## **Session 4**

[Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> period 2.0 hours - Main Hall]

Artistic aspects of wood use and design

## **Speakers**



Speaker: M P Ranjan

Topic:

Entrepreneur Development, Design and Innovation in Wood Products / Design Detailing in Wood: An Appreciation of Furniture Design by Gajanan Upadhaya



Speaker:

Jirawat Tangkijgamwong

Topic:

The Way of Wood: Finding Green Pieces in Thailand



Speaker:

**Achmad Zainudin** 

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Speaker:

Hakki Alma

Topic:

**Wood Carving Art in Turkey** 



Speaker:

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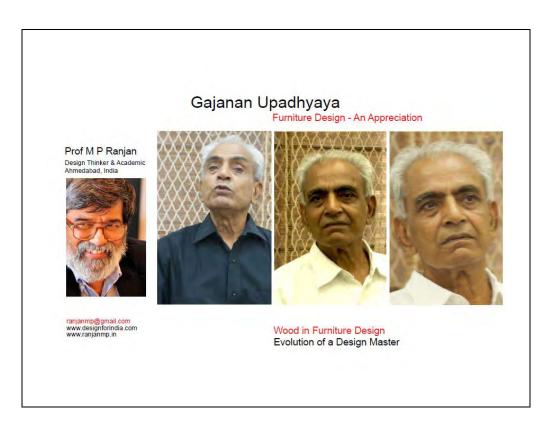
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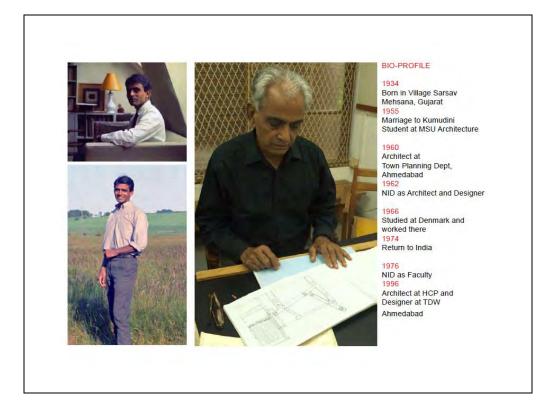
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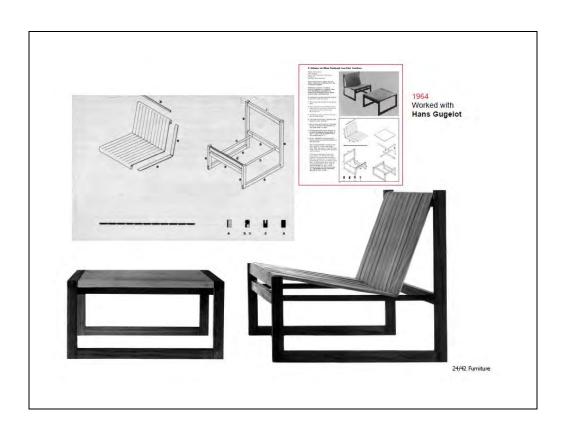
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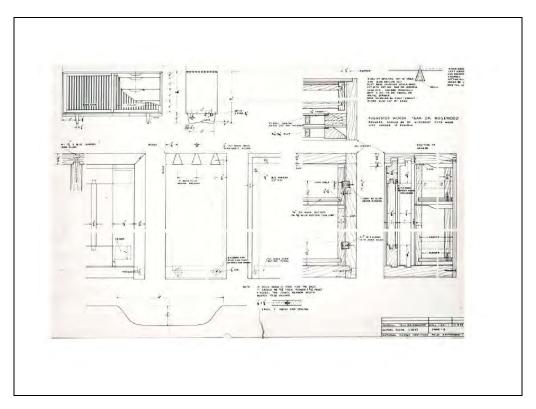


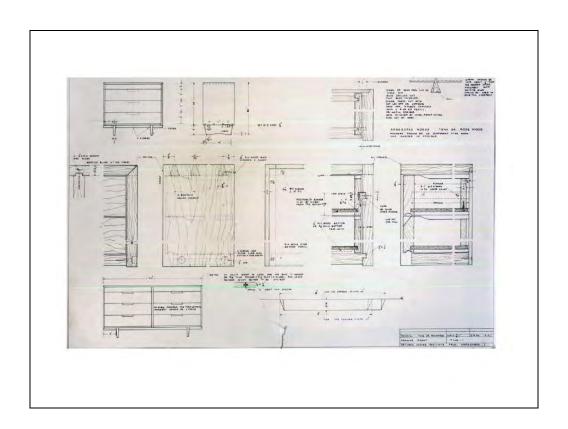


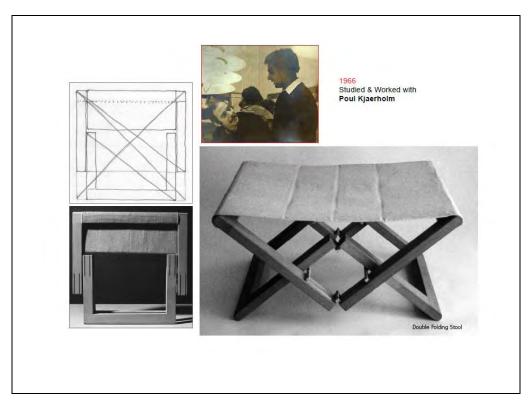








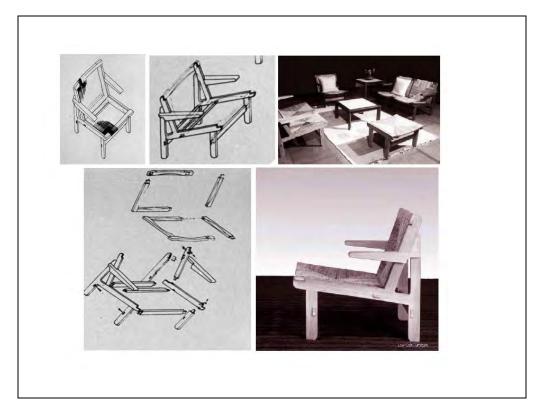


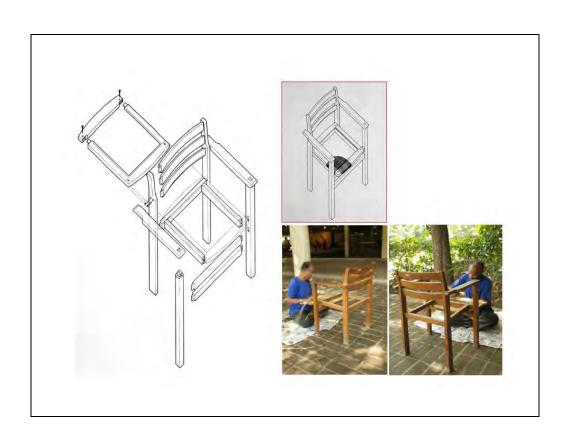












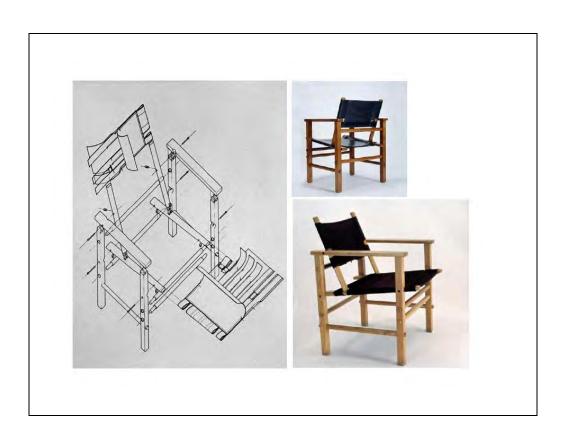


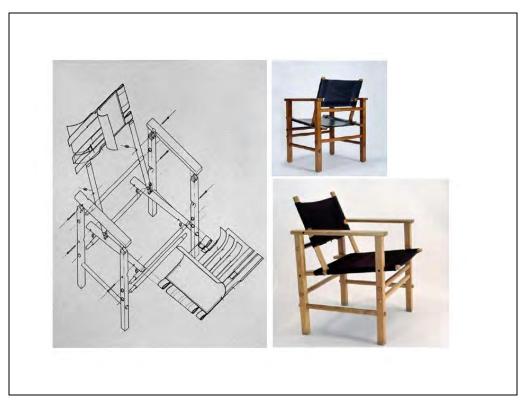


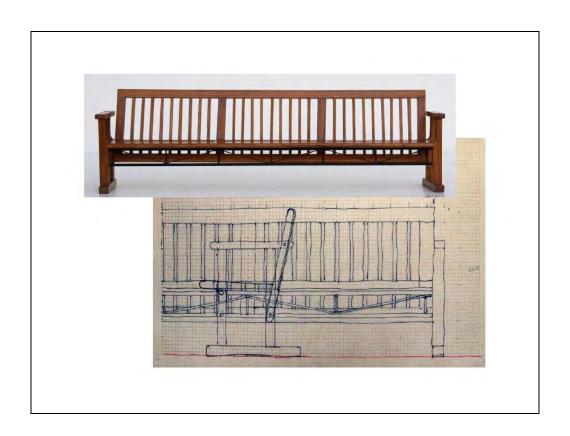






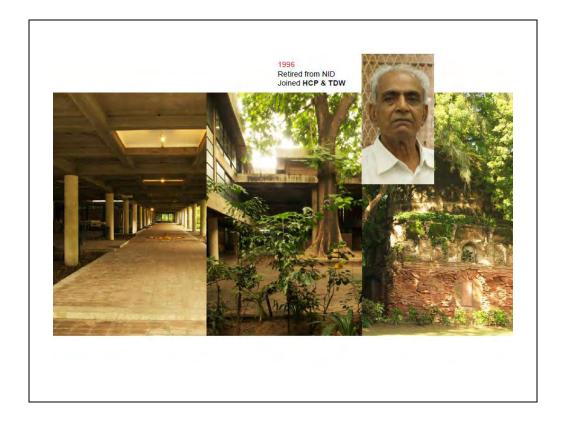






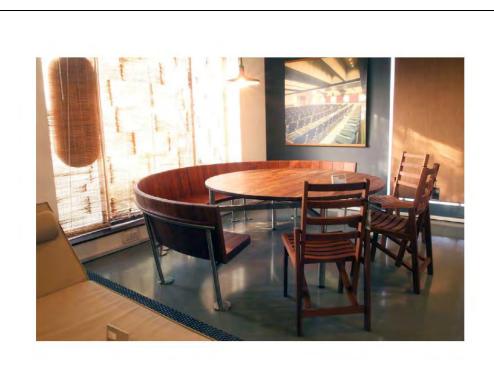






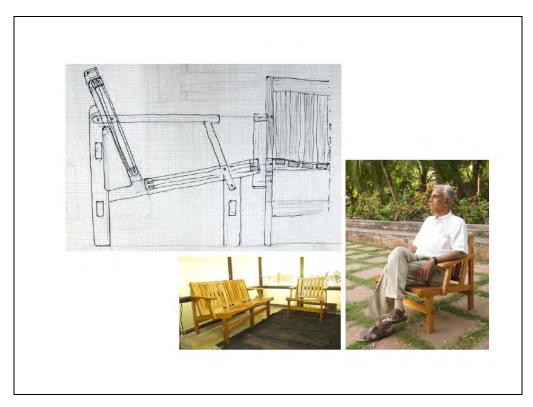


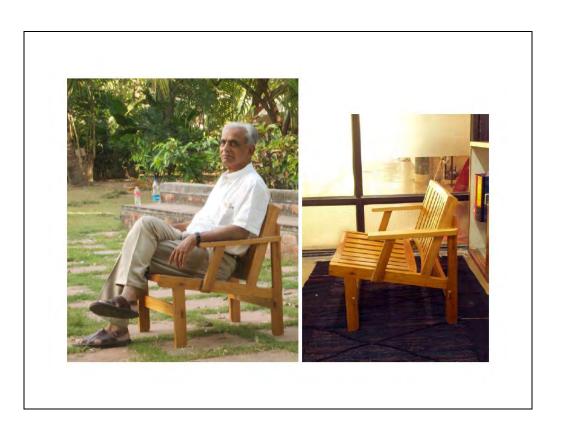


























## The way of wood: Finding Green Pieces in Thailand Jirawat Tangkijngamwong<sup>2</sup>

#### **Abstract**

MyThaiDesign.com was established to create a community platform to enable lovers of Thai design, from around the world, to come together to learn about the latest forward-thinking designs and must-attend events in Thailand, as well as to share their leading-edge thoughts and ideas regarding what Thai design means to them. Thai design is diverse. It is modern and contemporary; it is traditional and conservative. It is fresh and admirable. For Thailand, the idea of sustainability is on the tip of everyone's tongue. Green is embedded in the culture. The warm Thai people are "living a green life". The love and warmth that stems from Thailand is contagious and welcoming. Deesawat is a good example. They are the creative and the producer of Thailand specializing on contemporary outdoor design, especially using all solid wood. They admire the preservation of nature and the coolness of living among nature. For years, Deesawat strives not only for producing timbers out of legal or sustainable sources, but also carefully looks into other dimensions to make the company greener. Creativity and Sustainability are at the core of the business. Besides, being awarded and recognized in design excellence, Deesawat also strives to improve the relationship between commercial, social and ecological aspects, with the strong belief that this is the way of wood in the future: sustainable and creative. Deesawat also involves community work in timber and plants network. Join us in celebrating products that are eco-friendly, design-led, and suitable for interiors and exteriors across the globe.

