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Part Three Report: Activities in Japan to Tackle Illegal Logging Issues

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Title of Your Presentation: China's legal timber verification system
Presentation Outline (about 400 words): <p>Verification of Goho-wood in Japan is undertaken concretely and in detail. The system is flexible and easy to implement. It is worthwhile for China to take for reference.</p> <p>China also pays attention to verification of legal wood. Our association requires members to use legal timber.</p> <p>China manages timber and ensures domestic timber being legal by a 3-license system, i.e., timber cutting license, timber transportation license, and timber processing license. China is a large country for timber import, and a large country for export of wood products as well. This is quite different than many other countries. China imports raw materials for processing wood products, but China cannot control the legality of timber harvested in other countries. The key point for China is how to verify legality of import timber.</p> <p>At present, China is trying to establish verification system to legal timber. Mainly we consider about signing agreements with origin countries, clarify the definition of legal timber. Firstly, it is necessary to abide by all the laws and regulations related to forestry in each country, to make sure that the source is legal, timber is legally harvested, and the forest management is also in accordance with domestic law concerning forest management. To make sure the legality of import timber, the following contents should be included: legal cutting concession, compliance with regulations related to forest management, environment, labor and welfare, health and safety, tax and copyrights, international treaties, etc.</p>

Profile

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