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Korean Fellow Arrives to Research Green Building

In January, WFI welcomed Kyungtae Park, from Korea. Kyungtae is an assistant manager at EAGON Industrial Co., Ltd. in the Research and Development Division in Seoul. EAGON is a vertically integrated forest products company, and their main products are plywood, flooring, and wooden building materials. Kyungtae's primary responsibility is developing new wood-based products and planning new business opportunities.

Kyungtae will spend six-months at the WFI exploring green building. The Korean green building materials market is still small, but is expected to grow rapidly. In order to find opportunities to enter this emerging



Kyungtae misses his lovely wife and daughter, but is reassured that six months goes by quickly! His busy schedule has already taken him to Seattle and Florida, and he hopes to be very productive in his short time at WFI.

market, Kyungtae will focus on advanced green building materials in the US, such as sustainable sourced materi-

als, integrated photovoltaic panels, and products that improve the indoor environment.

Save the Date:

“Who Will Own the Forest” 3 to be Held September 11-13

WFI is proud to announce the dates for its upcoming biennial event on shifting forest ownership and its implications for the forest and investment sectors.

Forestry companies are selling their timberland throughout the United States and the world, in response to increasing pressure for shareholder return, competition in the global market place and consolida-

tion in the industry. There are huge ramifications for not only the forest products industry but also forest management, biodiversity, forest integrity and forest-dependent communities.

Exploring these issues has become a regular event at the World Forestry Center where WFI presents the “Who Will Own the Forest?” Summit series every other year. This year, the

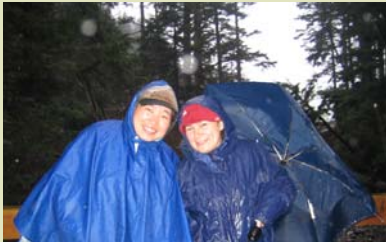
Summit will be held September 11-13, where forest industry analysts, timber investment organizations, forestry leaders, land management communities and conservation groups are expected to attend.

Additional information can be found on the website at: <http://wfi.worldforestry.org/wwotf3/>. For questions or sponsorship information, contact WFI Director Sara Wu.

Recent Site Visits



Julie Woodward (center) describes types of reforestation at the Rediscovery Forest, an Oregon Forest Resources Institute project at the Oregon Garden.



Xiaoli Wang and Angie DiSalvo exploring Oregon State Parks management at Oswald West State Park.



Jasjit Walia and Yanping Zhang at the Heritage Forest Demonstration Project along the Metolius river. The project showcases silvicultural treatment scenarios for Ponderosa pine and larch.



Yanping Zhang and Kyungtae Park view reforestation efforts on Weyerhaeuser land at Mt. St. Helens. Yanping was familiar with the site because his son had studied the volcano in science class.

WFI Bids Farewell to Yunnan Researcher

After six months at WFI, Dr. Yanping Zhang will return to Kunming, China, at the beginning of March. Yanping is the research director at the Research Institute of Resource Insects in China. His primary work over the past 8 years has been to introduce *Neem*, *Azadiracta indica*, to the dry, hot valleys of SW China.

Neem is a multipurpose tree, and local farmers can use the species for reforesting degraded lands where native species will no longer grow, but more importantly, farmers can gain an income from this fast growing tree. Neem is used to produce many useful products, and farmers sell neem seeds to local manufacturing companies who extract the active ingredient for natural medicines and pesticides.

During his Fellowship, Yanping reviewed nursery techniques used in the Pacific



This once flat area in Yunnan province used to be forest, then agriculture, before being abandoned in 1950 due to massive soil erosion. Dr. Yanping Zhang is seeking solutions to reforest these degraded lands using the "wonder tree" *Neem*.

Northwest for their application to nurseries producing neem seedlings. Additionally, he researched invasive species work, as one concern with widespread *Neem* planting is that it may have the potential to become an invasive.

WFI will greatly miss Yanping (especially his spicy cooking!) and wishes him a safe return to Kunming.



Yanping recently shared his work in WFI's well attended "Asian Forest Challenges" speaker series.

East-side Forests Present Sustainability Case Study

Taking advantage of a break in the winter weather, Fellows had the opportunity to pass through the Cascades to examine forestry issues in eastern Oregon. Almost 70% of forestland on the east side is owned by public agencies, and changes in forest management over the past decades have had great impact on local communities.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs presented an interesting case study in sustainable forest management. The three tribes own and manage 430,000 acres of forestland, all of which

are Forest Stewardship Council certified. Much of the wood extracted is processed by a tribe-owned corporation, Warm Springs Forest Products Industries. Ralph Minnick, CFO, gave an overview of the mill's current activities.

In Sisters, US Forest Service District Ranger Bill Anthony discussed public land management issues with WFI. Jasjit Walia, from the Indian Forest Service, found many similarities in the issues faced by his agency and the USFS. Some of the pressing issues for Sisters Ranger District involve thinning for

fire management, small diameter wood utilization, and increasing recreational pressure.

In Bend, Dr. Kreg Lindberg of Oregon State University Cascades campus, met with Jasjit to discuss ecotourism and recreation issues, in particular, how to provide economic benefits to local people from tourism.

Several stops were also made to examine state park and national monument management, the Wild and Scenic Rivers system, and forest recreation sites.