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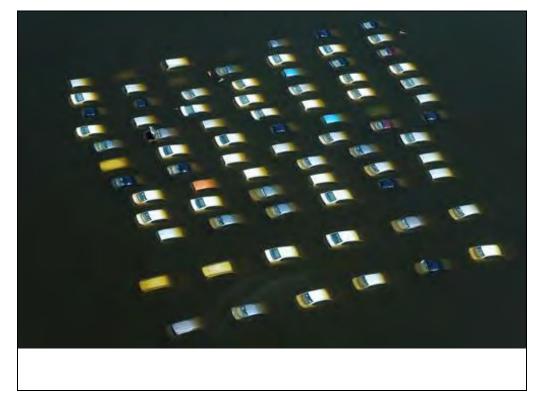


The mother Nature has taught us that we should never took nature for granted.











The warning is painful.

Lessons must be learnt.







We are living on the edge.

We all can pitch in... to make the difference.

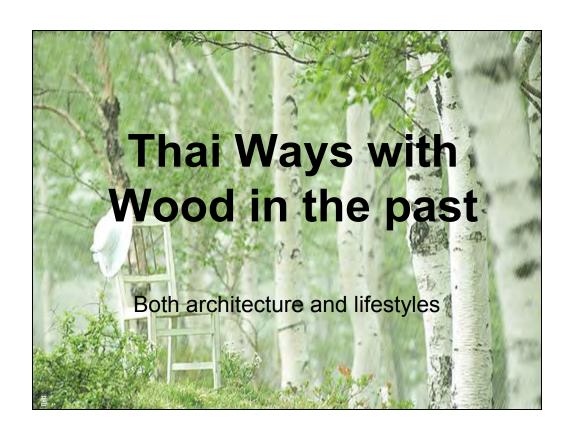


# Sustainable living is the Sustainable future.

It's real!



























#### Turriture

### manufacturers in

- 1 reglisher bar Pactories
- -Large scale 52 factories
- -Medium scale 210 factories
- Small scale factories



# manufacturers in

- -Public IIstail and ctories
- -170 export-oriented
- -8000 micro industries nonregistered



## 1500 total /176 export

Most of them SMEs



**SME** 

## **SME**

Slow and Unproductive and Incompetitive.

# **Facts**

- Forest is 33%
- Commercial plantation: Eucalyptus, Rubberwood and Teak

#### 2010 Sales in the nutshell

- Furniture export US\$ 1000 millions (+17%) (wood furniture about US\$ 500 millions)
- Wood product export US\$ 1000 millions (wood sawn timber about US\$ 500 millions)
- Wood construction export US\$ 1200 millions
- Furniture local market US\$ 1400 million (under estimated/ under invoiced/ otop orders)

#### **FURNITURE & INTERIORS MARKET Thailand**

**Total Housing Starts** units/year **Total Number of Households** units **Furniture Production** million US\$ 0 million US\$ **Total Furniture Imports** 40 **Total Furniture Exports** million US\$ 0 Total Furniture Consumption 1,400 million US\$ million US\$ •Total Commercial Mkt •Total Repair / Remodeling Mkt 500 million US\$



#### **Facts**

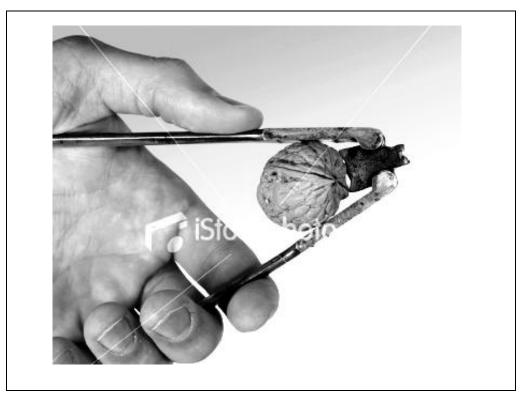
- 2010 growth 17% so far
- 70% of export furniture are wood furniture and natural fibres.
- Local/export market is about the same size (US\$ 1400 million US\$)

# Natural material oriented (wood,natural fibre)

Rubber wood, Teak Wood Water Hyacinth, Bamboo, Coconut

Make sure it's renewable souces legally and sustainably managed.

### **Situation Today**



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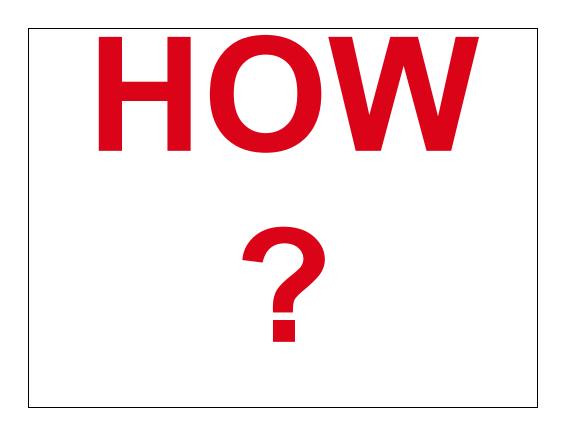




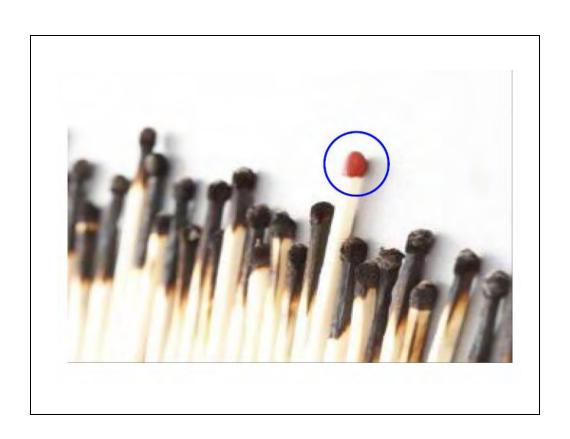
















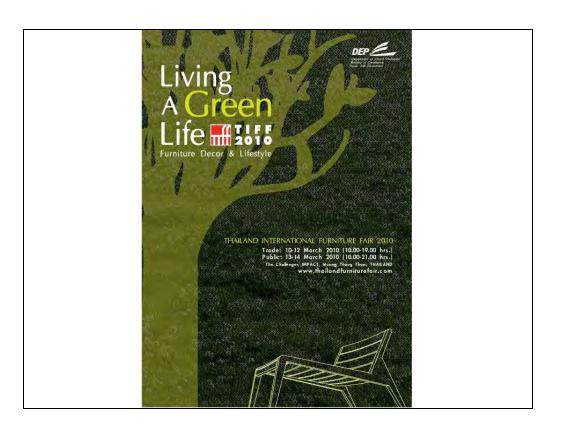
































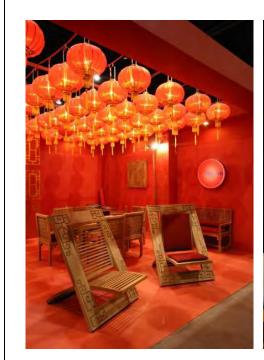








































































































































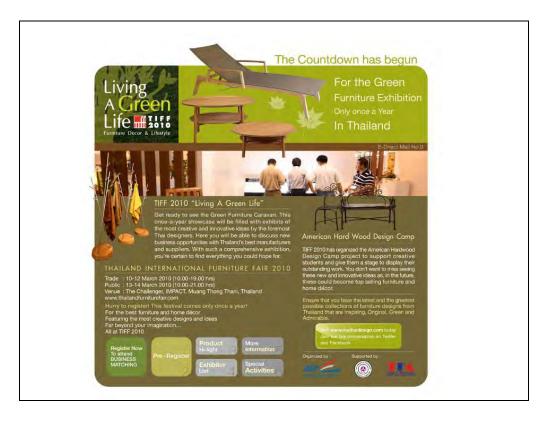


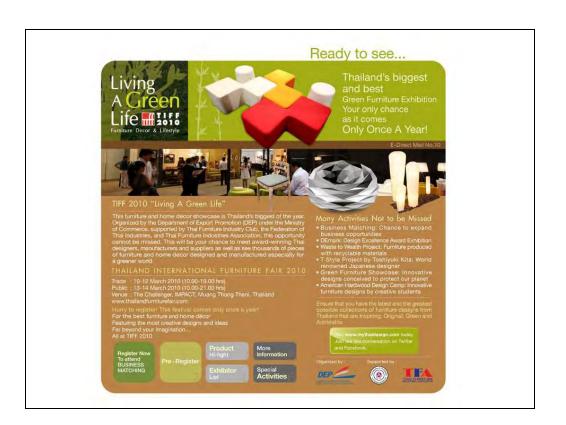








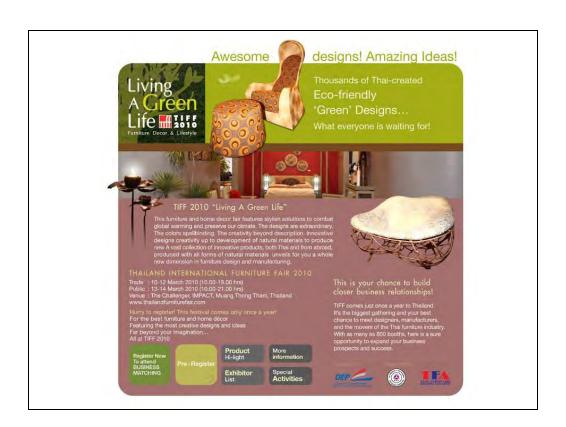


















# To wrap up Thai Design

# Hybrid & Unison

Contrast, Mixture, Harmony, or Integration of things bring us wonderful effects & results

#### Key Words

- Combination & contrast of materials
- Mixture of traditional craft & the newest technology
- Harmony of style & function
- Integration of international product & sense of Thai

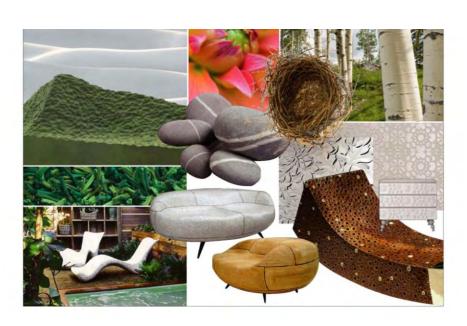


## Reflection of Nature

The mother Nature, a treasure house of our inspiration

#### Key Words

- Inspiration from nature & everyday life
- Usage of natural material from Thailand
- Hand craft with a long history
- Philosophy of eco-conscious
- Sustainable design for environment



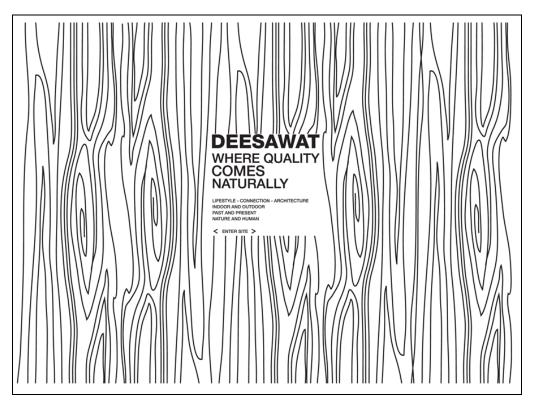
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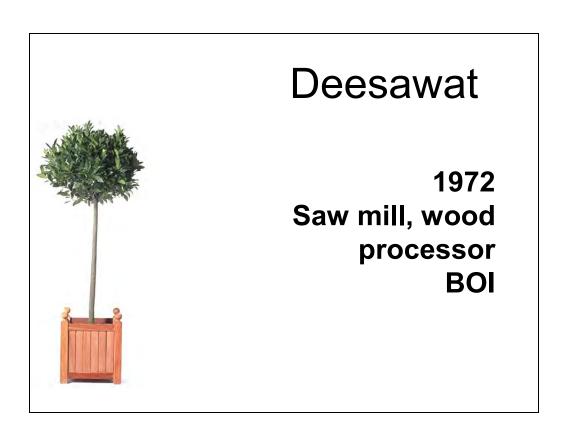
We believe our actions, concept and design bring positive reactions to our life.

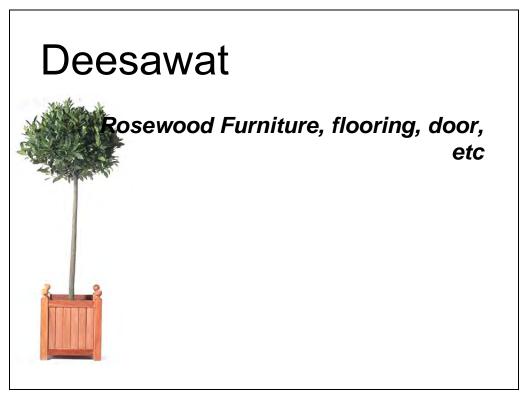
#### Key Words

- Action of "RE-concept" causes good Reaction to the world.
- We have responsibilities for our **Actions** because of its social, environmental, and ecological **Reactions**.
- Actions of our functional furniture give us delightful Reactions.

















