Don’t give approval for highway to pass FRIM

KUDOS to Malaysian Nature Society (MNS) and the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) for standing-up to the developers who plan to construct a highway through the FRIM campus.

I totally subscribe to the view expressed by MNS president Prof Dr Maketab Mohamad (The Star, Mar 6) that “Malaysia’s image will suffer internationally” should the Government give the greenlight for the project to proceed.

Many among us have spent wonderful moments and rewarding excursions at the FRIM grounds. The various species of trees in the grounds are a wonder to behold. They are not just a heritage for Malaysians but also for tourists.

The developers must not subject themselves to the temptation of making huge money but should take seriously into account the concerns of the general public who prefers this green lung in the vicinity of Kuala Lumpur to be preserved and enjoyed by future generations.

Construction of more highways is no solution to the urban congestion. Money and efforts are better spent on improving and upgrading our public transport system.

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