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SERI ISKANDAR: Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP) yesterday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) to cooperate in the fields of forestry, forest products and environmental research and development.

The MoU is to collaborate in promoting sustainable forest management and optimal use of forest resources through the application of knowledge and technology generated through scientific research and development activities.

UTP was represented by its Vice-Chancellor Datuk Dr Abdul Rahim Hashim at the signing while FRIM by its Director-General

Datuk Dr Abdul Latif Mohmod.

Dr Abdul Rahim said the significant alliance with FRIM will augur well towards the holistic development of both parties and further help UTP to remain relevant to the industry and nation.

“As the university continues its journey towards excellence, giving back to the community remains as an important agenda...to give back by collaborating with FRIM on the preservation of our forests is a privilege as it ties with our aims to nurture creativity and innovativeness, and expand the frontiers of technology and education for the betterment of society,” he said in his speech at the signing ceremony here. - Bernama