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PM to grace Forestry Dept's centennial joy

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will officiate the centennial celebration of the Forestry Department of Peninsular Malaysia on October 16.

Department director-general Datuk Zul Mukhsar Mohamed Shaari said two pictorial and technical books titled "100 Years Forestry" and commemorative stamps will be launched during the ceremony.

Speaking at a press conference, he said the department will also hold a national-level celebration of the 30th World Forestry Day at Politeknik Shah Alam on April 14.

Themed "Our Forests, Our Responsibility", it will be officiated by Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Mohamad Khir Toyo.

Meanwhile, the 13th Malaysian Forestry Conference themed "Managing Forests in the New Millennium" will be held in Johor Baru from August 20 to 26.

The conference will be participated by 350 Malaysian forestry officials and other agencies as a platform to exchange ideas and present views.

Zul Mukhsar yesterday launched the department's website at www.forestry.gov.my/seabad/

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