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25-year-old ecotourism attraction to be replaced with a new one

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THE Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) Canopy Walkway will be closed effective June 30.

The canopy was the main ecotourism attraction at FRIM for the past 25 years.

FRIM plans to build a new Canopy Walkway within three to five years, and double the length compared to the current trail.

It is working towards obtaining an allocation of RM3.5mil to build the new walkway made of aluminium. The proposed walkway will be safer and have less negative impact on the trees and the environment.

"The current trail was closed and reopened several times, for maintenance and security assessment, due to storms in 2015," said FRIM director-general Datuk Dr Abd Latif Mohmod at the launch of the International Day of Forests 2017.

"The trees around the trail to the Canopy Walkway have become unhealthy and require a longer time for regeneration or recovery.

"We plan to build a new Canopy Walkway in a few years. Any development on this issue will be announced from time to

time," he said.

International Day of Forests is celebrated on March 21 and this year's theme is "Forests and Energy" at the international level.

The theme highlights the importance of energy in improving people's lives, generating sustainable development and reducing the impact of climate change.

"FRIM chose 'Energise with Love' as its theme for International Day of Forests 2017, which defines energy not as fuel but something every

human being expresses and embraces in terms of love," Abd Latif added.

"The celebration is to promote commemorative tree planting for healing, for commemoration of a life event, for greening and cooling the earth, providing food for the animals, and also as a noble act or an expression of love."

The celebration also provided an opportunity for families to gather and enjoy being in nature and to be more involved in greening and sustainability efforts within the community.



Abd Latif (left) watering a plant during a tree-replanting programme held in conjunction with International Day of Forests 2017 at FRIM, Kepong. With him is FRIM deputy director-general Dr Ismail Harun.