

Firefly experts to gather for meet

Selangor to host symposium on conservation

INTERNATIONAL firefly experts, researchers and conservationists will gather in Selangor next month to discuss new findings on the conservation and restoration of firefly habitats.

The Second International Firefly Symposium, themed "Firefly Conservation: From Science to Practice", will be organised by the Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) and the Malaysian Nature Society (MNS) from Aug 2 to 5 at Holiday Villa Subang.

The symposium, supported by the Selangor Government, Tourism Selangor, Tourism Ministry, Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) and Malakoff, will provide participants with the opportunity to hear from these experts and learn of the latest research findings and conservation efforts carried out in other parts of the world.

Prof Ohba Nobuyoshi from the Ohba Firefly Institute in Japan, will share his experience in working with local communities to restore

damaged firefly habitats in various parts of Yokosuka city, undertaking river restoration and firefly conservation activities, including getting schools involved in the efforts.

Ohba had also been involved in a firefly study conducted by MNS from 1998 to 2001 along the Selangor River.

FRIM's firefly researchers will also present findings of their firefly habitat and population monitoring studies conducted along the Selangor River over the past few years.

More than 100 researchers, academicians, students, nature societies and environmental non-governmental organisations will attend the symposium.

The First International Firefly Symposium was held in Thailand in 2008.

For more information or registration, contact Nada/Veronica at 03-6279 7112 / 7111 or via e-mail lfs2010@frim.gov.my, or visit the symposium website at www.lfs2010.frim.gov.my.



Spectacular: FRIM's firefly researchers will also present findings of their firefly habitat and population monitoring studies conducted along the Selangor River over the past few years.

Drawing in the crowd: There are droves of visitors who come to watch the spectacular synchronous flashing of the beetles.



Challenging: Participants of the Super Sepak Penalty Shootout have to beat the goalkeeper by scoring as many penalties as possible in 30 secs.



Meet former football greats at Studio V

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FORMER Malaysian football players Datuk Soh Chin Aun and Santokh Singh will be making a special appearance at Studio V in 1 Utama, Petaling Jaya, on Saturday.

From noon to 1pm, the former players together with national coach K. Rajagopal and current players K. Gurusamy and Muslim Ahmad will put their penalty-kicking skills to the test during the Super Sepak Penalty Shootout challenge.

The challenge starts at 11am so come and test your skills by trying to score as many penalties within 30 seconds.

The highest scorer of the day will be rewarded with RM600 worth of adidas merchandise and Sony Music products.

All you need to do is bring along two different copies of *The Star's* World Cup 2010 special edition that is available at selected shopping complexes, hotels, condominiums, office buildings, bookstores, hypermarkets, universities and colleges.

Those who come with the two

copies can also pick up a limited edition Star Cup Fever 2010 shoe bag printed with the flag of either Argentina, Brazil, England or South Africa, while stock lasts.

There will be a meet-and-greet session with the footballers and other local celebrities.

Soh will also join the hosts of Football Every Day for the day's recording, which will be available for viewing at www.thestaronline.tv.

Daily contest winners of the Adidas/Star Cup Fever 2010 Fastest Goal Contest can collect their prizes between 11am and 4pm.

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