AMPONG BIN HJ. PUYON)

## **CONSUL OF JAPAN KOTA KINABALU**



I am highly honoured to send my congratulatory message on the occasion of launching of the "GREEN PLANET MISSION" at Kg. Sarang in Kota Belud, Sabah on October 15, 1994.

This great event makes a significant approach and cooperation between the peoples of Malaysia and Japan in prompting tree planting on a global approach.

In view of the alarming environmental consequences resulting from forest destruction. I hope that this historical event at Sarang today, would attract more contributions from citizens of both countries towards restoring ecological balance.

I believe that the mission will be an important event not only for the development of re-afforestation of tropical forests but also for lasting friendship between the peoples of Sabah and Japan.

In conclusion, may I wish you every success for your efforts toward the "KEEP SABAH GREEN".

Thank you.

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MR. AKIHISA TSUCHIDA  
CONSUL  
Consulate of Japan

## JIFPRO CHAIRMAN



Ladies and gentlemen, please allow me to take this opportunity to say a few words on behalf of the "Green Planet Mission".

Through the cooperation of Japan International Forestry Promotion and Cooperation Center and the Yomiuri Shimbun, we have invited Japanese citizen participants with genuine interest in the preservation and development of tropical forests on a global standpoint. Every member of the mission is here with us today to contribute to the cause.

This mission is supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Forestry Agency of Japan as well as Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The members are of people of various occupations with ages ranging from 20s to 60s. They have joined the mission in their sincere hope and determinations to further their understandings on environmental issues through tree plantings in tropical forests with their own hands.

The location of tree planting is where JIFPRO is promoting the afforestation programme with their purpose to "preserve the green planet for the coming generations". I would like to express my gratitude to Sabah Forestry Development Authority (SAFODA) for their cooperation on this matter.

The mission's activity today is far from fulfilling its ambition. However, I believe that the significance lies in our prayer that "each seedling planted will safely grow to be one of the many trees to be inherited by our coming generations on this earth, and at the same time signifies the growing trust and friendship between the two nations".

Last but not least, I would like to express my gratitude to YB. Mr. Raymond Tan Shu Kiah and Ybh. Datuk Sri Panglima Hj. Ampong bin Hj. Puyon as well as SAFODA staff members for their cooperation; Mr. Tsuchida and Mr. Kawashima - Japanese Consul and Vice-Consul respectively stationed in Sabah Malaysia for being with us today. To the students of Agricultural Institute, Timbang Mengaris, Sabah and the beautiful people of Kota Belud, I thank you very much for joining our noble effort for this green planet.

Thank you very much

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MR. AKIYAMA TOMOHIDE

# OPENING CEREMONY OF MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING ON 15TH OCTOBER 1994

## PROGRAMME:

- |                  |   |   |
|------------------|---|---|
| 08.30 - 09.30 am | - | Arrival of Participants   |
| 09.30 - 10.00 am | - | Arrival of VIPs and Invited Guests  |
| 10.00 - 10.08 am | - | Welcome speech by SAFODA Chairman (Datuk Seri Panglima Hj. Ampong Hj. Puyon).                                       |
| 10.08 - 10.16 am | - | Speech by JIFPRO Chairman (Mr. Akiyama Tomohide)  |
| 10.16 - 10.24 am | - | Speech by Japanese Consul (Mr. A. Tsuchida)   |
| 10.24 - 10.34 am | - | Address by YB. En. Raymond Tan Shu Kiah Assistant Minister to the Chief Minister of Sabah.                          |
| 10.34 - 10.40 am | - | Presentation of Souvenirs to Chairman of SAFODA by Mr. T. Akiyama.  |
| 10.40 - 10.46 am | - | Presentation of Sourvenirs to Students of Agricultural High School by representative of green mission participants. |
| 10.46 - 12.00 am | - | Tree planting by all Participants (20 trees per participant).   |
| 12.00 - 14.00 pm | - | LUNCH   |
| 14.00 pm         | - | SAYONARA  |



**ITINERARY**

**GREEN PLANET MISSION TOUR  
OCTOBER 13 - 19, 1994**

DAY #	DATE	CITY	LOCAL TIME	MEANS OF TRANS.	SCHEDULE
1	OCTOBER 13 (THU)	TOKYO  KOTA KINABALU	10 30 15 15	MH077	DPT TOKYO (NARITA) ARR. KOTA KINABALU HOTEL CHECK IN DINNER AT THE HOTEL
2	OCTOBER 14 (FRI)	KOTA KINABALU	2 30 PM		MORNING ATTEND A LECTURE ON TROPICAL RAIN FOREST BRIEFING ON SAFODA & TREE PLANTING ----- AFTERNOON COURTESY CALL TO ASSISTANT MINISTER TO CHIEF MINISTER SABAH - COURTESY CALL TO CONSUL OF JAPAN
3	OCTOBER 15 (SAT)	KOTA KINABALU KOTA BELUD  KOTA KINABALU	07 00 10 00 10 30  12 30 14 00 14 15 17 15	CHARTERED JEEP	MORNING DPT KOTA KINABALU ARR. KOTA BELUD OPENING CEREMONY TREE PLANTING (20 trees per person) ----- AFTERNOON LUNCH RECEPTION PARTY DPT KOTA BELUD VISIT A VILLAGE OF SLASH-AND-BURN FARMING ARR KOTA KINABALU

