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KUALA LUMPUR: An international summit will gather some 200 experts from around the world to promote the sustainable development of the fragile ecosystems of the Belum-Temenggor rainforest, as well as other tropical rainforests.

The International Conference on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Tropical Rainforests, better known as the Belum Rainforest Summit 2016 (BRains 2016), will be held from Oct 17 to 22 at Belum Rainforest Resort in Gerik, Perak.

It is organised by Pulau Banding Foundation (PBF) in collaboration with the Natural Resources and Environment Ministry, the Perak government, **Forest Research Institute Malaysia**, Malaysian Timber Council and Belum Conservation Malaysia.

PBF chief executive officer Datuk

Dr Rashid Abd Malik said the conference would encourage researchers and stakeholders in tropical rainforest regions around the world to share their knowledge and best practices on forestry and related sciences.

“Besides bringing together practitioners of tropical forest management from the Amazon, Congo and Asia to share their experiences, the event will also develop long-term networks for sharing experiences.

“It would also showcase PBF’s experiences in tropical forest biodiversity management,” he said here yesterday.

Emkay Group chief executive officer Ahmad Khalif Mustapha Kamal said the event hoped to produce a declaration action plan for sustainable best practices in rainforest management.