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## Symposium on fireflies in Petaling Jaya next month

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) and the Malaysian Nature Society (MNS) will hold 'The Second International Firefly Symposium' from Aug 2 to 5 in Petaling Jaya.

The symposium, with the theme "Firefly Conservation: From Science To Implementation", aims to gather experts, researchers and conservationists to exchange experience, information and research findings and exchange views in efforts to preserve the habitat and population of the insect.

According to a FRIM statement, the symposium which is supported by many quarters will give an opportunity to the participants to listen to explanations by experts, gain information on research findings and latest conservation efforts being taken by other countries.

It will be attended by more than 100 participants including researchers, academicians, university students and MNS members and non-governmental organisations involved in environmental issues as well as other stakeholders

including firefly lovers.

Prof Ohba Nobuyoshi, a firefly expert from the Ohba Firefly Institute in Japan, will share his experience in implementing cooperation with the local community to conserve the natural habitat of the fireflies that had been destroyed around the Yokosuka Town.

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