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**SHAH ALAM:** India is willing to cooperate with Malaysia to explore and tap the potentials of natural herbs in the Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM).

Malaysian Society For Complementary Medicine president Dr Lee Chee Peng, said that for a start, he had invited National Institute of Unani Medicine (NIUM) in Bangalore, India to undertake research into natural herbs, which has the potential of becoming traditional medicine, at the institute.

“FRIM has many natural herbs and India can do a lot of research at the institute to explore the potentials of natural herbs in becoming traditional medicine. India is noted for its traditional herbs and has the necessary skills and expertise to undertake research.

“Although many people use traditional medicine in Malaysia, it is not fully exploited especially in research and development,” he told Bernama.

Dr Lee said he had extended the invitation to NIUM when he attended as a guest at the 4th World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo held in Bangalore, India, recently.

He was leading a nine-member team from his society to the four-day Ayurveda congress, which ended on Monday.