



# *From Coercion to Collaboration: Participatory Forest Management in Indonesia*

A Public Seminar presented by Dr Kazuhiro Harada

The involvement of local people in forest management policy has been a recent development in Indonesia. It attempts to tackle the problem of illegal logging and provide benefits for assorted stakeholders. This presentation focuses on participatory forest management programs by the State Forestry Enterprise and on the participatory forest certification process which is supported by local NGOs in Java.

State Forestry Enterprise has managed teak plantations since the Dutch colonial period with an agro-forestry system called *tumpansari* – a method where local people are encouraged to plant teak trees while intercropping for a few years before the tree canopies close. While teak trees have been seriously damaged by illegal logging since the 1990s, the forest management system of State Forestry Enterprise has shifted from a production-orientation to a people-orientation, in collaboration with Gadjra Mada University.

Attempts at forest certification, based on involvement of local people in the area of Community Forestry, began in 2001 to meet the demands of both international and domestic companies' eco-labelling requirements, to protect local interests and to secure sustainable income for local communities. Although the current programs are only beginning to address economic and social problems, they represent valuable initiatives in ensuring the implementation of collaborative forest management among related stakeholders.

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All Welcome

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