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News Release

IULTCS Welcomes ITAB - YC

(Indonesian Tannery Association Branch, Yogyakarta Special Region & Central Java)

IULTCS, 14 July 2010: The Officers of the IULTCS are pleased to announce the recent addition of ITAB – Yogyakarta Special Region & Central Java to the International Union and welcome their President, Mr. Sutanto Haryono, and representative, Mrs. Suliestiyah Wiryodiningrat to the Executive Committee. The ITAB – YC has 12 members that include leather and leather product producers and exporters. Dr. Bi Shi, President of the IULTCS, in welcoming ITAB as an Associate Member said: *“The inclusion of representation from Indonesia is important recognition of the growing influence of this major leather producing country. We look forward to increased participation and contribution from Indonesian leather professionals at the global level.”* Dr. Bi Shi went on to say: *“We foresee more active leather producing Asian countries joining our IULTCS family in the near future.”*

This brings the total number of members and associate members of the IULTCS to 22, representing 24 of the world's leading leather producing countries. Recent changes in the IULTCS Statutes now provide a seat on the Executive Committee for each member organization and this ensures that the industry interests of each country is heard directly at the global level. The seat is nominally held by the President but is typically filled by a representative who is appointed for a period of four years.

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