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MIRI: Fifty-eight individuals attended a two-day basic course on the planting of Aquilaria (Karas) Agarwood at Long Bemang, Baram recently.

It was organised by Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) and assisted by an entrepreneur of the Aquilaria (Karas) Agarwood in Long Bemang, Teinnes Malai.

The participants were from Long Bemang, Lapok, Long Lama, Long Laput, Marudi and Miri.

Its senior research officer (Forest Plantation Programme) of Forestry Biotechnology Division, Dr. Lok Eng Hai said the course on April 9-10 has the support of Telang Usan assemblyman Dennis Ngau.

“The main objective of the course is to expose the participants on the potential of planting Aquilaria Agarwood.

“Apart from the talk, the participants were brought to the nursery and plantation field where they were taught how to identify the best quality seedling as well as suitable fertiliser for the plants.”

In general, Lok said, the feedback from the participants was positive.

Thus, the institute planned to conduct a second course where disease and pest control will be included.

“If there is any demand for such similar course, we are very pleased to oblige.”

The course was also part of the institute’s efforts to develop the Agarwood industry in the state.

After the course, all the participants were given two seedlings sponsored by Teinnes.

Those who wish to make further inquiries can contact Lok at 016-9721313 or Teinnes at 019-8057073.



The course participants in a photo call.