

VISIT OF A CHINESE DELEGATION TO FABI

On Friday 28 September 2007 a high level Forestry Science and Technology delegation from Hainan Province of the People's Republic of China visited FABI with a view to identifying possible areas of research collaboration with the Tree Protection Cooperation Programme (TPCP) and the DST/NRF Centre of Excellence in Tree Health Biotechnology (CTHB).



The Chinese delegation with members of FABI

Eleven percent of the land area of Hainan Island is covered with natural forests and there is a wonderful diversity of living things. Because of its location in the north rim of the Tropics bordering the subtropical area, and because of its topography, the island has unique ecosystems of tropical mountain rainforests, monsoon rainforests, where abundant fauna and flora species are living. Efforts of research and development for the six forestry programmes are aimed at removing technical difficulties and extending technical achievements. This includes, for example, forestation in desertification areas, the cultivation of fast-growing and high-yielding forest and coastal windbreaks, germplasm of palm forests and so on. Steady progress has been made in differentiated forest management and Hainan now leads the country in zoned management of its forests.

Established in 1958, Hainan Institute of Forestry Sciences (HIFS) has departments for project information and management, coastal windbreaks, tropical plants, and disease and insect control.

We trust that the talks between researchers at FABI and members of the Chinese delegation will further strengthen the formal and informal research collaborative efforts that have already been established.



The members of the delegation listed below were accompanied by the Chinese Consul
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Mr Lin Fanglue, Vice Governor, Government of Hainan Province

Mr Huang Xueren, Deputy Director General, Science & Technology Department of
Hainan Province

Mr Liu Kangde, Vice President of Hainan University

Mr Xiao Bangsen, President, Hainan Academy of Agricultural Sciences

Mr Quan Bo, Division Director, Science and Technology Department of Hainan
Province

Mr Liu Guodao, Director, Institute of Tropical Crops Genetic Resources, CATAS

Mr Wang Dongming, Director, Hainan Institute of Forestry Sciences

Mr Su Shihua, Board Chairman, Hainan Jingang Laboratory Animal Co Ltd