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The jungle awaits: (from right) Abdul Latif, Aziyah and Suboh flagging off the Forest Fun Run together.



Up we go:
A tree-climbing demonstration by a FRIM employee.

Nature's beauties:
Students looking at photos entered in the photography competition.

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300 celebrate World Forestry Day at FRIM

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MORE than 300 people, including students from schools in the surrounding area, gathered at the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) in Kepong on Saturday to celebrate World Forestry Day.

The event kicked off with the 8km Forest is Fun run which was flagged off by FRIM director-general Datuk Dr Abdul Latif Mohmod.

Also present were FRIM chairman Datuk Suboh Mohd Yassin and Natural Resources and Environment Ministry deputy secretary-general Aziyah Mohamed.

Other fun activities lined up for the day included the Scaventure Hunt, Tree Climbing demonstrations, Green Cycle with

the launch of a new mountain bike trail and Kiddie Fun art for children aged between six and 12.

Winners of the FRIM Photography Competition, which ran from Jan 1 to Feb 28, also received their prizes at the event.

The winning entries are on display at the skylight area outside the FRIM auditorium until Thursday.

Suboh said FRIM received about 1,000 entries for the competition and the activity was just a part of the World Forestry celebration for the year.

"Photography is great way to bring people closer to nature because they have to see, smell and touch when taking the pictures.

"We also organised a basic photography workshop to teach participants the basics of nature photography," he said.