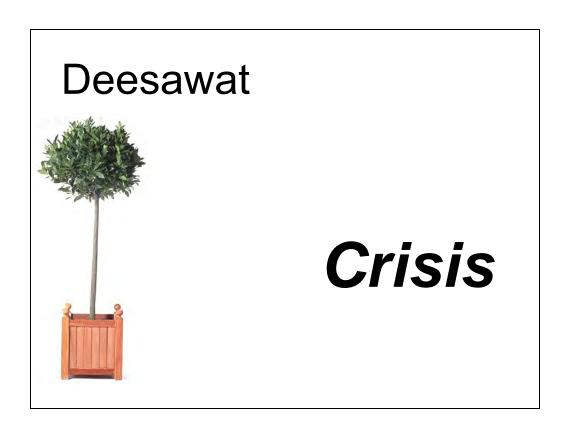
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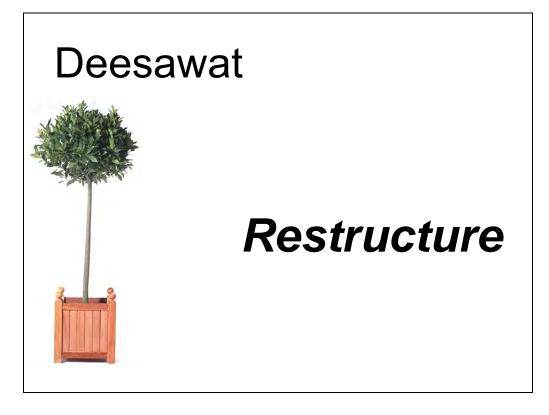
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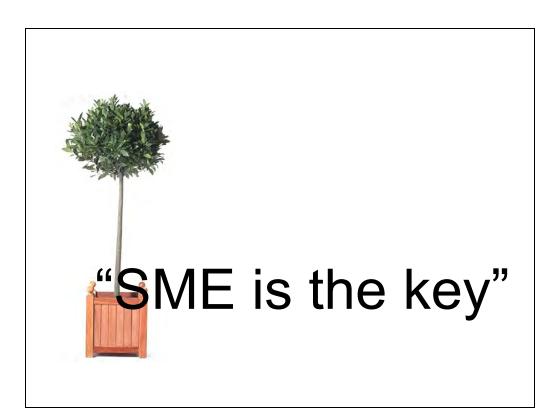




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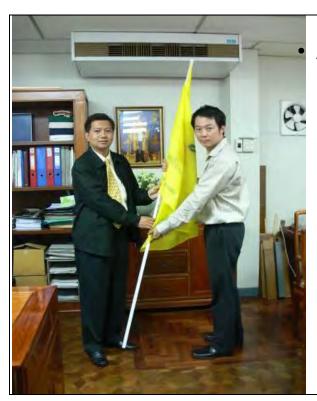


## **Deesawat Team**

- Management/ sale/ Design 40
- Production 200







Awarded Royal Flag Environmentally sound factory

Ministry of Industry

Best SMEs
National Award
2006



## Prime Minister's Industry Award (SME)



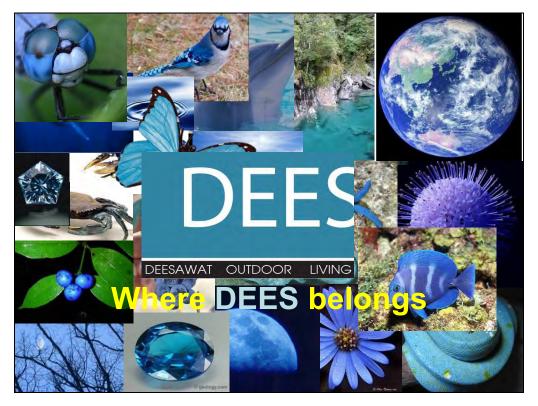


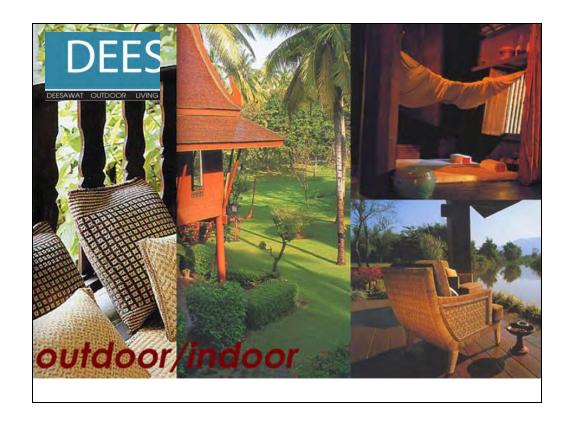


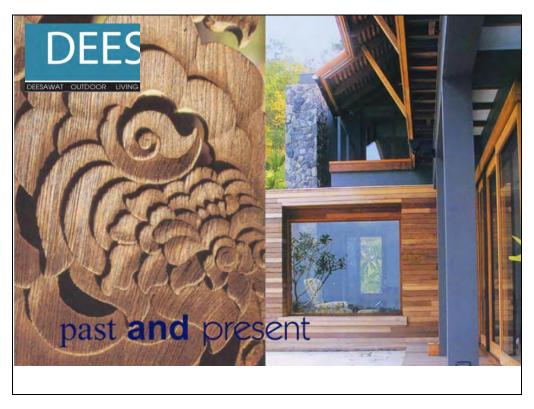


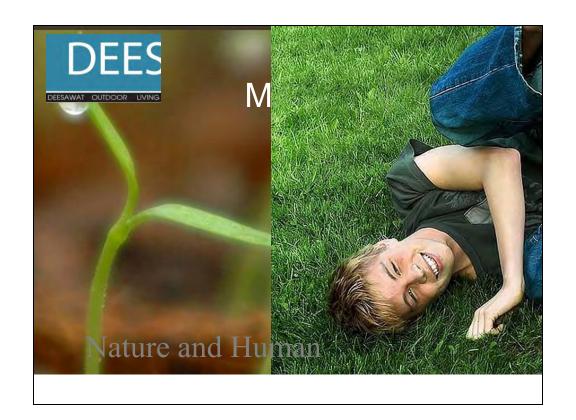






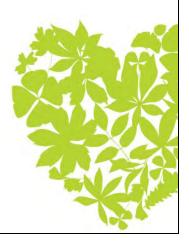






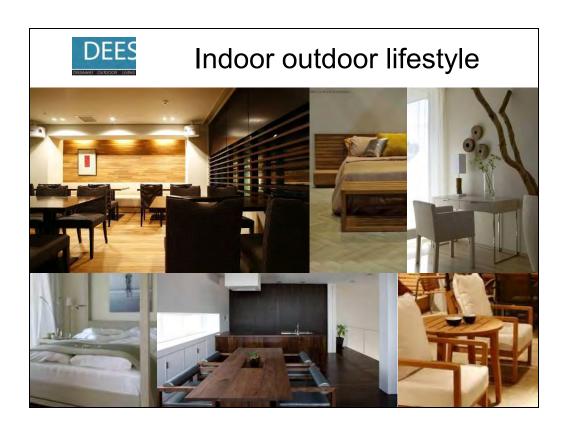
# **Brand Personality**

# Expert Relax Tasteful





















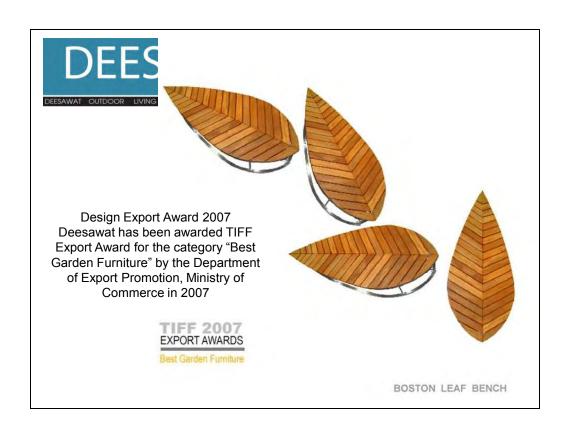
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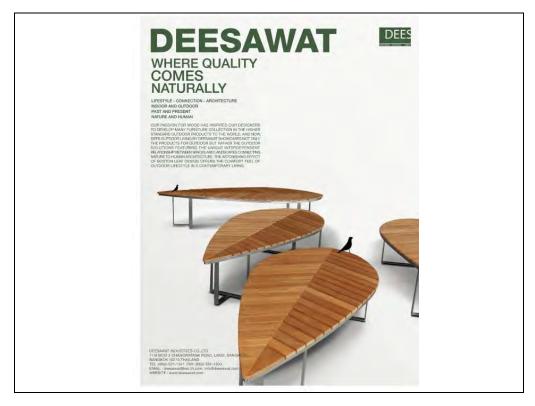










