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Conference on forestry to be held here

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - The 21st International Union of Forestry Research Organisation world congress will be held here next month.

Themed "Forests and Society: The Role of Research", it will see several world renowned speakers presenting papers on the importance of scientific research in forest management.

Forest Research Institute Malaysia director-general Datuk Dr Abdul Razak Mohd Ali said Malaysia would use the congress to enlighten people on other benefits which the forests has to offer.

Apart from deriving logs and timber, the rest include medicine sources, recreational areas and enhancing biodiversity.

Dr Abdul Razak said Tan Sri Razali Ismail, who is special adviser to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, would present a paper on "Sustainable Management of Natural Resources".

He added the week-long conference would help boost the nation's tourism industry.

"This conference would certainly give the participants a chance to discover all the beautiful places Malaysia has to offer," he said.

He said each foreign participant was expected to spend a minimum of RM3,000 during their stay here.

The congress, which will be held between Aug 7 and Aug 12 at the Putra World Trade Centre, will be opened by the Prime Minister.

For more information, call Dr Lim Hin Fui or Wong Wai Kin at the congress secretariat at 03-6372135 or 6342633.

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