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## Free tree management services through FRIM

KUALA LUMPUR: The Natural Resources and Environment Ministry (NRE) through the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) offers assistance to all local authorities in tree management to prevent the occurrence of fallen trees.

Its minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar said FRIM had the latest expertise and technology to assist and train local authorities' staff to carry out basic inspection and periodic maintenance of trees systematically and based on best aboriculture practices.

"FRIM is willing to assist in identifying trees at risk of falling in their respective areas by offering advisory services, technical consultation and training.

"FRIM is also willing to cooperate in organising workshops and seminars in urban tree management," he said in a press conference.

The suggestion was made following the incident in which a 130-year-old tree fell near the KLCC Petronas Twin Towers, Jalan Ampang yesterday morning, injuring two people.

Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), in a statement, yesterday said the unexpected incident was due to the decaying root condition of the tree which was not visible physically.