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FORESTRY DEPARTMENT TO CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY NEXT MONTH

KUALA LUMPUR, March 19 (Bernama) -- Two books will be launched in conjunction with the 100th anniversary celebrations of the Forestry Department beginning next month and ending in October.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will launch the two books -- a pictorial and on a hundred years of forestry -- on Oct 16.

Forestry Department director general Datuk Zul Mukhshar Mohamed Shaari said a forestry first day cover will also be launched on the same date.

He said here today that the celebrations will kick off on April 14 in Shah Alam with the launching of the national level World Forestry Day by Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Mohamad Khir Toyo.

"We have arranged various programmes for the celebrations which we hope will increase public awareness about the role played by the department," he said.

The programmes include a two-day camping activity in various locations for 2,000 students starting on May 26 and the five-day 13th national forestry conference in Johor Baharu from August 20.

Zul Mukhshar also launched a website on the department's 100th anniversary. The website can be accessed at [forestry.gov.my](http://forestry.gov.my).

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