

VISIT OF DELGATION FROM CAF TO IFGTB

A delegation from the Chinese Academy of Forestry (CAF) lead by **Dr. Zhang Shougong**, President with **Mr. Cai Daoxiong**, Director of Tropical Experimental Centre, **Dr. Fu Feng**, Director of Division of Scientific Management, **Mr. He Guangsen** Deputy Director, Division of International Cooperation, **Dr. Zhong Chonglu**, Researcher, Research Institute of Tropical Forestry, **Dr. Xie Jinzhong**, Researcher, Research Institute of Subtropical Forestry, visited the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding on 21.12.2011. In this connection, a meeting with the visiting Chinese delegation was held on 21.12.2011 at 09.30 AM. The meeting was attended by Group Co-ordinator (Research), all Scientists and Research Officers. Presentation on the research activities of IFGTB was made during the meeting. Mr. He Guangsen, Deputy Director made a presentation on the programames and activities of CAF. Dr. Fu Feng made a presentation on Bamboo utilization. The Director appraised the team about the ICFRE as a national body for forestry research in the country and said that Institutes of ICFRE would work with Chinese Academy of Forestry on an approved action programme based on strengths of each Institute. He said that in the days to come strong collaboration with CAF and ICFRE is expected based on the MoU signed recently at ICFRE. Dr. Zhang Shougong, Head of the delegation said that he look forward working closer with ICFRE. The delegation visited the Biotechnology and Bioprospecting laboratories, nurseries and Gass Forest Museum. Later they visited the teak SPA at Sadivayal, maintained by the Tamil Nadu Forest Department and IFGTB's seed orchards of Casuarina and Eucalyptus. The delegation proceeded to KFRI On 22.12.2011.



Delegates from CAF Discussing with Director, IFGTB



Interactive meeting with Scientists



Visit to Biotechnology lab



Visit to Tissue Culture Laboratory



Visit to Bioprospecting lab



Visit to Open Top Chamber



Visit to Gass Forest Museum



Visit to Teak Seed Production Area



Field Visit to Eucalyptus Orchards