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**SADONG JAYA:** Eleven types of herbs which have been identified as potential sources of medicine, food and healthcare, are to be given further in-depth research.

Among some of the herbs identified are tongkat ali, mengkudu, kacip fatimah, roselle, halia, hempedu bumi, misai kuning, mas cotek, pegaga and belalai gajah.

According to Malaysian Forest Research and Development Board (MFRDB) chairperson Nancy Shukri, further research will increase the standard and quality of products from these herbs.

"Through the close cooperation between the government and the private sector, a variety of safe

and high quality herbal products can be produced.

"Herbs are non-wood produce commodities that have high potential to contribute to the growth of our country's economy," she said at the Interactive Herbs Workshop held in Kampung Sadong, Jaya Ulu yesterday.

The workshop was organised by Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) and attended by 150 participants.

Nancy also pointed out FRIM's efforts in preparing the best services to herb entrepreneurs have been acknowledged by the Malaysian Biotech Corp with a Bionexus Partner status for six of their laboratories.