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PETALING JAYA: A memorandum of understanding was signed between Pulau Banding Foundation (PBF), Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) and Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) to conduct research programmes at the Royal Belum rainforest in Perak.

PBF chief executive Dr Daniel Baskaran said that the virgin 300,000ha rainforest was relatively untouched and it was in the best

interest of the country that two of the local universities could conduct research there as it will enable the students to appreciate and understand the environment.

"The (Royal Belum) forest is four time the size of Singapore, there are loads of avenues for study and research," he told the media at a press conference after the MoU signing ceremony.

UUM Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Mohamed Mustafa Ishak said the university has already set up a team to conduct the six-month research beginning this month.

He regarded the MoU as a smart partnership between academics and the private sector.

"We will use our expertise to research for sustainable forest development," he said.