

Collective support needed for environmental conservation

KUCHING: To achieve related targets for environmental conservation, collective support from all stakeholders including government agencies, private agencies, NGOs and the local community are needed, said Director General of Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) Dato Dr Abdul Latif Mohmod in his welcoming speech at the opening of the Best of Both Worlds (BoBW) Conference yesterday.

"It is timely for us to combine

our knowledge, expertise, financial resource and manpower to educate the public on biodiversity conservation as well as environment conservation. I am glad to see that there are a number of NGOs and private organisations carrying out their corporate social responsibility activities with involvement of local and school communities and many of them are participants of this conference as well," he continued.

"The Conference highlights

environmental education practices for biodiversity conservation through four themes - Conservation Education on Flora & Fauna, Environmental Education for Sustainable Lifestyle, Methods of Effective Environmental Education Programme and Evaluation of Educational Programmes. Three workshops emphasising hands-on environmental education entitled 'Having Fun in Environmental Education,' 'Teachers Workshop,'

and 'Evaluation Workshop' are also arranged for participants," he added.

Among the participants are prominent international presenters from South Africa, Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia.

"The conference papers from South East Asian countries are very encouraging and we hope this will trigger interest in setting up a South East Asian network for EE," he concluded.