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PETALING JAYA: The Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) will lend its expertise in assessing construction plans for eight food, handicraft and souvenir kiosks at the iconic Taiping Lake Gardens.

FRIM director-general Datuk Dr Abdul Latif Mohmod said its arborist (a specialist in the care of individual trees) had been sent to Taiping to check the place out before preparing a report.

"I expect the report to be ready

by tomorrow (today)," he said, adding that it was vital that the garden's raintrees were kept safe.

Dr Abdul Latif said FRIM would help the Taiping Municipal Council ensure that the kiosks were not placed too close to the trees as the roots could be damaged.

He said food litter and other garbage were also issues that must be looked at during the planning stage.

"Raintrees over a hundred years

old are quite sensitive and historically important," he said. "Arborists should be involved before as well as during construction to ensure minimal disturbance to the environment."

