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KUALA LUMPUR: The Forestry Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) and the Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) are jointly organising the 'National Bamboo Seminar', in conjunction with World Bamboo Day 2023.

The programme is set to take place at the FRIM Auditorium in Kepong this Sept 18 and 19.

FRIM, in a statement yesterday, said the seminar would highlight topics related to research and development (R&D) of the bamboo industry, covering aspects such as planting and conservation, furniture preservation, composites, landscaping, products and ecotourism.

"For almost a decade, agencies under the United Nations have agreed to make bamboo a plant that can help fight climate change. The rapid growth of bamboo can absorb carbon from the atmosphere at a higher rate, compared with other plants.

"The bamboo stalks can be used as material to produce various products. The use of bamboo materials in products is one of the best ways to store carbon for longer and prevent it from being released into the atmosphere," it said.

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It added that studies on bamboo had been carried out as early as the mid-1980s involving various research areas, including taxonomy, growth distribution, cultivation, physical and mechanical properties, treatment and the production of valueadded products.

"FRIM has recorded various successes in bamboo R&D and received various awards both at the national and international levels, including the registration of several patents related to bamboo."

For those interested in participating in the seminar, registration can be done via this link https://me-qr.com/ fOaUQqlq. — Bernama