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KUALA LUMPUR: The Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) is expected to be self-sustaining in five years through commercialising its products.

Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar said the leading tropical forestry research institution should have developed its own financial sources by then.

"Starting from now, the Finance Ministry has agreed to set up a new body to standardise products by FRIM, but it is not easy to do commercialisation although the law has paved the way for it," he told reporters after officiating at the Hari Raya Haji celebration at FRIM in Kepong, near here.

"In five years, I want FRIM to be completely independent and not depend on the government for funds."