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**28 November 2023 - Separately Bookable Site Visit to Uniexport's Nam Tan Uyen Wood Pellet Plant & Control Union's Biomass Laboratory.**

**SITE VISIT SPONSOR:**



**Uniexport's Nam Tan Uyen Production Plant, Binh Duong Province, Vietnam**

Current Production of Wood Pellets (160,000 tons/annum), Pinewood Shaving, Premium Mixed Wood Shavings & Sawdust, Wood Powder Certification by FSC & GGL

**Control Union Biomass Laboratory**

Over the years Control Union Vietnam has been rapidly growing in the Testing, Inspection and Certification (TIC) industry. In 2018, to strengthen its capability in the TIC industry, Control Union opened its own laboratory in Vietnam focusing on food and feed testing. As Control Union continued to grow in the biomass industry, the company decided to expand its laboratory with biomass testing and now offers ISO 17025 accredited biomass testing.

The biomass laboratory is equipped with the state-of-the-art equipment giving the ability to conduct testing for all types of solid biofuels meeting the stringent requirements of export markets. With well-trained lab technicians, Control Union mission is to deliver the most accurate test results in the fastest time.

08:00	Departing Hotel for Binh Duong
09:45	Arrival at Uniexport's Nam Tan Uyen Wood Pellet Plant; Introduction of the plant
10:15	Guided visit around the wood pellet plant
11:15	Q&A session & Lunch
13:15	Departing for Control Union's Biomass Lab
14:45	Guided visit + Q&A session
16:45	Departing for Novotel Saigon Centre
18:00	Arrival at Novotel Saigon Centre Pre-Conference Welcome Cocktail Sponsored by Hanwa Co., Ltd.



**DAY 2 - 29 NOV 2023, WEDNESDAY**

08:00 Registration & Coffee

09:00 **Chairperson's Remarks**  
*Ryuu Lee, Head of Asia Trading, CM Biomass*

09:10 **CMT & Vietnam Wood Pellets Association's Welcome Address**  
*Nguyen Thanh Phong, President, Vietnam Wood Pellets Association*

09:25 **Vietnam's Wood Pellets Production & Trade: Current Situation & Future Opportunities**  
*Dr. Phuc Xuan To, Managing Director, Forest Policy, Trade & Finance, Forest Trends*

09:55 **Vietnam's Forestry Development towards Sustainability & Legality**  
*Dr. Vu Tan Phuong, Director, Vietnam Forest Certification Office*

10:25 Morning Coffee & Networking Reception  
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11:10 **Clarity on the Japanese Imports Requirement (Sustainability+ GHG) & METI's Policy**  
*Miho Okuno, Sustainability Manager, Biomass Fuel Dept., Biomass Power Association Japan*

*Dr. Takanobu Aikawa, Senior Researcher, Renewable Energy Institute*

**DAY 2 - 29 NOV 2023, WEDNESDAY**

12:10 **Panel Discussion - Equipping SE Asian Biomass Suppliers to Meet Demand Requirements in North Asia**

*Jiro Omura, Deputy Managing Director, Control Union Japan*

*Kees Boon, Chair, Green Gold Label*

*Carsten Huljus, Chief Executive Officer, Sustainable Biomass Partnership*

*Shawn Goh, APAC Value Chain Manager, Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification*

*Dr. Takanobu Aikawa, Senior Researcher, Renewable Energy Institute*

*Mads Thomsen, Director, CM Biomass Partners*

13:00 Networking Luncheon Reception, Sponsored by:



14:15 **Afternoon Chair**  
*David Wong, Executive Director, Rainbow Pellet*

14:20 **Updates on Erex's Current & Future Biomass Development in Vietnam**  
*Hiroaki Goto, Manager, eRex*

14:45 **Growing Biomass Demand in Indonesia**  
*Rumi Hoshino, Marketing Manager Business Development Department, Santomo Resources*

15:15 Afternoon Tea & Networking Reception

15:45 **Biomass Power/Energy Generation Development in the Philippines – Challenges on the Slow Uptake & Opportunities**  
*Ina Guillermo, Senior Vice President, Biopower Group of Companies*

16:15 **Shaping Malaysia's Renewable Energy Market for Bioenergy**  
*Edisham Mohd Sukor, Director, Market Operations Division, Sustainable Energy Development Authority*

17:00 End of Day One; Networking Cocktail Reception Sponsored by:



**DAY 2 - 30 NOV 2023, THURSDAY**

09:00 **Chairperson's Remarks**  
*Quan Nguyen Quoc, Hanwa Vietnam*

09:10 **Korea's Biomass Market : The Big Picture**  
*Seung Kon Lee, Country Manager, CM Biomass*

09:40 **SE Asian's Exports to Demand Markets in Japan, Korea & Europe**  
*Marco Kim, Managing Director, STX Forest Malaysia*

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**10:10 Dry Bulk Shipping Market Outlook & Implications for Biomass Transportation**

*Jayendu Krishna, Director-Deputy  
Head Maritime Advisors,  
Drewry Maritime Services Asia*

