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MALAYSIA TO HOST FORESTRY CONGRESS

KUALA LUMPUR, July 13 (Bernama) -- Malaysia has received the honour of being the first developing country to host the 21st International Union Forestry Research Organisation (IUFRO) World Congress next month.

A total of 3,000 participants are expected to attend the congress, the biggest scientific congress to be held in Malaysia, from Aug 7 to 12.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to open the congress at the Putra World Trade Centre, according to a statement from the Forestry Research Institute of Malaysia (Frim) which is organising the congress.

It says that Malaysia is the first developing country selected to host the congress in the IUFRO's 100 years of existence.

In conjunction with the congress, a IUFRO sticker campaign will be launched at Hentian Duta, Jalan Duta, on Tuesday.

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