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ABD Latif expressing his appreciation to Dewan Kosmik magazine in a post.  
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# FRIM DG named M'sia's Reading Icon

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) director-general Datuk Dr Abd Latif Mohmod has been chosen as Malaysia's Reading Icon by Dewan Kosmik magazine for its April 2020 edition.

The selection was made in conjunction with the National Reading Decade 2020-2030 campaign organised by the Education Ministry which was launched last February.

Abd Latif has produced more than 300 journals and scientific research papers as well as a number of books together with FRIM's researchers.

Four of the books have won the

National Book Awards, in 2010, 2013, 2016 and 2019.

In a statement published on FRIM's Instagram account, Abd Latif expressed his appreciation to Dewan Kosmik magazine, a publication under the Dewan Bahasa and Pustaka, and hoped it would inspire and motivate FRIM's staff as well as all Malaysians to continue reading and writing.

"Read, read and keep on reading! It is a waste if we don't practice the reading habit in our daily lives because we can gain so much knowledge and benefit from it," he said.

Abd Latif has received much

recognition for his contributions from different industries and sectors. Part of his accomplishments includes having been the recipient for a Premier Award from National Book Development Foundation for two consecutive years.

For 2015, he was awarded for Book Research Icon category and in later in 2016 Abd Latif received the awards for Research and Development Icon category from the National Book Development Foundation.

Abd Latif also created six records in the Malaysia Book of Records during his service in FRIM. - Bernama