**10:40 Morning Coffee & Networking Reception**

**11:10 Vietnam's Dynamic Trend towards High-Efficiency Wood Pelleting Plants**

*Olaf Naehrig, Senior Area Manager,  
Amandus Kahl*



**11:35 Solid Biofuels Analysis: Variation of Important Elements in Vietnam & Novel Approach for Metals Contamination Control**

*Dr. Liem Nguyen Van,  
Biomass Laboratory Manager,  
Control Union Vietnam*

**12:05 SE Asia Wood Pellet Producers Panel Discussion**

Moderator:  
*Quan Nguyen Quoc,  
Hanwa Vietnam*

*Song Kuan Lim, GM Finance & Strategic Projects,  
Treeone Megapellet*

*Nguyen Thanh Phong, President,  
Vietnam Wood Pellets Association*

*David Wong, Executive Director,  
Rainbow Pellet*

*Kritpat Rojanaleekul (Pao Lee),  
Assistant Managing Director,  
PT Parawood/ Xunthai Parawood*

**12:45 Final Discussion & Networking Luncheon.**

**14:00 End of Conference.**

**Roundtable Event (Closed Door Event)**

15:00 - 17:30 pm, 30 November 2023

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Vietnam Wood Pellet Association

**Informing the understanding of legality and sustainability aspects of Vietnam's wood pellets and facilitating expansion of wood pellet trade relations between Vietnam and Japan**

Vietnam has become the second largest exporter of wood pellets, after the US, globally. Statistics from ITC show that in 2022 Vietnam exported 2.6 million tons of this commodity, valuing almost \$775 million USD. Japan and Korea are Vietnam's major export markets, each shares half of the total export volume. The export particularly to Japan has been on the rise.

However, there exist major factors that hamper sustainability of Vietnam's pellets sector particular Vietnam's export to Japan. These include limited understanding of Japanese buyers and government officials the latter include those who are in charge of import control concerning Vietnam's pellet production particularly on legality and sustainability aspects of this commodity. Second, the connection between Vietnam Wood Pellets Association (VWPA) representing Vietnam's producers and exporters and Biomass Power Association (BPA) representing pellet users in Japan has not been established.

Third, little is known among Vietnam's pellet producers concerning Japanese regulations and the dynamics of the market demand. Finally, there is little exchange between Vietnamese and Japanese government officials concerning the legality /sustainability aspects of wood pellets produced in Vietnam and requirements on quality, legality and sustainability concerning this product in Japan. These factors have not only constrained the current trade but also hampered the opportunity for trade expansion between the two countries.

This roundtable session aims to connecting the Vietnamese producers, government officials and Japanese buyers and officials on the following objectives:

- Update on the legality and sustainability aspects of Vietnam's wood pellets and, based on this;
- Facilitate the expansion of trade relations concerning this commodity between the two countries in the future.

15:00	Introduction (Forest Trends /Renewable Energy Institute)
15:05	Vietnam's Wood Pellets Sector: An overview (Forest Trends)
15:20	Vietnam's legality framework and forest certification (Vietnam's Department of Forestry and/or Vietnam's Forest Certification Office)
15:35	Q & A
16:00	Japan's pellet demands and future prospects (Biomass Power Association)
16:15	Japan's requirements on legality and sustainability aspects of wood pellet Imports (MAFF and REI)
16:30	Q & A
17:00	Brainstorming: What's needed for future collaboration? B2B, B2G, G2G between Vietnam & Japan
17:30	Drink / Networking

## “Enabling Sustainable & Stable Production of Biomass from SE Asia”

CMT’s Biomass & BioEnergy Asia conference returns to Vietnam’s Ho Chi Minh City on 28 – 30 November, with an exciting line-up of site visit activities, presentations, and discussions, definitely a promising gathering for industry stakeholders. Host speakers from Vietnam will be taking this opportunity to expand your insights on the Vietnamese wood pellet production and bioenergy aspiration, while international experts will also be driving the discussion on regional trade and demand for wood pellets, PKS, EFB and etc, as well as pertinent issues on sustainability (and GHG) certification.

### Highlights:

- Explore woody and agricultural biomass resources available in Vietnam & South East Asia
- Vietnam’s renewable energy pursuit & role of biomass
- Emerging growth of biomass energy & power generation in Malaysia, Indonesia & the Philippines
- Producers & traders perspectives on the Asian biomass dynamics
- Clarification on sustainability & GHG criteria requirements for Japan’s imported biomass
- Equipping producers with understanding on certification roadmaps
- Export markets South Korea, Taiwan & China & Opportunities for SE Asian supplies
- Nascent torrefied production & growth in SE Asia

Join us at this 3-days SE Asia Biomass MEET, and take full advantage of the networking opportunities to connect with prospective partners in Asia biomass trade. More details on sponsors and speakers to be announced, but register NOW to enjoy the early bird discounts, or contact [huiyan@cmtsp.com.sg](mailto:huiyan@cmtsp.com.sg) for more information.

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