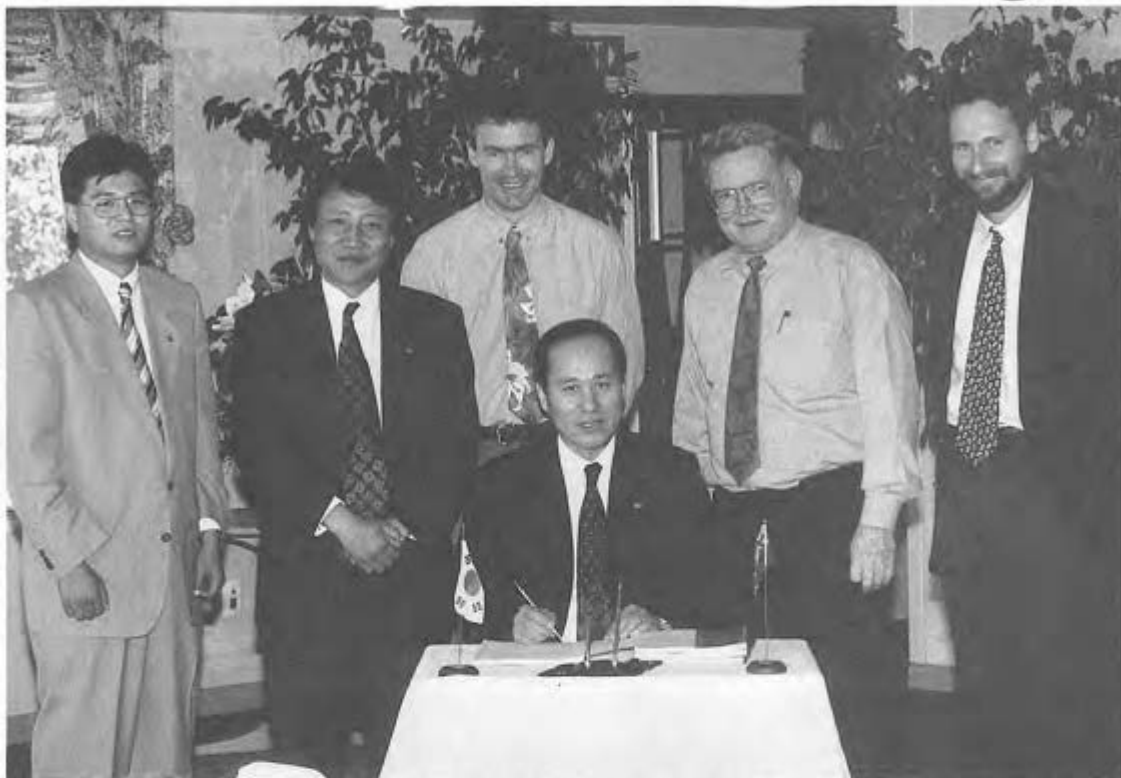


CALM-Hansol bond stronger



Above: Standing left to right, Hansol WA representative Mr Lee, Hansol Director Mr Lyu, CALM's Paul Brennan, Executive Director Dr Syd Shea, and Gavin Ellis. Seated is Hansol President Mr Nah. Both Paul and Gavin are involved in CALM's Plantations Group. Below: Executive Director Dr Syd Shea and Hansol Director Mr Lyu who is about to sign the progress report. Photos by Frank di Giovanni

A RECORD 1.25 million bluegum seedlings will be planted in the Wellington catchment area this year by the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM).

The trees are being planted on cleared farmland as part of a 10-year project funded by one of Korea's leading timber companies.

Hansol Forest Products Co is investing \$30 million to establish 10 000 hectares of tree crops for wood fibre to make high quality paper.

CALM Executive Director Syd Shea said this year's record planting would mark the project's 'first quarter' milestone.

"We are right on target with 2500 ha of the 10 000 ha total to be planted by the end of this winter," Dr Shea said.

"By planting the trees in the Wellington catchment, we can maximise the land care benefits in this key region.

"The Hansol project and other big plantings will result in improved water quality and a reversal of other land degradation problems."

Senior Hansol executives, including Company President Mr Nah and Director Mr Lyu, visited Collie and the Wellington catchment recently with Dr Shea to inspect earlier plantings and some of the sites to be established this year.

Dr Shea said the Wellington project was the only hardwood plantation established in Australia — and he believed, anywhere in the world outside Korea — by a Korean company.

"The project has been very successful to date and I am confident as we enter our third year, that our relationship with Hansol will continue to grow from strength to strength," he said.

"Added to this is the number of very positive partnerships being formed



with local landowners as they join CALM's sharefarming scheme.

"Together we are not only working to solve a

major environment problem, but setting up a new export industry for the region.

"It's estimated that

pulp wood from the harvested trees in the Hansol project will generate \$25 million in export income a year."





Executive Director Dr Syd Shea and
Hansol Director Mr Lyu who is about to
sign the progress report

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