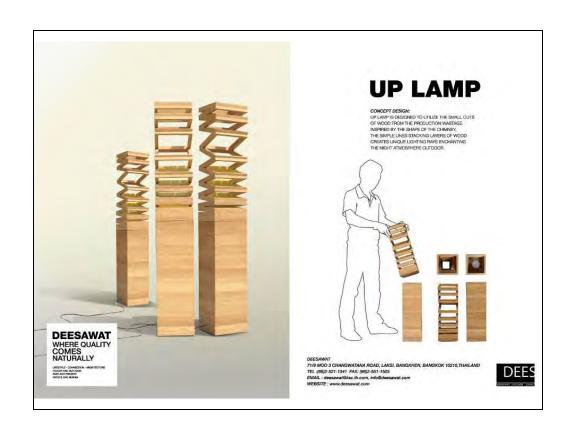


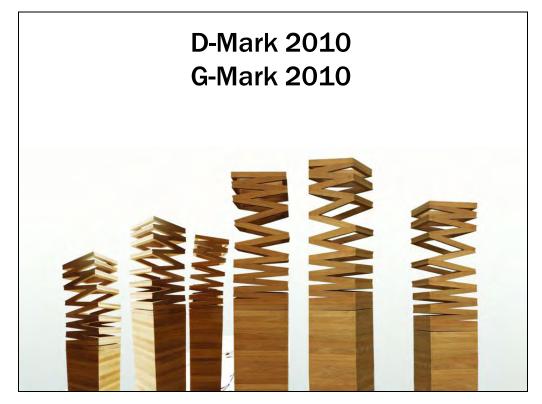


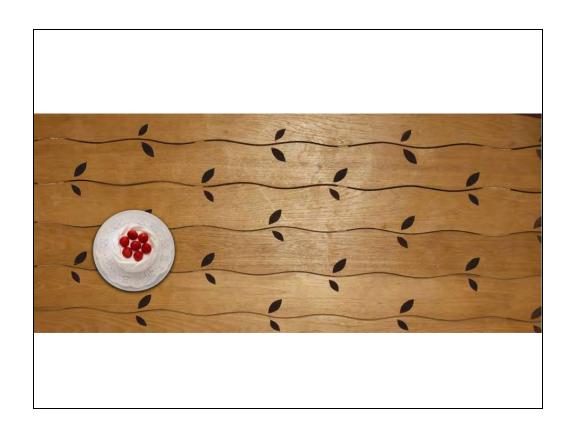






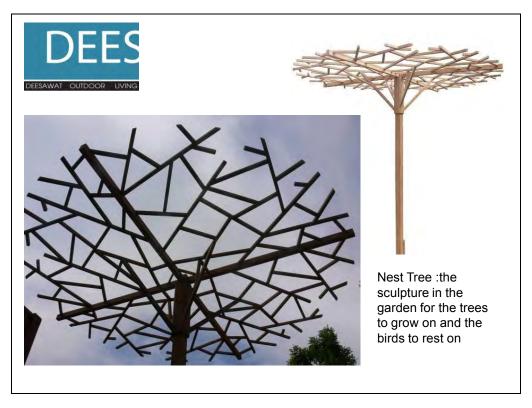


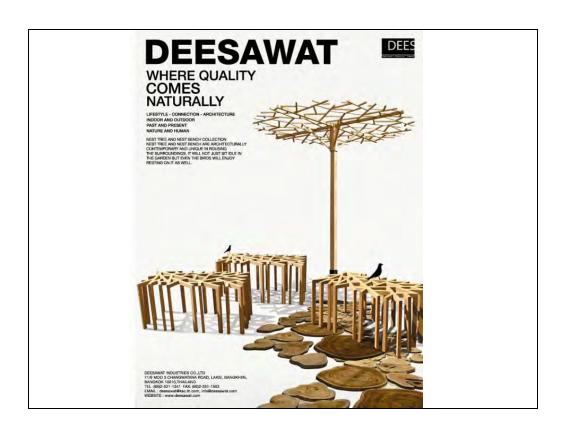


























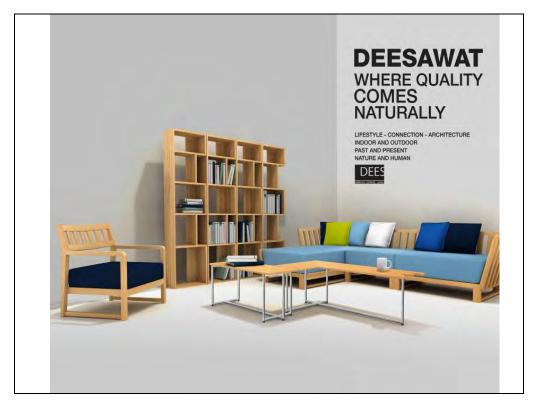










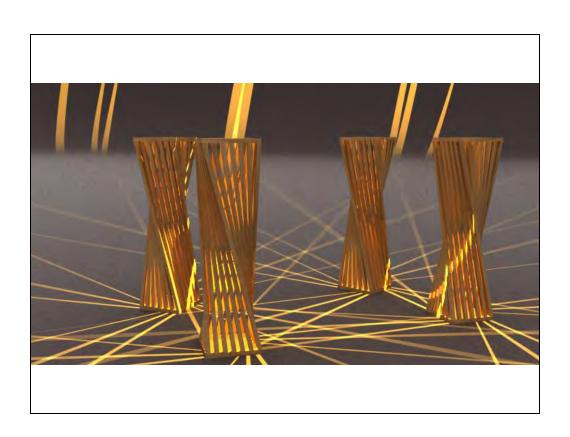












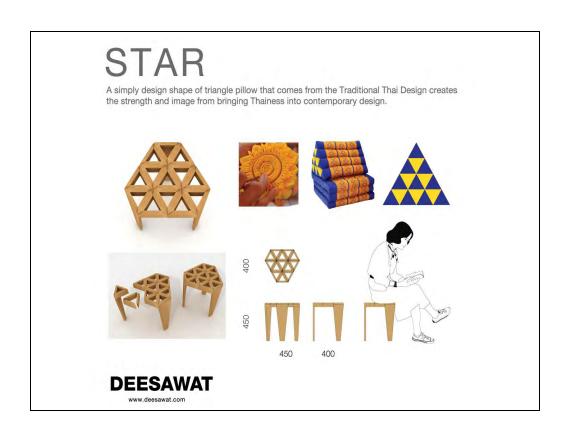




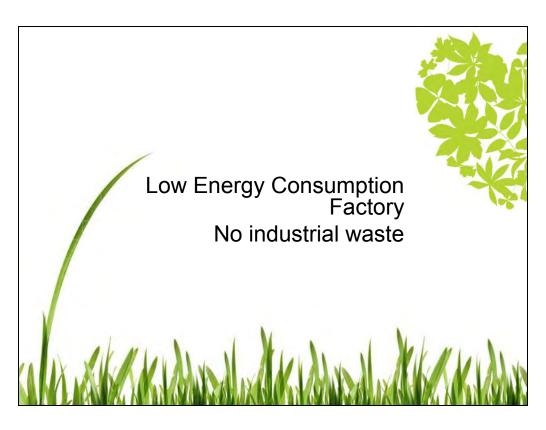




















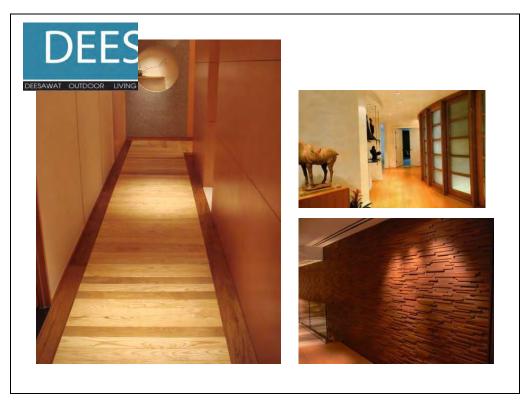








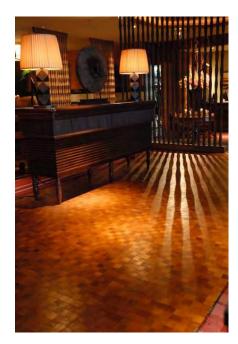








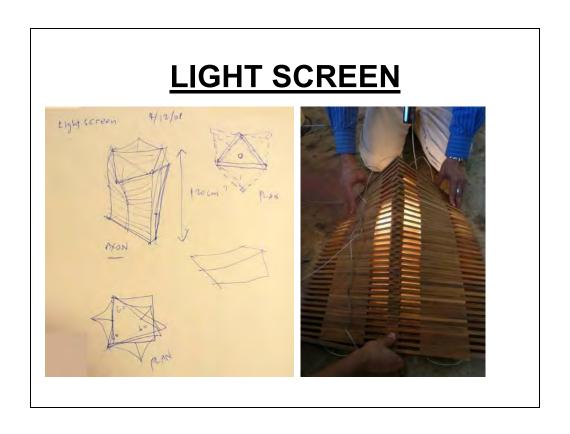








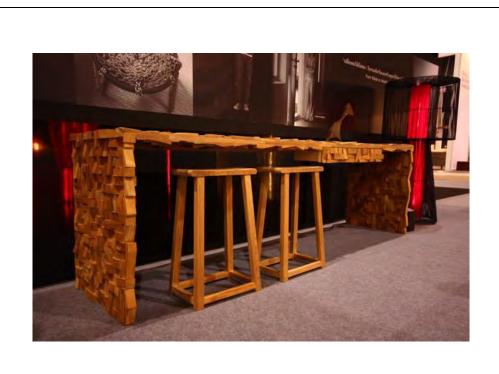










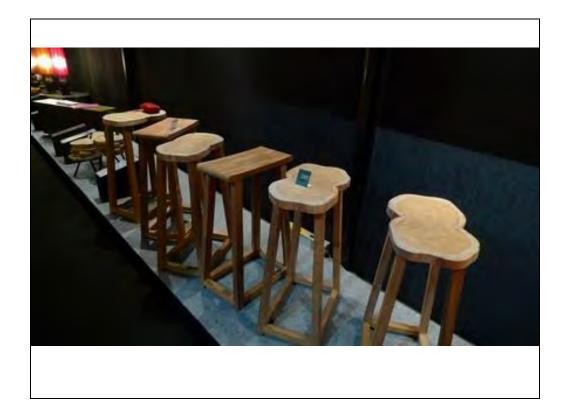




## Boston curve bench + award





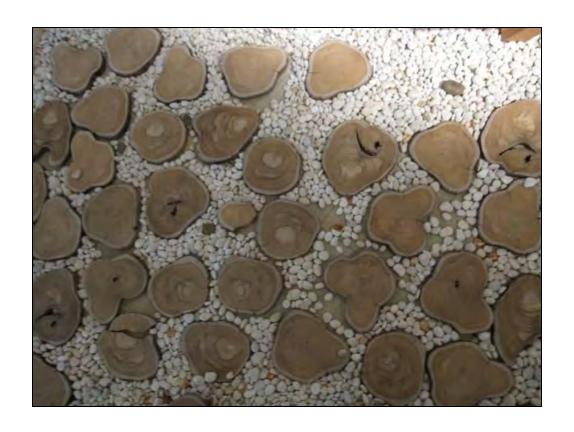












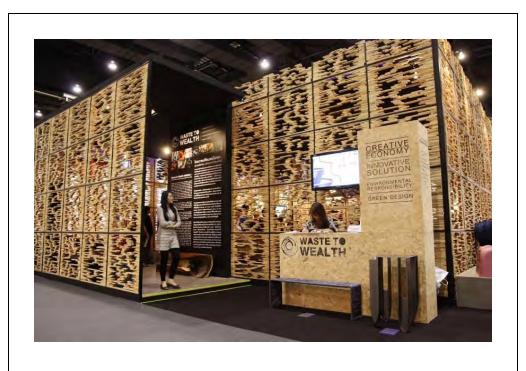




















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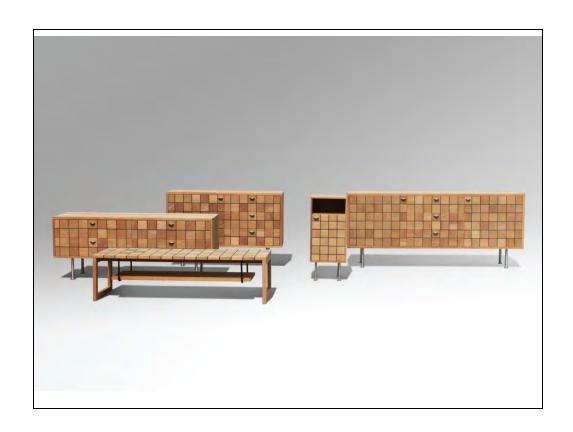
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## Project designs



























Contemporary Design Sustainable Design Mindful Design

Global Touch with Cultural sense



KNOWN FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND PERSONALITY

INTERNATIONAL PLAYER ENTREPRENEURAL MINDSET SERVICE MINDSET

Thai Furniture & Design

CREATIVE NATION
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## CULTURAL PRIDE WITH GLOBAL SENSE





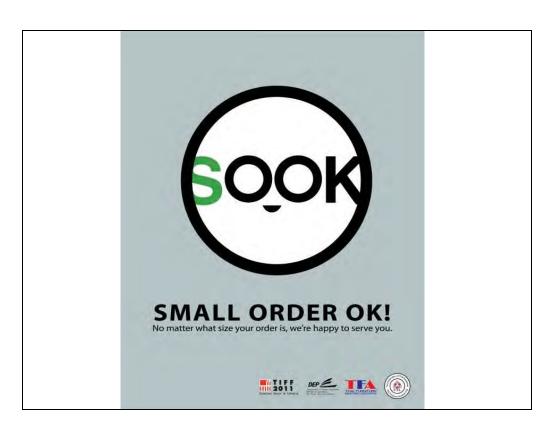


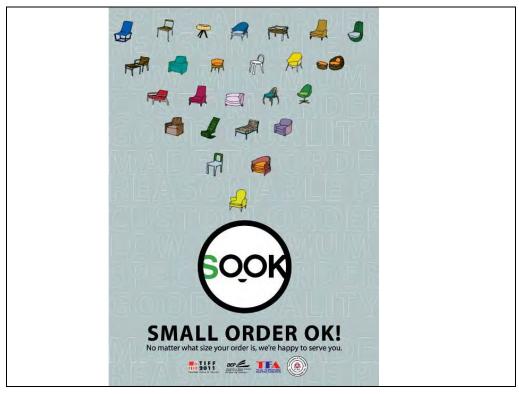
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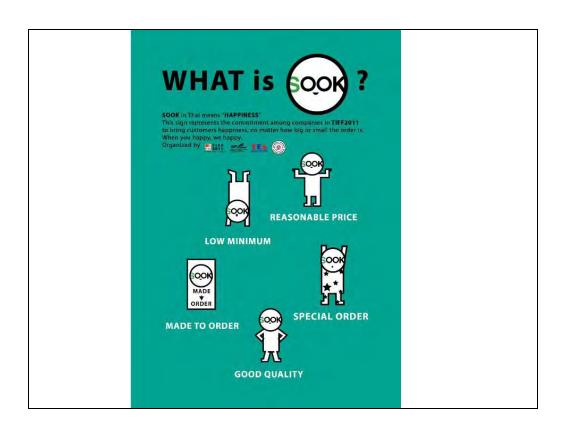




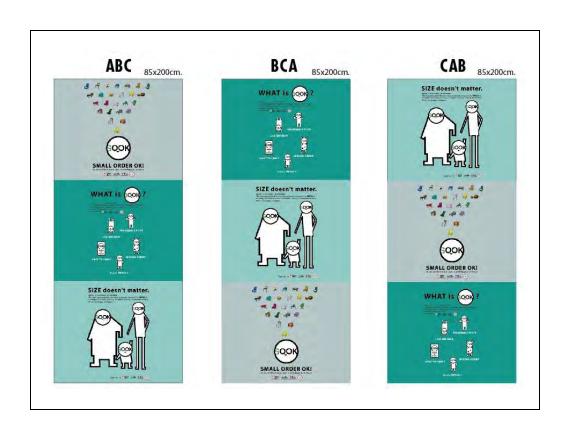
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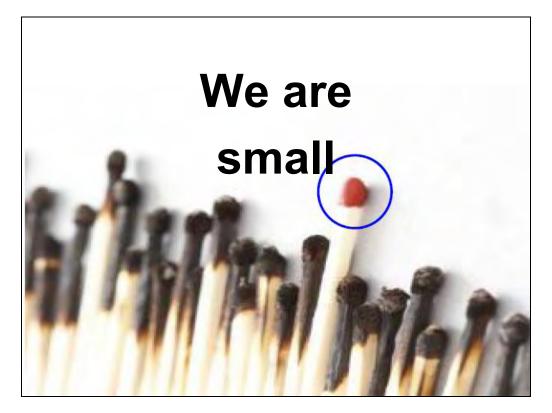


















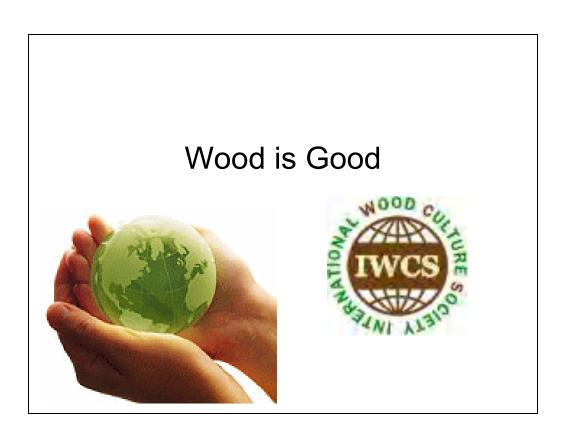


# We believe in wood and sustainability



## It's the time for us to return the favor of mother nature







#### Jepara: Mirror of Indonesian Wood Art

#### Achmad Zainudin<sup>3</sup>

#### **Abstract**

Jepara is well known as the carving town and furniture center of the world, as reflected in the amount of small scale furniture producers. According to CIFOR data, more than 8 thousand small producers are based in Jepara. All of these individuals live and depend on wood.

The wood industry has a central role in Jepara's economic growth and accounts for some 27 % of the region's income. The regional furniture industry boasts around 150,000 people. The Jepara wood industry consumes 950.000 m3/year of log wood.

There are several clusters located at Jepara; Relief (3D craving), sculpture and teak root furniture, wooden doors and frames, indoor furniture, garden furniture, recycled wood furniture and handicrafts.

