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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) director-general Datuk Dr Abdul Latif Mohmod's devotion to tropical forestry research and development has earned him "The Name in Science" award.

The award was given by the Europe Business Assembly (EBA) Socrates Nomination Committee, Club of Rectors of Europe (CRE) and the International Club of Leaders (ICL).

Latif received the award at a ceremony held in conjunction with the EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF) in Dublin, Ireland, on Thursday. There were 17 recipients of this award.

Latif thanked the EBA, CRE, and ICL for recognising his 26-year devotion to forestry science.

"I am convinced that forestry science has enormous potential in

making a huge impact on the global environment.

"I hope the award will encourage talented researchers to contribute to forestry, especially in ensuring a sustainable timber industry for the future," he said after receiving the award from CRE president Professor Will Goodheer and EBA director-general Professor John Netting.

Latif started off as a FRIM research officer in 1985 before being made deputy director-general (operations) in 2005.

He took over as director-general in April 2008 and had received several awards for scientific achievement.

"The Name in Science" award is given to scientific teams and societies, public organisations, business structures, politicians and public figures for their contribution to scientific research.



**FRIM director-general Datuk Dr Abdul Latif Mohmod says he hopes the award will encourage forestry research**