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KUALA LUMPUR: The government plans to turn the forest at the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) as a heritage site of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco) by the year 2017.

The Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, Datuk Seri G Palanivel said the

FRIM forest should be maintained and conserved as a major tourism area in the country as it was the largest and oldest man-made forest in the world.

“The forest covering about 150 hectares of land is the biggest and oldest man-made forest in the world and thus, the government’s objective is to turn the area into a Unesco heritage site in the

year 2017.

“Each year, 600,000 people visit the area,” he told reporters at a media conference after attending a Corporate Visit at FRIM yesterday.

Earlier, Palanivel performed the opening ceremony for the Bamboo and Rattan Gallery by planting bamboo trees around the gallery. — Bernama



Palanivel (right) being briefed by Forest Research Institute of Malaysia director Datuk Dr Abd Latif Mahmud on bamboo after attending a Corporate Visit at FRIM in Kuala Lumpur. — Bernama photo