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KUALA LUMPUR; Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) researcher Dr Tnah Lee Hong received the prestigious Japanese International Award for Young Agricultural Researchers 2013.

FRIM in a statement today said the Japanese Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Ministry had selected the 32-year-old Tnah for her outstanding research achievements, where the awarding ceremony would be held in Tokyo, Japan on Nov 20.

"Tnah, who works at the FRIM Biotechnology Division Genetic Laboratory, was selected for her research on timber tracking system of an important timber species (Chengal) or *Neobalanocarpus heimii* (Dipterocarpaceae) using DNA approach.

"She was also a recipient of the International Union of Forest Research Organisations (IUFRO) Student Award for Excellence in Forest Sciences at the XXII IUFRO World Congress in 2010," it said.

FRIM said, the award, which the Japanese ministry presented every year since 2007, was aimed to recognise young researchers who showed outstanding research achievements that would lead to future technological innovation.

"The purpose of this award is to increase motivation among young researchers contributing to research and development in agriculture, forestry, fisheries and related industries in developing countries," it said. - Bernama