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SEPANG Municipal Council (MPSepang) is heading towards practising a green city concept with its new collaboration with the Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM).

Under the cooperation, the council will use a formulated used-cooking oil – Aedes Biobased Fuel (ABBF) – for fogging.

MPSepang president Puasa Md Taib said the ABBF was environmental friendly, as the council was adopting the Low Carbon City Framework.

"Even though ABBF costs a little bit more than diesel, it will be offset by the green impact," he said after signing an agreement between the two organisations.

The council was the first one to use ABBF in their fogging machines. ABBF produced less odour, he added.

"The council buys used cooking oil from restaurants, hawker stalls and school canteens for RM1 per litre and turn it into ABBF that will power up the fogging machines," said Puasa, adding that diesel was usually used in the machines.

FRIM director Datuk Dr Abd Latif Mohmod said the programme would minimise wastage, as restaurant owners were more likely to sell the used cooking oil to the council.

"It will affect the bio-

diversity, as most food handlers will just throw the used cooking oil into the drain.

"So ABBF will be safer for the environment in more ways than one," he said.

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Development, Science, Technology and Innovation Committee chairman Dr Daroyah Alwi and State Economic Planning Unit deputy director Mas Sakdah Kamaruzzaman also attended the event.

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Dr Abd Latif (left), Dr Daroyah (second from left) and Puasa (third from left) cinspecting the fogging machine that use ABBF.