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BAMBOO is not just for panda bears. In fact, all those interested in the bamboo industry, as well as businessmen keen to explore opportunities in bamboo plantations or bamboo-based product manufacturing can attend the upcoming Asean Bamboo Symposium 2016 which will be held at the Putra World Trade Centre in Kuala Lumpur from Sept 27–29.

Over 30 researchers, decision-makers and entrepreneurs from Netherlands, Canada, China, India, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Malaysia, will gather to share their knowledge and expertise, and discuss the latest findings, issues, and innovations in the bamboo industry. Themed “Sustainability and Advancement in Bamboo Utilisation”, the symposium is organised to promote awareness of bamboo’s importance as a useful renewable resource and its related products.

It is also a platform to disseminate information on the world’s best practices in bam-

boo-related industries. The topics that will be covered include: Bamboo plantation and management; bamboo technology, product development and design, and marketing and commercialisation of bamboo products.

There will also be an exhibition of various bamboo-based products by 15 local and two foreign companies.

The symposium is jointly organised by FRIM, Universiti Teknologi Mara, Malaysian Timber Industry Board, Furniture Industry Technology Centre, and Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation.

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