

Research and passion the root of FRIM's success

KUALA LUMPUR: Four decades since its establishment, the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) is poised to elevate its national contributions through high-impact research, green innovation and biodiversity conservation.

FRIM director-general Datuk Dr Ismail Parlan is confident that with the continued support from all parties, the institute will remain relevant and authoritative as the leading research institution for the well-being of the people and future generations.

"FRIM will continue to play a key role in the fields of tropical forestry research, biodiversity, climate change, biotechnology, forest products and development based on natural resources," Bernama reported him as saying.

Ismail added that FRIM's success over the past 40 years is the result of the continued commitment of the ministry, its partners, stakeholders and FRIM personnel.

FRIM marked the 40th anniversary of its establishment as a statutory body by organising the FRIM Open Day at its main campus and Taman Botani Kepong yesterday.

The event, launched by Ismail, drew over 5,000 visitors from all walks of life, including students, researchers, industries, non-governmental organisations and the local community.

This year's celebration became more meaningful after FRIM was listed as the sixth Unesco World Heritage Site in Malaysia and the first in Selangor in July, thus strengthening FRIM's position as the leader in tropical forestry research and a world-class ecotourism destination.

As a symbolic gesture, Ismail, together with the invited dignitaries, planted the jelutong tree (*Dyera costulata*) along Jalan Jelutong.

This was the 100,000th tree planted under the 100 Million Tree Planting Campaign.