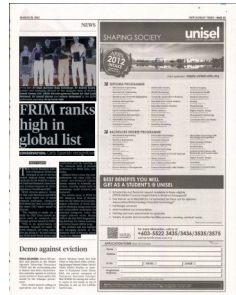


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CONSERVATION: Gets Spanish recognition

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THE Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) has emerged as one of the best ranked tropical forest research institutes in the world in a Spanish National Research Council report (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas)(CSIC).

FRIM director-general Datuk Dr Abd Latif Mohmod said FRIM was listed 546th out of 4,000 research institutes, compared with 813th last year, according to the latest CSIC report issued in January.

"The ranking is made via a study by CSIC from several aspects such as research and through articles issued by FRIM.

"This is an appreciation of Malaysia, because in terms of forest research, not many countries are doing it," he said during the FRIM-level World Forest Day

Celebration and the handing of *The Malaysia Book of Records* certificates to FRIM here, yesterday.

Updated twice a year, the comprehensive list from CSIC includes non-research bodies

closely related to scientific activities, covering topics such as technology, social sciences and humanity.

The awards given to FRIM by *The Malaysia Book of Records* were for the oldest wood sample, largest collection of wood samples in Malaysia, using comp-mat and comp-pillow techniques for planting mangrove trees, the longest planted rattan Manau (120m); the first DNA fingerprinting database for timber tracking; and Denai Razak (400m long).

Also present was the founder and managing director of *The Malaysia Book of Records*, Datuk Danny Ooi. **Bernama**



(From left) **Dr Raja Barizan Raja Sulaiman**, **Dr Rahim Sudin**, founder and managing director of *The Malaysia Book of Records* **Datuk Danny Ooi**, **FRIM director-general Datuk Dr Abd Latif Mohmod**, **Dr Ismail Harun** and **Adnan Mohamad** at the FRIM auditorium yesterday. Pic by Farhan Najib