Dear Sir/Madam,

The Government of Indonesia, in collaboration with the Asia Forest Partnership (AFP) will host the Ninth Meeting of the AFP and AFP Dialogue 2010, “Forest Governance Challenges Beyond Copenhagen: An Asia-Pacific Perspective.” The AFP Dialogue 2010 builds on the 2009 AFP Dialogue “REDD and Illegal Logging” by exploring the links between REDD+ and governance. Governance is crucial to REDD+ to ensure long-term, real emissions reductions and equitable outcomes, while many hope that REDD+ will provide new opportunities to strengthen forest governance.

The Dialogue will give an opportunity for stakeholders to examine the questions and objectives outlined above, to share information, to establish partnerships and to propose recommendations to policymakers. It will include keynote presentations, interactive discussions and breakout sessions to enable community, corporate and government participants to present their views and to contribute to viable solutions. This meeting will also provide input to international processes on REDD and illegal logging including UNFCCC, UNFF and other relevant bodies.

In this regard, I am writing to invite you to attend the Ninth Meeting of the Asia Forest Partnership and The Asia Forest Partnership Dialogue: “Forest Governance Challenges Beyond Copenhagen: An Asia-Pacific Perspective” to be held from 4-6 August 2010 at Hotel Ayodya, Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia. Please note that 4 August is set aside for the Steering Committee meeting and partners’ forum.

Information about the AFP and the event can be accessed at: http://www.asiaforests.org

We look forward to your participation in the AFP Dialogue in promoting sustainable forest management in the Asia-Pacific region.

Yours sincerely,

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