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NHLA to Offer 3-Day Advanced Lumber Grading Courses in China

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE –The National Hardwood Lumber Association (NHLA) will offer three Advanced Lumber Grading Courses in China during 2010.

- May 27-29 in Shanghai, China
- September 16-18 in Beijing, China
- December 9-11 in Guangzhou, China

In 2009, despite the global economic slowdown, NHLA offered two NHLA Advanced Lumber Grading Short Courses and both events were very well received with the sold out seminars attracting attendees from China, Hong Kong, Germany and Vietnam. In response to this tremendous turn out, NHLA has increased the 2010 educational schedule in China.

Taught by former NHLA Chief Inspector and Inspector Training School Director, Bob Sabistina, the three-day event will give attendees the opportunity to advance their working knowledge of the NHLA grading rules, receive hands-on practice time, network with fellow industry peers and deepen international alliances.

The three-day short course is a valuable experience for anyone involved in the North American hardwood industry. Manufacturers gain insight on purchasing, regional differences of the same species, and the right grade to select for finished goods. Suppliers can better serve their customers with a working knowledge of the grades and species, as the cheapest price is rarely the best value. In-house support team members can also benefit from the course because knowing the working language of the grades and species from North America is a valuable tool to help increase sales.

Cost of the course is RMB 2750 per person (\$368US) for NHLA members and RMB 3000 per person (\$440 US) for non-members. Fees include registration, all breaks, lunches, course materials, and Certificate of Completion.

In order to ensure the quality of education, class size is limited to 25 students. If your company is interested in attending any of these events please contact NHLA right away as registration typically fills quickly. To register online, please visit www.nhla.com. The registration is located on the NHLA Education Calendar.

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The world's largest and oldest hardwood industry association, NHLA represents companies and individuals that produce, use and sell North American hardwood lumber, or provide equipment, supplies or services to the hardwood industry. It was founded in 1898 to establish a uniform system of grading rules for the measurement and inspection of hardwood lumber. Since 1980, its headquarters have been in Memphis, Tenn. To learn more about NHLA, please visit www.nhla.com.

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