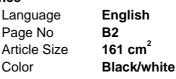
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conservation and ecology in the country.

However, protecting the Malaysian of the jungle. forests through research on its ecology.

of fauna.

other countries.

Maintained by the FRIM provides data on it. in collaboration with the Negeri Sembilan Forestry quantity of carbon dioxide he remarked. Under the Department, the forest is in the forest," he added. located about 8 kilometres from Simpang Pertang and two-and-half hours drive by road from Kuala Lumpur.

FRIM Pasoh is renowned for studies on lowland biodiversity and ecosystems and has been declared as an International Biosphere Reserve under the MAB (Man and Biosphere) Programme.

The main attraction at FRIM Pasoh is its 50 hectares of natural and preserved jungle ecology that functions as an arboretum for research and education on botanical plants.

This comprises 340,000 trees from 814 species, of sizes not less than 1 centimetre in diameter.

The forest is home to 25 per cent of the tree species in Malaysia. One quarter of the nation's palm tree plantation is located here.

KLAWANG The facilities at FRIM to gauge the temperature, (JELEBU): Ever since its Pasoh include a hostel and sound and moisture, which establishment in 1929, the seminar room, apart from are available at every five Forest Research Institute of a small laboratory cum metres of the structure. Malaysia (FRIM) has been library which has Internet On the top there is a wind synonymous with forest facility for research work. gauge to measure the speed

equipped with a generator, rainwater gauge to measure not many visitors need not worry the amount of rainfall in people are aware of the about the electricity supply the area. FRIM's important role in despite being in the middle

For them, forest is merely System", built by Japanese to economic, social and the flora that supplies experts in 1992, is another environmental aspects. oxygen to various species attraction in the forest and the only one of its kind in FRIM provides the place The reserve forest at Malaysia. FRIM Senior for education and research Pasoh in Negeri Sembilan Research Officer Wan for those who come to is made up of lowland Mohd Shukri Wan Ahmad jungles rarely found in said the tower monitors ecology. Many researchers the climatic changes and from worldwide came

As the FRIM station is of the wind, as well as a

When asked to comment on FRIM Pasoh's contribution A 30-metre high "Tree to the society, Wan Shukri Tower-Canopy Walkway said these could be traced

"From the social aspect, gain knowledge on forest here to carry out their "It also measures the studies on forest ecology," economic aspect, FRIM The tower has equipments allows the people, including

university graduates, to work on contract in the relevant fields.

This helps them in broadening their knowledge in forest ecology while also earning an income.

Wan Shukri further that the FRIM Pasoh also contributed to environmental conservation by maintaining the jungle ecology.

In its efforts to achieve success, FRIM Pasoh is on its way to becoming a centre of excellence for the Tropical Ecology Research and International Forest Biological Course (IFBC).

There is also a plan to turn FRIM Pasoh into an eco-tourism destination collaboration with in Sembilan Negeri Forestry Department and the Tourism ministry. -Bernama