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## 'Species Diversification of Licuala in Borneo' talk on Feb 10

**KUCHING:** The Sarawak Biodiversity Centre (SBC) will hold a talk entitled 'Species Diversification of Licuala in Borneo' on Feb 10 at the centre in Jalan Borneo Heights, Semengoh.

The talk will start at 3pm at the centre's lecture theatre. The talk by Dr Saw Leng Guan will provide an overview of the 46 species of such palms found in Borneo.

Saw, an editor of the 'Tree Flora

of Sarawak and Sabah' series is a renowned botanist whose area of expertise are Licuala, systematic botany, herbarium curation, Malaysian forest ecology and development of botanic gardens.

Saw, who currently heads the Forest Biodiversity of FRIM (Forest Research Institute Malaysia) will also highlight a new, endemic and threatened species of Licuala in Borneo in his talk. He has 30 years

of experience in the field and is also an editor of other well-known publications such as Sandakania and the Flora Maleisana series.

Members of the public are welcome to the talk. Those interested should call SBC latest by 2pm, Feb 6, to register.

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