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## Selangor to host symposium on conservation

**I**NTERNATIONAL firefly experts, researchers and conservationists will gather in Selangor next month to discuss new findings on the conservation and restoration of firefly habitats.

The Second International Firefly Symposium, themed "Firefly Conservation: From Science to Practice", will be organised by the Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) and the Malaysian Nature Society (MNS) from Aug 2 to 5 at Holiday Villa Subang.

The symposium, supported by the Selangor Government, Tourism Selangor, Tourism Ministry, Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) and Malakoff, will provide participants with the opportunity to hear from these experts and learn of the latest research findings and conservation efforts carried out in other parts of the world.

Prof Ohba Nobuyoshi from the Ohba Firefly Institute in Japan, will share his experience in working with local communities to restore

damaged firefly habitats in various parts of Yokosuka city, undertaking river restoration and firefly conservation activities, including getting schools involved in the efforts.

Ohba had also been involved in a firefly study conducted by MNS from 1998 to 2001 along the Selangor River.

FRIM's firefly researchers will also present findings of their firefly habitat and population monitoring studies conducted along the Selangor River over the past few years.

More than 100 researchers, academicians, students, nature societies and environmental non-governmental organisations will attend the symposium.

The First International Firefly Symposium was held in Thailand in 2008.

For more information or registration, contact Nada/Veronica at 03-6279 7112 / 7111 or via e-mail [ifs2010@frim.gov.my](mailto:ifs2010@frim.gov.my), or visit the symposium website at [www.ifs2010.frim.gov.my](http://www.ifs2010.frim.gov.my).



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**Drawing in the crowd:** There are droves of visitors who come to watch the spectacular synchronous flashing of the beetles.