The Indonesian furniture industry faces challenges as it struggles to secure its place in competitive global markets. Business relations between furniture producers and their buyers are usually unbalanced: buyers set their price and producers cannot negotiate a better deal. Furthermore, the supply of wood is insufficient as well.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Secretary, APKJ Jepara (Association of Small-scale Furniture Producers), (pengrajinkayu@yahoo.com)

#### 1. BACKGROUND

The wooden handcraft carvings have long been part of Jepara culture. History records the abundance of handcraft carvings in Jepara, central Java, since the seventh century. The skilled carpenters used the timber from the kalingga, majapahit, demak and mataram kingdom. Jepara carvers and furniture makers absorbed the influences of Chinese, Indian, Arabic, European designs, producing intricate design and highly sought items to this day. The seventeenth century port of Jepara, once a bustling centre of maritime commerce, remains today a major of handcrafted items and furniture.

In 1700, Quen Kalinyamat encouraged the workers to produce high quality wooden handcrafted furniture for international trade, as did the Indonesian heroine, Kartini, who helped promote Jeparanese handcraft items to the European market.

As carving is an integral part of Jepara culture, the citizens depend on the sustainability of wooden industries.

#### 2. WOOD CARVING

Wood carving is an art form whereby a picture or motif is engraved on a wooded surface. Carved motifs are often unique to different regions; Jepara, Madura, Pajajaran motifs etc. These may depict curved arches, the cosmos, and many other themes. Determination of the theme is entirely dependent on the artisan. The equipment to create such carvings is relatively simple and includes items such as saws, crabs, and most importantly hammer chisels.

#### **Carving Techniques**

Java is a natural archipelago with rich tropical forests providing timber that can be used as a base material for wood sculpture. Carving then involves scraping, chiseling, and incising patterns on the wooden surface.

In Indonesia, carvings have been found dating from as far back as the Early Stone Age. Artifacts from that period are marked with geometric-patterned carvings, such as tumpal, circles, lines, swastika, zig zag, and triangles. Generally such carvings were merely decorative, but could also contain symbolic and religious significance.

Types of carvings include; carved translucent (krawangan), low carving, carving high (arise), and carvings intact. Carving artwork has a variety of functions including:

- a) Decorative functions, namely engraving made solely for decoration and carrying no particular meaning.
- b) Magical functions, namely carving containing certain symbols and serving as a magical object associated with beliefs and spiritual
- c) Symbolic function, namely that in addition to traditional carving as decoration, these examples also serve to symbolize certain things related to the spiritual.
- d) Construction function, namely that in addition to carving as decoration, this also serves as a support structure of a building

e) Economic function, namely engraving which serves to increase the selling value of an object.

#### 3. CLUSTER

A cluster is a grouping of various companies in the same business sector in a certain area. In a cluster consisting of core companies, and industry related supporting industries, the development of services is not and the development of other services is not focused on the core companies, but has a more holistic approach (Schmitz, 2002).

Wood carving is now prominent in industries such as furniture production. The furniture industry in Jepara serves not only the domestic market, but international demand. This industry has been developing for hundreds of years, forming a geographic cluster of supporting industries. When analyzed in terms of turnover and number of workers, Jepara is the largest cluster in Indonesia.

#### 1. Relief (3d carving)

Jepara relief carvings illustrate various aspects of the daily activities of the cultural community in Jepara. These carvings have a unique appearance because of the layered and three-dimensional carving technique. Artisans strive to imagine and project a life-story through their carving on a piece of wood.

Teak wood is the main raw material for Three-dimensional relief carving. It possesses the necessary characteristics for the creation of these relief carvings. Teak wood is generally harvested from Teak plantations and not community forests.

The process of creating three-dimensional relief carving is very complicated. According to Sutrisno, a relief carving artist and member of the small scale producer association, it would take approximately one year for a craftsman to complete a carving measuring 2.5 meters squared.

Senenan Village, Jepara, is a centre of three-dimensional relief carving consisting of some 180 small-scale entrepreneurs. However, the future of high-quality artwork is coming under threat. Sutrisno states that "the manufacture and use of teak wood as raw material is complex and this product is capital intensive, but it takes a long time to get profit", adding that "the art of relief carving of Jepara is increasingly rare today because many craftsmen began to switch to non-reliefs furniture production".

#### 2. Calligraphy

Decorative calligraphy has been used in combination with wood carving, both two dimensional and three dimensional. Sculpture is more commonly associated with the use of "Stilasi", which refers to a stylized approach of depiction. This style can be employed on wood, metal, clay or stone. The technique usually involves carving images directly onto the material. Printing techniques allow the replication of calligraphic art.

Calligraphy used techniques more frequently associated with carving, such as chisels. The first step is to draw the design on a piece of wood and then following this while carving. A distinction must be made between carved calligraphy and painted calligraphy.

#### 3. Handicraft, statue, root furniture

In Jepara, wood is also widely used for the production of handicraft products, including souvenirs, statues and root furniture. There are some 157 businesses involved in this area. Mulyoharjo Village, Jepara, is know as a centre for the production of wooden statues. In 2008 alone, a total of 1095 workers produced 418,737 works, with a value of Rp. 3.3499 billion.

#### 4. Indoor and Outdoor Furniture

"Furniture" can be defined as a movable object in a room or designated area that is useful for human activities. The term is also frequently applied to architectural elements of a room such as built in bookcases and cupboards. Although furtniture can be made from many diverse materials, the most common is wood. Jepara, with its huge workforce and cluster of supporting industries is the largest producer of furniture, both indoor and outdoor.

#### 5. Gebyok

Gebyok art is a traditional form of wooden carving, a part of sacred customs, but also used in modern buildings. Gebyok is a type of decorative partition found in a living room, or at the entrance. The size of a Gebyok can vary greatly, from just a couple of meters to a dozen, depending on the size of the building and the dimensions of the space in which it is situated. The types of wood commonly used include teak, jackfruit wood and mango wood, with teak being the most expensive.

Although the design is at the discretion of the artisan, original motifs of holy images, plants or foliage are incorporated. In China, animal motifs are included, depicting dragons, deer, birds, etc. The quality of a *gebyok* depends greatly on the materials used and the skill of the artisans. The eventual placement of the *gebyok* is also a matter for consideration, as frequent exposure to water and direct sunlight can be damaging. Pricing for these works of art is difficult to define, as it is heavily influenced by factors such as materials, size and skilled workmanship.

There are some 40 Gebyok producers, each employing around 3-5 carpenters and 12-20 carvers, producing 2-3 *gebyoks* per week.

#### 6. Reclaimed wood furniture

There are more than 25 recycled wood producers located at Ngabul (tahunan).

#### 7. Coffin

The production of wooden coffins is centered at Langon, and mostely serves the local market.

Jepara's position at the centre of the wood carving industry is a result of strong differentiation, with carved furniture industrial centers spread across 13 districts of Jepara. According to data on the Jepara trade and industrial department, in 2004 there were 3539 businesses registered with the Department of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives. As of 2010, there were 8088 small-scale businesses, bringing the total of existing furniture industry units to 11597. The figure for total workers employed in this sector stands at approximately 150,000.

Differentiation in Jepara's market positioning as a preeminent centre for carving and crafts should further strengthen the Jepara brand. The local government has been working with entrepreneurs in order to promote Jepara through the organization of exhibitions, both local and international, as well as focusing on innovation by creating alternative products from other wood materials. In addition to maintaining focus on classic designs, there has also been an increasing emphasis on introducing contemporary design.

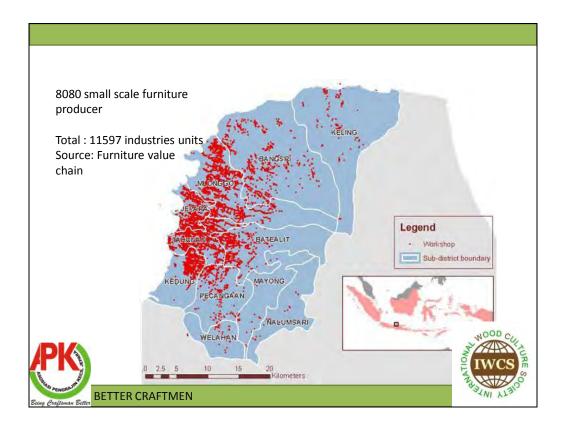
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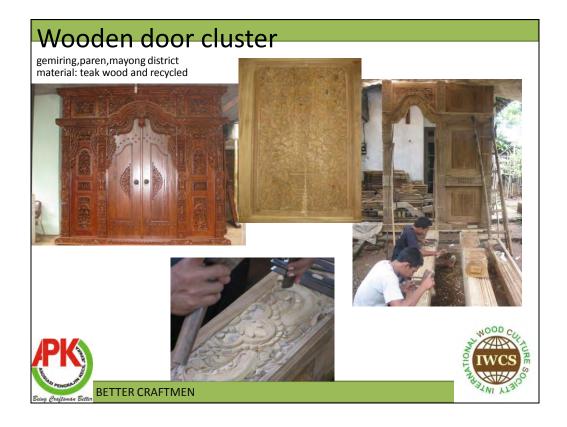




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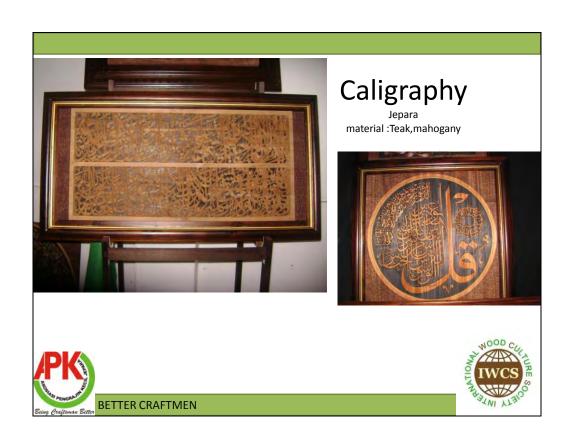






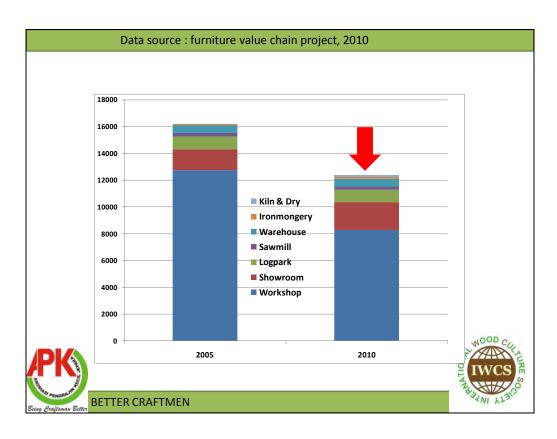
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# Wooden industry Issues

- 1. Wooden sources
- 2. Marketing access and networking
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### **Wood Carving Art in Turkey**

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#### **Abstract**

The decorative wooden objects found in excavations in Central Asia show that the Turkish art of woodcarving dates back to the distant past. As in other branches of art, animal motifs with legendary and religious significance were frequently used in the decoration of wooden objects. This tradition known as the "animal style", was gradually abandoned and replaced by vegetal and geometric motifs after the Turks adopted Islam. Extant everyday objects used over the lengthy time segment encompassing both the Seljuk and Ottoman periods are so few as to be practically non-existent. In contrast, architectural accessories of religious structures dating from the Seljuk period, as well as objects used in these buildings, are sufficient in number to give a good idea of Turkish woodcarving. Doors and window shutters, pulpits of mosques, sarcophagi in mausoleums, Koran stands and lecterns display highly advanced woodcarving. Although rare, carvings of animal figures on such objects are interesting as an illustration of the continuity of this tradition. Wood works techniques applied in the wood art of Turkey are as follows: carving, painting, dovetail (kundekari), inlaying and latticework. The most special technique for Turkey is dovetail (kundekari). Wood carving in Turkey is classified into three groups: cutting type, surface carving (superfical and deep), which is the most popular, and natural shape carving. Some carving tool such as needle nose pliers and nail pen is peculiar to Turkish carving industry.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The History of wood carving has, from the remotest ages, seen the decoration of wood as a foremost artform. Extant everyday objects used over the lengthy time segment encompassing both the Seljuk and Ottoman periods are so few as to be practically non-existent. In contrast however, architectural accessories of religious structures dating from the Seljuk period, as well as objects used in these buildings, are sufficient in number to give a good idea of Turkish wood carving during this period. Doors and window shutters, pulpits of mosques, sarcophagi in mausoleums, Koran stands and lecterns display highly advanced woodcarving. Although rare, carvings of animal figures on such objects are interesting as an illustration of the continuity of this tradition. Architectural elements in certain mosques in Anatolia provide considerable information on woodcarving in principalities during the post-Seljuk period. The columns and capitals as well as beams of these mosques, most of which date from the 13th century, exhibit distinct woodcarving. Pulpits of mosques in particular tended to be almost exclusively constructed out of wood.

It is a fact that woodcarving developed following the migration of the Turks to Anatolia, a phenomenon in which the influence of geography and the cultural milleu cannot be denied. Syria and Egypt in particular demonstrated development in this art parallel to that in Anatolia in terms of the techniques employed. In this connection, it is important to remember that at the time Anatolia was very rich (URL1).

The bulk of extant wooden objects from the Seljuk and Ottoman periods are housed in the Ankara Ethnographical Museum and the Istanbul Museum of Turkish and Islamic Antiquities. They consist primarily of such architectural elements as mihrabs (prayer niches), mosque and cabinet doors and display a truly superior level of workmanship. The signatures of the craftsmen even appear on some of the objects.

