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KUALA LUMPUR: The Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) is committed to achieving World Heritage Site status from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco) in the next few years.

FRIM director-general Dr Ismail Parlan said the institute, which has been placed on the World Heritage Site list since 2017, had been working to provide the documents required, including the campus Conservation Management Plan.

“I believe the 2021 Unesco Sultan Qaboos

Prize (for environmental conservation) that FRIM received on Nov 17 will provide the impetus to FRIM to furnish the documents needed to be recognised as a Unesco World Heritage Site.”

Ismail said FRIM was recognised as a National Natural Heritage Site on Feb 10, 2009, and officially declared as a National Heritage on May 10, 2012.

He said FRIM had made a big contribution to the country through research and development carried out at the upstream level.