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Stressing he wanted to save the timber industry, he said one of the ways to ensure that buyers continue to have confidence in the state's timber industry was to make them believe that the state was serious about preserving and protecting its forests and environment.

At the same time, he reiterated that he would not issue any more timber concessions and would only consider issuing logging licences for new plantations.

"When you start a plantation, of course we have to cut down the trees. Rather than (the timber) being burned, might as well sell it. That I will consider giving licence. But (other than that) enough, I want to preserve our forest."

As part of the efforts to preserve the state's forest and nature, Adenan said he would increase the number of national parks, nature reserves and animal sanctuaries in the state.

Among those present at the event were NREB Controller Peter Sawal, Assistant Minister



NREB's choir performing during the board's 20th anniversary dinner and Chief Minister's Environmental Award 2014.

of Environment and NREB deputy chairman Datu Len Talif Salleh, Assistant Minister of Communications Datuk Lee

Kim Shin, Assistant Minister of Industrial Estate Development Datuk Peter Nansian Ngusie, Deputy State Secretary Datu Misnu

Taha and Ministry of Resource Planning and Environment permanent secretary Datu Sudarsono Osman.