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# FRIM hosts chess-in-forest tourney

**KUALA LUMPUR:** THE Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) will hold an Eco-Recreational Chess Tournament 2013 on Nov 10 at the Sungai Kroh waterfall/picnic area in FRIM, Kepong.

The tournament, open to the public, is the first of its kind and is co-organised with Cerdik Catur Enterprise and expected to attract 200 participants.

It will be conducted in three categories: Open, Under-17 and Under-12.

"We are proud to host the first chess tournament in the tropical forest.

"Our objective is to promote chess, particularly among youth, and the use of forest environment for this healthy activity which is known to exercise the brain, enhance IQ, increase creativity, concentration, and problem-solving skills, as well as improve memory, among others," said FRIM director-general Datuk Dr Abd Latif Mohmod.

The tournament offers attractive prizes in the form of cash and trophies for the top winners in all categories.

For the Open Category, there will be trophies and cash prizes totaling RM1,000 for the champion, RM700 for the first runner up and RM500 for the second runner-up.

The top three winners for Under-17 will

get trophies and cash prizes of RM300, RM150 and RM100 respectively while those Under-12 will also get trophies plus RM250, RM150 and RM100 respectively.

The registration fees are RM30 per person for the Open Category and RM20 per person for Under-17 and 12, and each participant will be given a T-shirt, certificate and provided with lunch.

Those who are interested can register at <http://caturfrim.blogspot.com/2013/10/bo-rang-pendaftaran-online-kejohanan.html>.

To date, more than 150 participants have registered and the organising committee is confident of surpassing its targeted numbers before the deadline this Friday.

In conjunction with the event, FRIM has allocated a nearby area for a car boot sale of pre-loved items. The area can accommodate up to 20 cars and 15 stalls, at the cost of RM50 per pitch.

For details, call 03-6279 7577 / 7529 / 7291. To book a car boot spot in advance, email your full name, address and contact number to [maria@frim.gov.my](mailto:maria@frim.gov.my) / [dasrul@frim.gov.my](mailto:dasrul@frim.gov.my) / [hazlin@frim.gov.my](mailto:hazlin@frim.gov.my).

The space will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis and registration must be in by Wednesday. Vendors are reminded that polystyrene or styrofoam packaging is strictly prohibited.