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FRIM to mark International Day of Forests with tree-planting



Raising awareness: A guided nature walk will be among the activities organised in conjunction with the International Day of Forests celebration at FRIM, Kepong, on Saturday. —

FOREST Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) is inviting the public, especially those living nearby its main campus in Kepong, to join the institute's tree planting exercise and other activities in conjunction with the International Day of Forests (IDF) celebration at the Kepong Botanical Gardens on Saturday.

Five hundred trees, all heavy hardwood species, will be set aside for enrichment planning at Field 54 by FRIM's invited guests, Friends of FRIM, corporate partners, Rakan Alam Sekitar members and the public.

"Participants must be fit and prepared to do some trekking. They must also be ready to get their hands dirty to experience the joy of tree planting in FRIM," said FRIM corporate management head Norhayati Nordin.

There will also be three other activities running concurrently, and will be open to the public for free. They are:

- Guided Nature Walk along Razak Trail for four groups of 20 persons each at 9.30am, 10am, 10.30am and 11am, respectively;
- Botanical Hunt for 10 groups of five par-

participants each, aged 13-17; and,

- Flora Colouring Contest for 25 children between the ages of seven and 12.

Those interested in participating can register by providing their details via FRIM_CCU@frim.gov.my by 5pm on Thursday.

Confirmation of participation is on a first-come-first-served basis.

The IDF celebration aims to raise public awareness on the importance of forests to mankind, flora and fauna and to promote green environment eco-tourism in FRIM, which was declared as a National Heritage Site last year.

Themed "Forest for Community Livelihood", the programme also aims to create a sense of belonging among the FRIM community, corporate partners, Friends of FRIM and the members of public.

In conjunction with the celebration, entrance fee will be waived for all visitors to FRIM on Saturday.

For details, call 03-6279 7577 (Maria/Rozita).