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KUALA LUMPUR: The Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) is to organise an international symposium on forestry and forest products here from Oct 5 to 7.

FRIM said in a statement Thursday that the symposium will help the various industry players and stakeholders in the forest-related industry to understand the various concerns and current issues in the industry.

The symposium will feature local and foreign forestry-related experts and researchers, who will discuss and share latest research and development findings that can help to address the often competing and challenging needs of both the forestry sector and forest products industry, it said.

The symposium, carrying the theme "Addressing Global Concerns and Changing

Societal Needs", will be organised in collaboration with the Forestry Department of Peninsular Malaysia (FDPM), the Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) and the Malaysian Timber Council (MTC), FRIM said.

"The forestry and forest products sector in Malaysia needs to be sensitive and respond quickly to the changing global concerns and societal needs, not only for the sustainability of natural resources and environment protection but also to strengthen international competitiveness of the country's forest-related industry," it said.

FRIM said the 160 oral and poster presentations at the symposium will highlight the issues of social economics and forestry, the influence of public interest on sustainable forest management and the documentation of forest traditional knowledge of the Orang Asli in Malaysia.