4	OCTOBER 16 (SUN)	KOTA KINABALU SANDAKAN	09 00 09 50	MH2129	DPT KOTA KINABALU ARR. SANDAKAN - CITY TOURING IN SANDAKAN - VISIT ORANGUTAN REHABILITATION CENTER AND A TROPICAL RAIN FOREST IN SEPIROK
5	OCTOBER 17 (MON)	SANDAKAN KUNDASAN	08 30 14 00	CHARTERED BUS	- JUNGLE TREK AT MT KINABALU
6	OCTOBER 18 (TUE)	KUNDAŞAN KOTA KINABALU	09 00 11 00	CHARTERED BUS	CITY TOURING IN KOTA KINABALU - VISIT A FOLKLORE MUSEUM ETC
7	OCTOBER 19 (WED)	KOTA KINABALU	12 55 19 15	MH078	MORNING FREE OBSERVATION  DPT KOTA KINABALU ARR. TOKYO (NARITA)

## ACCOMMODATIONS

DATE	CITY	HOTEL	ADDRESS, TEL/FAX
Oct 13 (Thu) - 16 (Sun) (3 nights)	KOTA KINABALU	HYATT KINABALU	Jl, Datuk Salleh Sulong, 88994 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah Tel (088) 221234 Fax 088-225972
OCT 16 (Sun) - 17 (Mon) (1 night)	SANDAKAN	RENAISSANCE HOTEL	Jl, Utara, 90007 Sandakan, Sabah Tel (089) 213299 Fax 089-271271
OCT 17 (Mon) - 18 (Tue) (1 night)	PERKASA	PERKASA HOTEL	W Q T 11, 89309 Ranau, Sabah Tel (088) 889511 Fax 088-889101
OCT 18 (Tue) - 19 (Wed) (1 night)	KOTA KINABALU	SHANGRI-LA TANJUNG ARU RESORT	Locked Bag 174, 88744 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah Tel (088) 225800 Fax 088-244871

# LIST OF PARTICIPANTS FROM JAPAN

## MEMBER LIST

No.	Name	Sex	Age	Designation
1.	Mr. AKIYAMA Tomohide	M	68	Leader of this Mission
2.	Mr. KATO Ryouzuke	M	68	Advisor of JIFPRO
3.	HAYASHI Hirohumi	M	48	Organizer (The Yomiuri)
4.	MITANI Kenya	M	31	Organizer (The Yomiuri)
5.	MORI Yoshihiro	M	34	Japan travel bureau (JTB)
6.	YANAGISAWA Masayuki	M	24	Tourist Conductors
7.	One person from co-operated enterprise			Shimizu construction Ltd
8.	AKIMOTO Shinji	M	50	Volunteer
9.	ISHI Kazuko	F	21	Volunteer
10.	ITO Masako	F	25	Volunteer
11.	Inaoka Yasuko	F	25	Volunteer
12.	INABA Ayako	F	20	Volunteer
13.	OYAMA Keizo	F	45	Volunteer
14.	OWADA Reiko	F	25	Volunteer
15.	KATO Yasuo	M	61	Volunteer
16.	KAWASHIMA Tadaoki	M	38	Volunteer
17.	KITAMURA Ikuko	F	21	Volunteer
18.	KINOSHITA Kazuo	M	22	Volunteer
19.	KOIAUMI Kunihiko	M	51	Volunteer
20.	KONDO Yuki	F	20	Volunteer
21.	SAITO Shinobu	F	20	Volunteer
22.	SAITO naonobu	M	66	Volunteer
23.	SAKATA Tomoko	F	23	Volunteer
24.	SATO Tamayo	F	20	Volunteer
25.	SANO Aki	F	18	Volunteer
26.	SHIMIZU Yukiko	F	25	Volunteer
27.	TAKAHASHI Fumiko	F	18	Volunteer
28.	TAKAHASHI Yuriko	F	38	Volunteer
29.	TOKUGI Hisato	M	25	Volunteer
30.	NARA Toshihiko	M	29	Volunteer
31.	NISHIMURA Nobuyo	F	23	Volunteer
32.	HASEGAWA Asuka	F	19	Volunteer
33.	HANAKI Yasuharu	M	58	Volunteer
34.	HAYAKAWA Yuki	F	25	Volunteer
35.	FUKUDA Tadahiko	M	24	Volunteer
36.	HOSHINO Chieko	F	26	Volunteer
37.	MIYAZAKI Eiki	M	32	Volunteer
38.	MIYAZAWA Keisuke	M	20	Volunteer
39.	MORIMOTO Ayano	F	24	Volunteer
40.	YOSHIDA Yusuke	M	19	Volunteer

## **OTHER PARTICIPANTS**

- SAFODA
- Head of Department (District)
- Institute Pertanian Sabah (IPS)
- Villagers

