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## FRIM world-class chemical-free rubber wood treatment

KUALA LUMPUR: Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) has successfully developed and patented a world-class green technology for treating rubber wood using high temperature drying (HTD), which eliminates the use of chemicals, enhances the timber stability and reduces the processing time.

“There is a lot of interest in the HTD system. We have received many enquiries especially from major rubber wood supplying countries such as China, Thailand and India,” said FRIM Director General Datuk Dr Abd Latif

Mohmod in a statement Friday.

He said FRIM would conduct further research on the use of the HTD system on other timber species including Acacia and oil palm lumbers.

“I believe the HTD system can also be applied for treating other timber species. This technology has the potential of making Malaysia among the first countries to offer safe, environmentally-friendly treated timber in the world,” he added.

The HTD technology is the solution to the concerns of the coun-

try’s rubber furniture manufacturers and timber trade industry over the increasingly stringent requirements for environmentally-friendly products imposed by various developed countries.

FRIM obtained the patent for the HTD technology from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in March 2013 and it has also filed for patent in Malaysia and six other countries, namely Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, China and India. – Bernama