The wealth of decoration seen on the woodcarving used in Seljuk architecture developed parallel to the architecture of that period. In this regard, it is necessary to remember the highly ornamental facades of mosques, especially during that period. A similar development cannot be traced to the Ottoman period, which is an interesting fact in itself. Apart from a few exceptions, a new simplicity gradually came to predominate wooden architectural elements during the reign of the Ottomans. Although certain new techniques, such as mother-of-pearl inlay, did emerge in the meantime, they did not actually contradict the new trend towards simplification both because they only indirectly represented woodcarving and because they did not produce the same effect for the viewer. In fact, wooden architectural elements in the Ottoman period, with their more stark and simple appearance, took on a more basic and functional air, and more specifically aesthetic elements thereby replaced the exaggerated ornamentation of the Seljuks (Öney 1989).

Wooden houses constitute a little known aspect of Turkish architecture. The facades, eaves and ceiling decorations of traditional Turkish wooden houses constitute fascinating examples of carving and the false inlay technique and exhibit a variety of styles from period to period.

A new approach that gradually gained acceptance in the Ottoman period was painting on wood. From the 15th century onwards, decorations began to be painted on architectural elements as well as on smaller wooden objects. Interesting examples date to the 18th and 19th centuries in the secular architecture of Topkapi Palace and of such urban centers as Edirne and Bursa. Among these examples, the large cabinets, corner cupboards and niches were

influenced by the forms of their counterparts made of marble in the great palaces. Edirne was an important center of woodcarving, and the technique of painting on wood known as Edirnekari spread to İstanbul and other regions throughout the Empire. Using this painting technique, in which green was predominant as a background color, various articles of everyday use such as drawers, boxes and chairs were produced, some of which were lacquered (URL1)..

Among the wooden transport vehicles used by the Palace and the upper classes there are examples of woodcarving that may be regarded as masterpieces in their genre. The caiques and carriages produced in Istanbul fall into separate categories of large-scale wooden objects. The imperial caiques and carriages preserved at present in various museums have special value since they constitute examples of carving and painting techniques. The same can be said of the thrones in Topkapi Palace, which, with their decorations in gold, silver and precious stones, also represent the jeweler's art.

Another genre of Ottoman wood carving was the simultaneous use of metal applique and metal plaques. The wood used for objects of this genre was not highly decorative in itself, the emphasis being rather on the metal accessories. Metal put on doors, window shutters and cabinet doors had existed since the Seljuk period. Plaques of various metals, mainly silver, displaying motifs worked in the repousse technique were mounted on everyday wooden objects such as chests, clogs and dustpans from the 16th century on. This technique was widespread.

Close relations existed between the masters who crafted the wooden elements used in architecture (neccar) and the architects, which was especially evident in the Ottoman period when many architects were former carpenters and masters of intarsia. Mehmet Agha, for example, the architect of Sultan Ahmet Mosque, was a master of mother-of-pearl inlay.

#### 2. HISTORIES OF WOOD WORKS IN TURKEY

#### 2.1 Wood Works Before Islamic Architecture

The decorative wooden objects found in excavations in Central Asia show that the Turkish art of woodcarving dates back to the distant past. As in other branches of art, animal motifs with legendary and religious significance were frequently used in the decoration of wooden objects. This tradition known as the "animal style" was gradually abandoned and replaced by vegetal and geometric motifs after the Turks adopted Islam. During Huns empire the carving weas very popular (Akşit 2004).

#### 2.2 Wood Works in Early Islamic Architecture

Various wood works unearthed in the Central Asian tumuli and Pazyryk excavations, have revealed that Turks were interested in this subject since ancient times. In Islamic art and especially in Omayyad and Abbasid wood works, we find a tendency towards a new style. The Syrian and Egyptian stone reliefs of the 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> centuries had influenced the Fatimid wood works and decorations of acanthus and vine leaves peculiar to Syrian region were widely used. For example, the stone reliefs on the front of the Meshatta Palace was revived with nuances in the Omayyad and Abbasid works, was a favourite decoration of this period. The most famous example of Omayyad wood works is the multi-pieced pulpit of the

Kayravan Mosque made in the 11<sup>th</sup> century and presently kept in the Cairo Museum, and the wood works in the El Hakim Mosque reveal the most interesting examples of Islamic wood works (URL1)..

The magnificent gate displayed in the Metropolitan Museum and the wood works displayed in the Cairo Museum, prove that the Fatimid decorations were oriented towards animal motifs in later periods. These decorations which are thought to be related to native art, include hunting scenes, symmetrical group of birds of animals. This style later influenced the Mameluke art and decorations were enriched with all-over designs. Very few examples of Persian wood work preceding the Seljuk period have survived until the present day. Some wood inscribed with Cufic writing are found in Tashkent and Samarkand Museums and in private collections. Mongolian wood works of the 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> centuries are also very rare. Wooden doors with Cufic inscriptions show great similarities with stone decorations in the architecture of the period.

#### 2.3 The Seljuk Wood Works

The Seljuks considered wood works very important and they have produced many works of art such as pulpits, reading desks, chests of drawers in addition to the architectural elements ornamenting buildings. Geometrical forms and plant motifs were often used in the Seljuk wood works where carving and latticework were widely applied. The decorations were usually raised and the compositions were completed by Rumi style borders (Fig 1.). The motifs of peacocks, King Solomon's seal and cypress trees were largely used in the Seljuk wood works. The pulpits of the Konya Alaaddin Mosque, Manisa Grand Mosque, Birgi Grand Mosque are the most beautiful pieces of the Seljuk wood works in Anatolia. The Seljuk wood work reveals itself on the wooden sarcophagi. The sarcophagus over Mevlana's grave in the Konya Mevlana Tomb is decorated with embellishments characteristic of the age and is covered all over with lyric poems and couplets (Firat 1996).

#### 2.4 The Ottoman Wood Works

Seljuk wood work influenced the early Ottoman wood works of the 14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> centuries and various works began to make use of new techniques and decorative elements. Besides carving and latticework, the dovetail method was widely used and enriched wood works were also made with the addition of auxiliary elements such as mother-of-pearls, tortoise shells and ivory. Floral motifs were often used in addition to Rumi compositions. Beginning in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the Rumi decoration on wood works gained a much more complex appearance by uniting with different floral patterns found in the similarly decorated tiles. Although the forms used in the 16<sup>th</sup> century wood works were continued during the 17<sup>th</sup> century, new patterns were created in decorations (URL1).



Fig. 1. A Rumi carving style sample for door (URL2).

The most renowned of these are the floral motifs which have lost their original forms in a tendency towards stylization. Plainness was gradually abandoned and a richer embellishment replaced it.

With materials such as mother-of-pearl, tortoise shell and ivory used in the 18<sup>th</sup> century wood works, the products gained a more colourful appearance. The influence of the Baroque and Rococo styles to be found in almost every branch of Turkish art, has revealed itself also in the wood works of that century. As an inevitable consequence of this, Turkish wood works lost its own characteristics and came under the absolute influence of European art.

Turkish wood works have influenced architecture, with fine examples in old Turkish houses as well as the wooden Afyon Grand Mosque, Sivrihsar Grand Mosque, Beysehir Esrefoglu Mosque. Especially the ceilings of rooms, the shelved niches and cupboard doors have been fastidiously worked. Edirnekari technique, used in ceiling glued with goldy plaks and painted with natural or synthetic dye, is also very famous.

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Of all the sultans, Abdülhamid II (1842-1918) probably appreciated woodcarving the most. During his reign, he worked in his own carpentry shop and a distinctive Palace style began to take shape (URL1).

#### 3. THE TECHNIQUES APPLIED IN WOODWORKS IN TURKEY

#### 3.1 Carving

During the carving process, a pointed chisel works out the decoration in raised form by carving the surface of the wood, which involves deep carving, superficial carving, cuttingtype carving (decoupage) and natural shape carvings. This technique was widely used to decorate doors, window shutters, chests and ceiling under dom (Fig 2) used in everyday life. Some of the varieties employed include deep incising of flat and curved surfaces, and carving in two planes. In the case of the latter, an inscription would be added in a second plane over another carved surface decorated with vegetal motifs (http://newspot.byegm.gov.tr).



Fig. 2.. A sample for superfical carving (URL2).

#### 3.2 Latticework

There is no ground in this technique, but various compositions carved in the from of palmettes, lotus leaves and spiral leaves.

#### 3.3 Painting

Painting (Fig. 3), which first came into use as a decorative architectural element among the Seljuks, underwent extensive development under the Ottomans in the 17th and 18th centuries. At that time, triangular, polygonal and star-shaped plaques painted with vegetal motifs were used on doors and pulpits to give the appearance of "kündekari". After the 18th century, painted fruit and floral designs of European origin were frequently employed as decorative elements in secular architecture (Sogutlu 2004; URL3: http://newspot.byegm.gov.tr).



Fig. 3. Sample for painting the carved wood (URL2).

#### 3.4 Dovetail (Kundekari) technique

The materials most frequently used in decorative carving are walnut, apple, pear, cedar, ivory and rose. Anatolia was always self-sufficient when it came to wood and even exported this raw material to Syria and Egypt who were less well-endowed in this respect (Yuksel 2002).

"Kündekari" or tongue-and-groove joining is the name given to the technique of placing small pieces of wood side by side to form a design. This technique was first seen in Islamic art in the 12th century. It was employed both by the Seljuks and Ottomans, who enriched it with innovative and more advanced methods. Special attention should be drawn here to the fact that the creation of interlocking patterns in wood is much more difficult than the application of similar patterns on books and metals because such woodcarving is an entirely plastic art (Yuksel 2002).

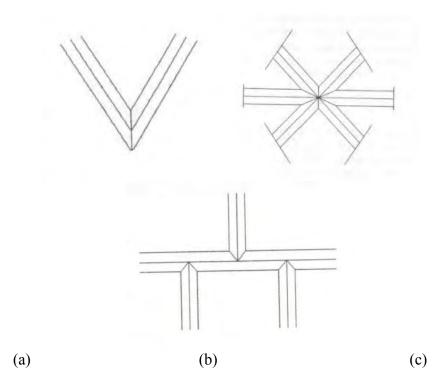


Fig. 4. Joint types for dovetail methods. (a): angel type. (b):multiply type. (c): vertical type.

Kündekari, which was employed more often on the backboards of pulpits and on doors, falls into two categories: genuine "kündekari" and imitation "kündekari". In geniune "kündekari" pieces of wood of various geometric shapes decorated with vegetal motifs are skillfully placed side by side (Fig. 4). The joining of these pieces without any nails or glue requires a high degree of expertise. They are joined in such a way that even if the wood dries up and shrinks the pieces will not fall out.

On the other hand, in imitation "kündekari", a variety of techniques utilizing relief carving in combination with glue and nails, or sometimes using relief alone, were employed to create the appearance of "kündekari" with only a single piece, or very few pieces of wood.

The Ottomans used plain pieces of wood in place of geometric shapes. The mid-sections of double doors, which were traditionally divided into three sections, were often decorated with tiny mirrors surmounted by an inscription in the topmost section. This technique is effectively applied in the Konya Alaaddin Mosque (Yuksel 2002).

The Kündekari technique, of which the earliest examples were found in Egypt, Aleppo and Ana in the 12th century, involves fixing small geometric pieces together with grooves. No nails or other fixatives are used. Thus, the works of art created with this technique have survived until today without being damaged by the environment. The grains of individual pieces were placed crosswise, so moisture or heat would not pass from one to another. As a result, works of kündekari art have maintained their good condition and smoothness throughout the centuries (URL4).

The carving methods used by the Seljuks have been replaced by dovetail works of the Ottomans. This work is done by attaching small geometrical pieces by morticing and tenoning. Since the veins of the pieces come crosswise in this method, no deviations and

deformities occur due to humidity and heat, and the works preserve their proper appearance over centuries (Özdemir 1997).

During the 11<sup>th</sup> century, walnut or cedar tree next to the walnut tree next to the box by putting works created by putting the contrast form. Real kündekaride is fully three-dimensional shape. They were applied in the gate of the mosque, pulpit, preaching chair, cabinet doors, windows and architectural elements. In this technique there are various geometrical shapes such as stars, octagonal, decagon, diamond, parquet and a lot of geometry applied to classical designs (Fig. 5) (URL4).



Fig. 5. Typical kundekari wood carving sample for Turkish art (URL5).

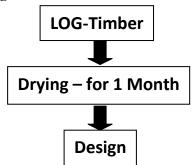
#### 3.5 Inlaying

In later periods, inlaying was widely used besides dovetail works. In this method which is divided as inlaying of mother-of-pearl and inlaying of wood, the decorative design is drawn on the finished surface by a pointed pencil and the proper places of the design is engraved and then inlaid with mother-of-pearl, tortoise shell or ivory. In another kind named as "Damascus work", the pieces of mother-of-pearl are surrounded by thin metal work. First observed in the 14th and the 15th centuries, this technique became very widespread among the Ottomans. It consisted of applying in thin plates substances such as mother-of-pearl, ivory or tortoise shell on wood. The edges of the plates were decorated with narrow, raised bands. Such plates can also be applied by first carving out the surface of the wood and then gluing the pieces in place like a mosaic, as in intarsia. The Turks rank first among the various Islamic peoples in their expertise in applying this technique.

Widely used until this century on such furniture as chairs, stools and mirror frames, this art is still practiced today (URL1).

