

The adherents of this school will of course, be rooted out, but that in itself is not enough to train a truly conscientious, thrifty and ecologically literate new generation of managers.

It is not 'fulminations' after a state of emergency that are most important. The vital thing is to have a well-integrated, scientifically balanced, preventative ecological strategy - a policy for every government department, enterprise, and individual to follow.

Unfortunately, a policy of this type can only be envisaged in the future where the Ministry of the Timber Industry is concerned. Yet time does not stand still. The effluent purification plants must be immediately modernized and appropriate facilities built where none now exist. The 'planned' pillaging of the logging sites must be ended without delay. A top-priority task should be the construction of roads for transporting timber, if only to save our bodies of water from free-floating logs.

This will be expensive, but to delay is even more costly. It is time to confront the situation and pay our bills - whatever is required by the environment and by present and future generations. That is the only solution to the present situation.

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