

## BACKGROUND

Sabah Forestry Institute or well known as ***Institut Perhutanan Sabah*** (IPS) was established in Sabah in 1974. Formerly known as Forestry Training School when it first opened in Sepilok but was upgraded to become the Forestry Institute when the Forest Ranger course was introduced in 1989. Sabah Forestry Institute new campus in Telupid was officially opened in 1994 and IPS has relocated to its new campus in July 21<sup>st</sup> 1997.



This institute was opened, realizing the important of training for the staff of Forestry Department to ensure implementation of proper forest management. Today, in relation to the Forest Management Plans, the purpose and mission of Sabah Forestry Institute (IPS) is derived from Goal No.6 of SFD (Sabah Forest Department,1989):



***'Strengthen the Capability of The Forestry Department to provide Scientific Forest Management and to Supervise and Enforce Forest Concessions and other Forest Management agreements on State Land and Forest Reserve'.***

This institute has training experience in forestry for 33 years and since its inception, 1072 Forest Guard and Forest Ranger have been trained.



## OBJECTIVES

- To ensure the expansion of Forestry knowledge to all the community particularly in Sabah.
- To meet the demand for knowledgeable and skilled men power in technical level with great awareness of forests as principal economic resources as well as for conservation functions.
- To provide training for the forestry Department field staff and other forestry agencies regarding proper management, conservation and utilization of the state forest resources on a sustainable basis.

## TRAINING PROGRAM

There are two types of courses offered by IPS (As shown in Table below):

Type Of Course	Duration	Number Of Subject	Method	Current Status
FOREST RANGER	2 Years (4 Semesters)	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Lecture</li><li>▪ Field Works</li><li>▪ Self-studies</li><li>▪ Examinations</li><li>▪ Field Trip</li><li>▪ Project Work</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Temporarily stopped/froze until further notice</li></ul>
FOREST GUARD	1 Year (2 Semesters)	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Lecture</li><li>▪ Field Works</li><li>▪ Self-studies</li><li>▪ Examinations</li><li>▪ Field Trip</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ On going / Active and offered to Forestry Department staff (PRA) only</li></ul>

### ***Short courses***

Apart from the regular courses, IPS offered other type of courses from time to time depending to the market/customers needs and demands.

They are:

- 1) Forest Fire Management
- 2) Sabah Log Grading Rules (SLGR)
- 3) Reduced Impact Logging (RIL) in different categories such as;
  - (a) Harvest Planner
  - (b) RIL Trainer
  - (c) RIL Supervisor
  - (d) Machine/Tractor Operator
  - (e) Chainsaw maintenance
  - (f) Timber Feller

### **ADMISSION PREREQUISITES**

#### ***Forest Ranger course***

- i. Applicant must be a Malaysian citizen, aged between 18 – 30 years. For those who are still in service whether with the government or company must not exceed 40 years.
- ii. Academic Qualifications - Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) with credit in Bahasa Malaysia or equivalent.
- iii. Applicants who are employed must submit their application through their head of department or employer.
- iv. Physically fit to attend the course (certified by doctor or physician).

#### ***Forest Guard course***

- i. Applicant must be a Malaysian citizen and Pekerja Rendah Awam (PRA) of Sabah Forestry Department, aged not exceeded 45 years.
- ii. Academic Qualifications - Sijil Rendah Pelajaran (SRP) or Penilaian Menengah Rendah (PMR) with credit in Bahasa Malaysia, passed in Mathematics and Science subjects.
- iii. Applicants must submit their application through their Head of Division or District Forest Officers respectively.
- iv. Good discipline record and high marks in Annual Performance Assessment (Penilaian Prestasi Tahunan).
- v. Physically fit to attend the course (certified by doctor or physician).

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Advertisement will be published in local leading newspaper when the new intake is officially open (for Regular courses only). Application form can be obtained at:

- a) Sabah Forestry Institute (Administration Office);
- b) Forestry Department Headquarters, Mile 6, Labuk Road Sandakan (Publicity and Public Relation Division); and
- c) District Forest Offices throughout Sabah.

## **INQUIRIES**

For further information and assistance, please forward your questions (or comments) to the following address:

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