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KUALA LUMPUR: Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi has reminded Federal Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) subsidiary FRIM Inc that it should not stray from its core business, and focus on commercialising its research and development.

He said FRIM Inc should focus on organic products that brought in high profits, and not on buying assets overseas.

"I do not want FRIM Inc to stray from its core business... don't go so far as to buy resorts and hotels overseas.

"There are those who are supposed to look after forests, but buy other kinds of assets. I don't want to name any agency, but don't become like that.

"Do not start projects that are outside of your core business. Focus on your field," he said at the launch of FRIM Inc at the FRIM headquarters.

Present were Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Junaidi

Tuanku Jaafar and FRIM chairman Datuk Seri Azizan Ahmad, who is also FRIM Inc chairman.

Zahid reminded FRIM Inc's board of directors not to place personal interests above that of the company.

Earlier, Azizan announced that two species of plants found in limestone hills would be named after Zahid and Wan Junaidi.

They are *Gymnostachyum ahmadzahidianum*, a type of Belalai Gajah, or snake grass, found in Kelantan; and *Impatiens feonajunaidiana*, a type of Keembong, or balsam, found in Perlis.

FRIM Inc was formed on Aug 4 last year as a subsidiary of FRIM. Its aim is to transform research and development products into commercially viable activities.

Despite only beginning operations in early December, it has generated RM800,000 in collaborations with 10 other companies and agencies.



Datuk Seri Azizan Ahmad



Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi signing a plaque during the launch of Federal Research Institute of Malaysia Inc in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. With him is Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar (behind Zahid). PIC BY SADDAM YUSOFF