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KUALA LUMPUR: The Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) has struck a collaborative deal with a local company to develop a new technology by sourcing local microbes for integrated applications.

FRIM director-general Datuk Abdul Latif Mahmud said the technology would identify and tap natural microbes for agriculture and environmental applications, and enzyme extraction from selected Malaysian fruits for health products.

"We have engaged Micro Bio Culture (M) Sdn Bhd (MBC) to carry out research and development on naturally occurring beneficial microbes and biotechnological concepts to develop products for sustainable development.

"The 'MyNBEM-21 Powder Activator' technology will assist in creating sustainable practices for agriculture, animal husbandry, nature farming, environmental stewardship, construction, human health and hygiene, industrial purposes and community activities.

"The green technology collaboration is in support of the government's interest in sustainable utilisation of Malaysian genetic resources for bio-wealth creation while maintaining its perpetuity," he said after signing a memorandum of understanding with MBC at the FRIM in Kepong recently.

MBC was represented by its chairman Tan Sri Dr Salleh Mohd Nor and director Datuk Seri Dr Gopala Krishnan.