#### 4. CARVING WOOD IN TURKEY

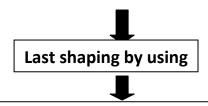
#### 4.1 Flowchart of wood carving



Drawing the motif on thin paper, Transferring the motif from thin paper to cardboard

Drawing the motif on the surface of timber by using cardboard

Using cutter for the first step of carving



Nail pen (most used) and carving Finishing by using needle nose pliers, slanting, gauge and plain pens

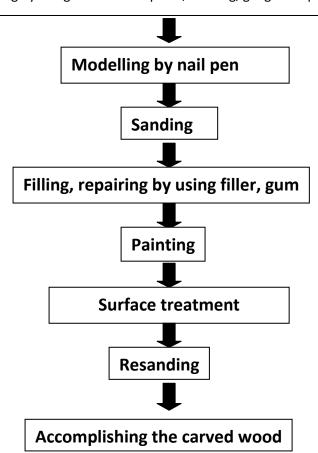


Fig. 6. Flow chart for carving process applied in Turkey.

The wood species used for carving in Turkey is walnut (*Juglans regia* L.) and horn beech (*Carpinus betulus* L.). The most popular wood species for carving is wallnut due to its density and easy workablity. Moreover, poplar and pine also are used for making box etc. Carved wood is used for following purposes: Local wood carving survives today in some parts of Southern Anatolia. Diyarbakır is long been known for its damasecene canes and Kahramanmaraş for its elaborately carved furniture (URL6).

#### **4.2 Carving Types**

Various carving types applied in Turkey are given as follows (Fig 7):

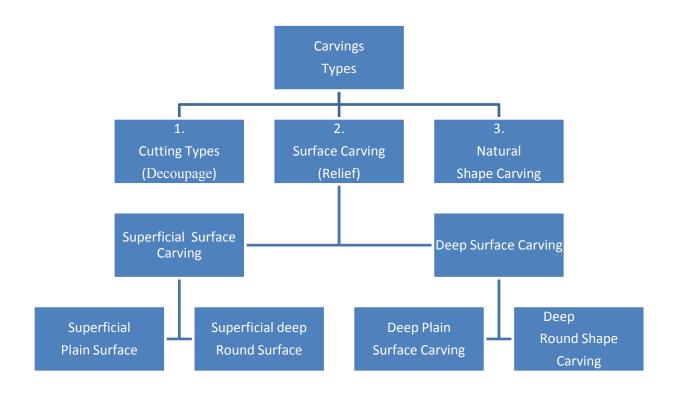


Fig. 7. Carving types applied in Turkey (Sogutlu 2004).

#### 4.3 Cutting type Carving (decoupage)

The motifs drawn on the surface of timber with certain thickness is made by using hair sawmill, mouse tail sawmill or decoupage sawmill.

If the obtained and cut motif is glued on any surface, this piece is called as 'aplik' and this work is also called as 'aplike'.

Aplik work is simple; the motif is first drawn on the thick paper copied on the surface of timber and then the parts to be taken from timber is cut and removed. If one wants to get more than one aplik, one can glue the timbers by putting thin paper in between. After carving and cutting the motifs, the papers are removed.

Finally, the obtained image is fixed on the timber surface and the finishing is continued, such as sanding, filling, repairing, varnishing etc. (Fig. 8).



Fig. 8. A balkony parapet sample for cutting type carving (URL2).

#### 4.4 Surface Carving (Relief)

In order to give certain motion, only to the motif or shape on the surface of timber this carving technique is used. For this purpose triangle or U-shaped tools, so-called "pen" are used. This work can be done on both the finished and untreated surfaces. If wanted, the tiny lines on the surface can be painted. The surface carving is classified into two groups: superficial and deep carvings.

#### 4.5 Superficial Carving

Superficial surface carving (Fig. 9) refers to carving in which the depth does not exceed 3-4 mm from the surface. While executing the desired shape, eg., a leaf, the main lines should not be disregarded. Otherwise, the work may easily result in failure. Subsequent cleaning of the timber curves is not difficult.

This type of work is to be found in various countries after the 14<sup>th</sup> century. In France, this shape is commonly used during the reigns of Louis 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Although this work is not so popular in Britain in the above mentioned term, the Chippendal which is different from Gotik-Berok and Rokuko term applied this work.

In Ancient Turkish and Islamic (Arabesque) fashion, this work was lovingly applied. This type work is remains very popular in Turkay nowadays.



Fig. 9. A niche sample for superfical carving (URL2).

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As the name suggests, deep surface carving employs a technique using deeper incisions, and thereby creating a more three dimensional feel. In this way, the carved motifs could be described as being more alive. Compared to other methods, this deeper surface carving method adds an extra degree of difficulty in its execution. The most characteristic examples of this can be seen in examples of Gothic art from the 14<sup>th</sup> century.

The Baroque and Rococo periods of the 17<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup> centuries made luxury fashionable. This type of art is very popular in France and holds an important place in the history of furniture and architecture.

The composition of motifs involving sea shells, music tools, flower arrangements, birds and acanthus plants are obtained by this method. They are mainly used in furniture on the surface of buildings and boxes (Fig. 10).

Carving by this method brings about problems with cleaning and also a decrease in the strength of the wood. In Istanbul, these types of motifs can be seen on public buildings, foundation, stones and wood. In national museums in Turkey, furniture may be seen on display from various eras.



Fig. 10. A box sample fof deep carving (URL2).

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# WOOD CARVING ART IN TURKEY

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

- □ The History of wood carving has from the remotest ages the decoration of wood as a foremost art.
- □ Extant everyday objects used over the lengthy time segment encompassing both the Seljuk and Ottoman periods are so few as to be practically non-existent.





- ☐ In contrast, architectural accessories of religious structures dating from the Seljuk period, as well as objects used in these buildings, are sufficient in number to give a good idea of Turkish wood carving.
- □ Architectural elements in certain mosques in Anatolia provide considerable information on woodcarving in principalities during the post-Seljuk period.





- □ It is a fact that woodcarving developed following the migration of the Turks to Anatolia, a phenomenon in which the influence of geography and the cultural milleu cannot be denied.
- □ Syria and Egypt in particular demonstrated development in this art parallel to that in Anatolia in terms of the techniques employed.





- □ The bulk of extant wooden objects from the Seljuk and Ottoman periods are housed in the Ankara Ethnographical Museum and the Istanbul Museum of Turkish and Islamic Antiquities.
- □ The wealth of decoration seen on the woodcarving used in Seljuk architecture developed parallel to the architecture of that period.





- □ Wooden houses constitute a little known aspect of Turkish architecture.
- □ The facades, eaves and ceiling decorations of traditional Turkish wooden houses constitute fascinating examples of carving and the false inlay technique and exhibit a variety of styles from period to period.





- □ A new approach that gradually gained acceptance in the Ottoman period was painting on wood.
- □ From the 15th century onwards, decorations began to be painted on architectural elements as well as on smaller wooden objects.
- □ Interesting examples date to the 18th and 19th centuries in the secular architecture of Topkapı Palace and of such urban centers as Edirne and Bursa.





- □ Among the wooden transport vehicles used by the Palace and the upper classes there are examples of woodcarving that may be regarded as masterpieces in their genre.
- □ Another genre of Ottoman wood carving was the simultaneous use of metal applique and metal plaques.





Close relations existed between the masters who crafted the wooden elements used in architecture (neccar) and the architects, which was especially evident in the Ottoman period when many architects were former carpenters and masters of intarsia.





### 2. HISTORIES OF WOOD WORKS IN

#### TURKEY

#### 2.1 Wood Works in Before Islamic Architecture

- ☐ The decorative wooden objects found in excavations in Central Asia show that the Turkish art of woodcarving dates back to the distant past.
- ☐ As in other branches of art, animal motifs with legendary and religious significance were frequently used in the decoration of wooden objects.





# 2.2 Wood Works in Early Islamic Architecture

- □ Various wood works unearthed in the Central Asian tumuli and Pazyryk excavations, have revealed that Turks were interested in this subject since ancient times.
- ☐ In Islamic art and especially in Omayyad and Abbasid wood works, we find a tendency towards a new style.





☐ The magnificent gate displayed in the Metropolitan Museum and the wood works displayed in the Cairo Museum, prove that the Fatimid decorations were oriented towards animal motifs in later periods.





# 2.3 The Seljuk Wood Works

- □ Seljuks considered wood works very important and they have produced many works of art such as pulpits, reading desks, chests of drawers in addition to the architectural elements ornamenting buildings.
- ☐ Geometrical forms and plant motifs were often used in the Seljuk wood works where carving and latticework were widely applied.





### 2.4 The Ottoman Wood Works

- □ The Seljuk wood works influenced the early Ottoman wood works of the 14th -15th centuries and various works were started to be made by new techniques and with new decorative elements.
- □ Beginning with the 16th century, the Rumi decoration on the wood works gained a much more complex appearance by uniting with different floral patterns found in the similarly decorated tiles.









Fig. 1. A Rumi carving style sample for door (URL1).



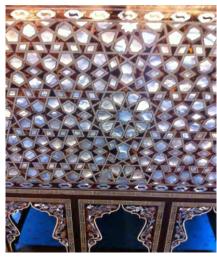


- □ With materials such as mother-of-pearl, tortoise shell and ivory used in the 18th century wood works, the products gained a more colourful appearance.
- □ Of all the sultans, Abdülhamid II (1842-1918) probably appreciated woodcarving the most. During his reign, he worked in his own carpentry shop and a distinctive Palace style began to take shape (URL1).





#### Chair Decorated With Mother Of Pearl









# Box decorated with mother of pearl







# 3. THE TECHNIQUES APPLIED IN WOODWORKS IN TURKEY

### 3.1 Carving

□ In the method of carving, a pointed chisel works out the decoration in raised form by carving the surface of the wood, which is deep carving and superficial carving, cuttingtype carving (decoupage) and natural shape carvings.



Fig. 2.. A sample for superfical carving (URL2).





# 3.2 Latticework

☐ There is no ground in this technique, but various compositions carved in the from of palmettes, lotus leaves and spiral leaves.







## 3.3 Painting

□ Painting, which first came into use as a decorative architectural element among the Seljuks, underwent extensive development under the Ottomans in the 17th and 18th centuries.



Fig. 3. Sample for painting the carved wood (URL2).





## 3.4 Dovetail (Kundekari) Technique

- □ The materials most frequently used in decorative carving are walnut, apple, pear, cedar, ivory and rose.
- □ "Kündekari" or tongue-and-groove joining is the name given to the technique of placing small pieces of wood side by side to form a design.

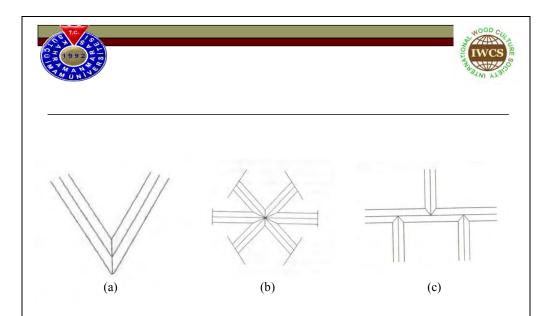


Fig. 4. Joint types for dovetail methods. (a): angel type. (b):multiply type. (c): vertical type.





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- ☐ The carving method used by the Seljuks have been replaced by dovetail works of the Ottomans.
- □ During the 11th century, walnut or cedar tree next to the walnut tree next to the box by putting works created by putting the contrast form.

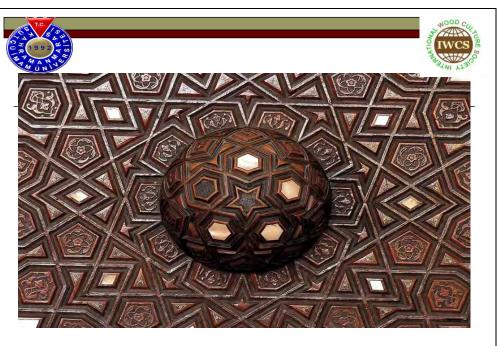


Fig. 5. Typical kundekari wood carving sample for Turkish art (URL5).





## 3.5 Inlaying

- ☐ In later periods, inlaying has been widely used besides dovetail works.
- □ In this method which is divided as inlaying of mother-of-pearl and inlaying of wood, the decorative design is drawn on the finished surface by a pointed pencil and the proper places of the design is engraved and then inlaid with mother-of-pearl, tortoise shell or ivory. In another kind named as "Damascus work", the pieces of mother-of-pearl are surrounded by thin metal work.

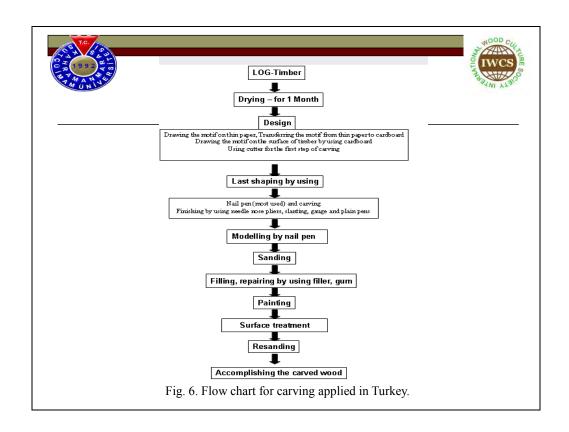




## 4. CARVING WOOD IN TURKEY

## 4.1 Flowchart of wood carving

- □ The wood species used for carving in Turkey is walnut (*Juglans regia* L. )and horn beech (*Carpinus betulus* L.).
- □ Carved wood is used for following purposes: Local wood carving survives today in some parts of Southern Anatolia.

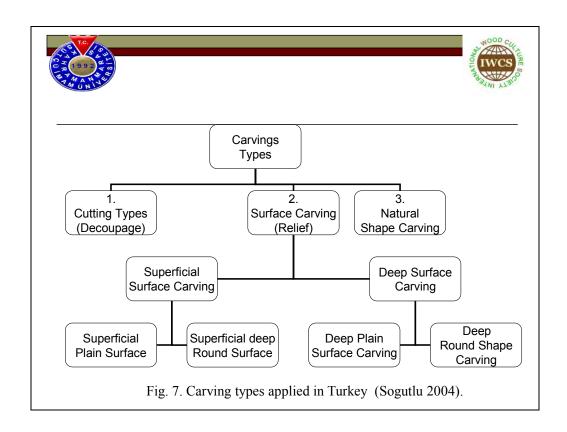






## 4.2 Carving Types

□ Various carving types applied in Turkey are given as follows.







## 4.3 Cutting type Carving (decoupage)

- ☐ The image drawn on the surface of timber with certain thickness is made by using hair sawmill, mouse tail sawmill or decoupage sawmill.
- ☐ If the obtained and cut motif is glued on any surface, this piece is called as 'aplik' and this work is also called as 'aplike'.



Fig. 8. A balkony parapet sample for cutting type carving (URL2).





## 4.4 Surface Carving (Relief)

- □ In order to give certain motion, only to the motif or shape on the surface of timber this carving technique is used.
- □ For this purpose triangle or U-shaped tools, so-called "pen" are used.





## 4.5 Superficial Carving

- □ Superficial surface carving (Fig. 8) is the carving whose depth does not exess 3-4 mm from surface.
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- □ In Ancient Turk and Islamic (Arabesque) fashion, this work was lovely applied. This work is very popular in Turkay nowadays.



Fig. 9. A niche sample for superfical carving (URL2).





## 4.6 Deep Surface Carving

- ☐ The highly depth surface carving is much more depth of less depth surface carving. The procemed motifs are worked much more alive.
- □ Compared to other methods, relief resulted from deep carving is much more difficult. The most characteristic example of it could be seen in the Gothic fashion done in the 14th century.









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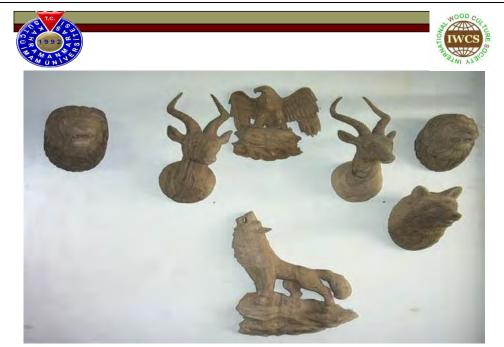


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## **Wood Aesthetic Pattern Design and its Application**

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#### Abstract

This paper aims to study the characteristics of the macro-patterns of the natural wood, extracts the beautiful design elements from the point of the aesthetic principles, then according to the design principles, constitutes a break up or a combination of the aesthetic design of these elements to form kinds of rhythmic and decorative beauty of new wood grain patterns, and makes use of it to all kinds of life instruments in order to enrich the visual effect of the products, so as to enhance the value-added product design.

Keywords: aesthetics of wood, wood pattern, graphic design

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Timber in addition to its practical value as a material substance, it also has a very important aesthetic value. With social progress and technological development, research and its application of the aesthetic value of wood have been paid more and more attention. Trees with abundant natural resources, because of its cell arrangement and distribution of different forms, the formation of patterns varies widely, and because different kinds of timber also has the appearance of physical defects, the formation of the pattern is changing unpredictably, and beautiful. Therefore, we can imagine, thousands of timber bears the rich patterns for us to study and enjoy.

This paper is based on the patterns of the natural wood, from which to extract the beautiful aesthetic design elements, then according to design principles, to develop a variety of rhythmic and decorative beauty of the wood aesthetic patterns, which have been composed by making use of computer technology to re-mix synthetic or reconstructed. These aesthetic wood patterns are composed by the natural aesthetic elements from wood, which are attractive and matched with the modern man's pursuit of 'return to nature, back to nature' philosophy of life, so they have a strong appeal and affinity for modern people. They can be widely used in industrial product design, interior design, textile design and other fields, and which can not only enrich the visual artistic effect of products, but also meet people's physical quality of life and the pursuit of a higher level of spiritual life.

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## 2. FIRST, THE EXTRACTION AND ANALYSIS OF AESTHETIC ELEMENTS OF WOOD

Although the wood anatomy has been widely in-depth research and analysis of macrostructure of wood, in the past it is only discussed from the perspective of identification of wood or wood material from the perspective of the application materials. Today we reexamine and analyze the structure of wood from the aesthetic point of view, which will get unexpected results. For example, in the past for wood identification, wood chips are cut in the wood tangential, lateral and radial section on these three criteria. However, in the aesthetics of wood, we can cut the slice of wood to get richer wood patterns at any angle and any direction. The steps of refining wood aesthetic elements are as follows:

#### 1.1 Selection of wood

To select the timber with beautiful patterns or special defects, slice it from different angle or direction, then filter the sections with beautiful patterns as the objects for photographing.

#### 1.2 Photographing

To take the digital photos of wood which has perfect and clear patterns with the professional camera.

#### 1.3 The aesthetic analysis of these photos

To extract the wood aesthetic elements from the photographs according to the aesthetic principles and rules, and file them into different categories for the collection.

#### 3. SECOND, THE CREATIVE DESIGN OF THE WOOD AESTHETIC PATTERNS

It is based on the extracted timber aesthetic elements as the basic materials, to recreate the aesthetic patterns according to the art and design theory and computer graphic design processing technology, and finally get the artistic innovation aesthetic patterns with beautiful effect of wood.

#### 2.1 The design techniques of Wood aesthetic patterns

The most popular way to design the aesthetic patterns of wood is reconstruction. Under the condition of being dispersed, reconstruction is to link the design elements together organically or to optimize the combination of elements as part of the process of elimination interference, in order to intercept a valuable part of the elements, resulting in creation of new design elements needed. In other words, it is the way to obtain a new form which is from an objective or abstract images in the decomposition of the basic elements, according to different methods and means of re-combination and construction. Reconstruction includes two kinds of homogeneous and heterogeneous. Isomorphism between the elements is the same combination of reconstruction, has been optimized to produce new elements. Isomerism means to combine and re-build the heterogeneous elements of different qualities to generate new elements. In addition, it can also be homogeneous or heterogeneous combination of elements and then construct to produce new elements. Here takes the rosewood, striped ebony, and the Philippine ebony's plate pattern of electronic photos for example, the use of icons to show the way to design the wood aesthetic patterns' process.

#### 2.2 The illustrations of Wood aesthetic patterns' design

Example 1: Take the rosewood for example, first to analyze the surface pattern features of rosewood board, to extract concise aesthetic elements of the basic graphics, then use the design principles and modern computer graphics technology to design. The following is the design steps:

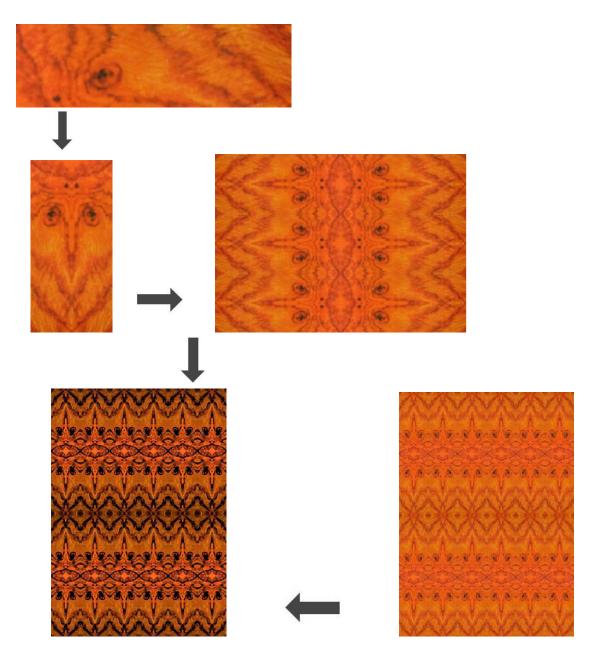


Fig.1 Design steps for aesthetic patterns of rosewood

To intercept the pattern elements on the rosewood board and combine them by stitching to form a'sheep's head' logo, then use photo shop's filter tool to create two different styles of design, which are the patterns with both dry brush and watercolor effect (Shown in Figure 1).

Example 2: Take the striped ebony for example, first to analyze the pattern features of the striped ebony, and extract the concise aesthetic elements, then use the design principles and modern computer technology to design the patterns. The following is the design steps:

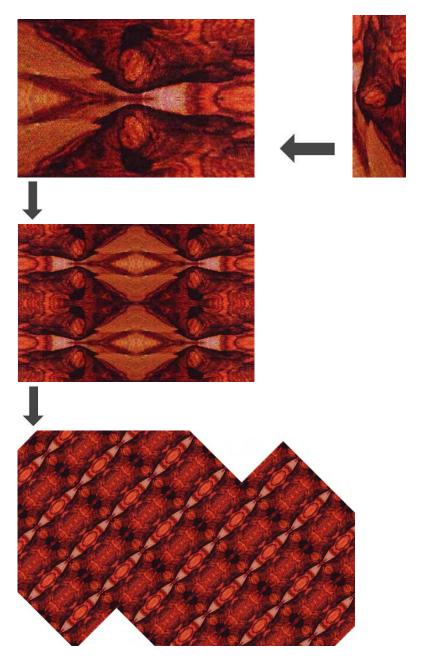


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Example 3: Take the Philippine ebony for example, to analyze the pattern characteristics of the Philippines ebony and extract two concise aesthetic elements, then to create two different but similar style patterns from different angles with the divergent thinking, and the colors of the creative designs are faithful to the original timber deep color, which shows rich religious color and mysterious feelings. The following is the design steps:

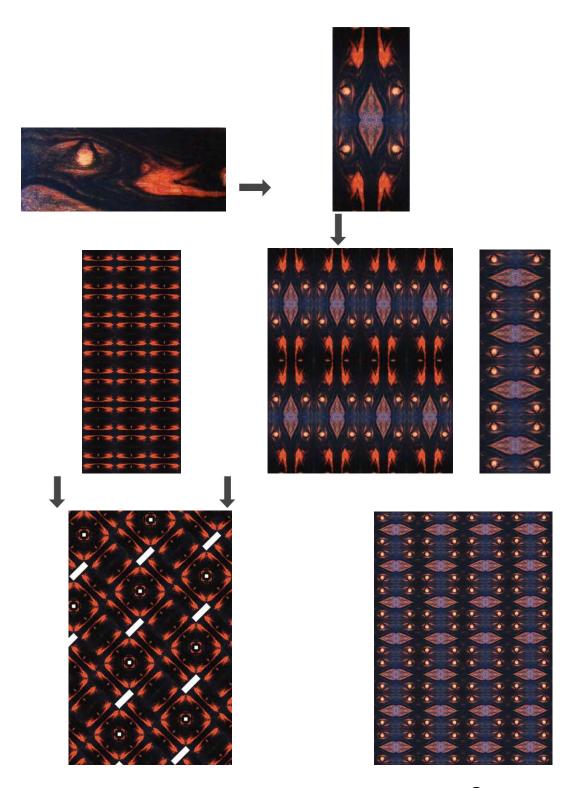


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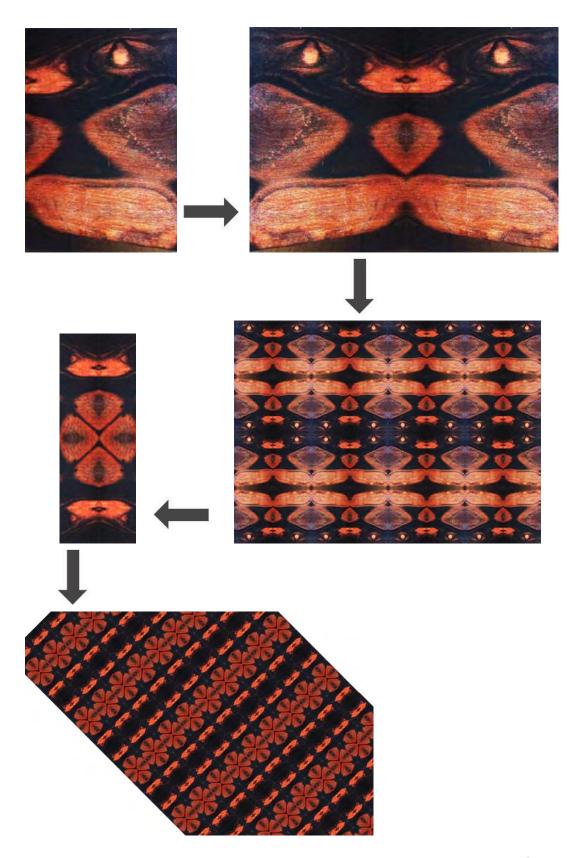


Fig.4 Design steps for aesthetic patterns of Philippine ebony @

## 4. THIRD, THE APPLICATION OF WOOD AESTHETIC PATTERNS IN PRODUCT DESIGN

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Wood aesthetic patterns used in the subject of art and design have broadened the space and scope of the artistic design. Through previous research and design work, a series of different styles of wood aesthetic patterns have been created. These new patterns will be widely used in the field of art and design such as costume design, jewelry design, industrial design, interior design, product design, which definitely enhances the added value in products. Some examples have been shown as below:





Fig.5 Costume design with the aesthetic patterns Fig.6 Lamp design with the aesthetic patterns



Fig.7 Tea-set design with the aesthetic patterns



Fig.8 Tea-set design with the aesthetic patterns

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