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**State Government of Sabah Expands Further Funding For  
Forest Restoration & Rehabilitation, Forest Recreation &  
Research Planting, Amounting To RM11 Million**

The Director of Forestry, Datuk Sam Mannan, today handed over a cheque for RM11 million, to his Deputy, Fidelis Edwin Bajau, the officer in charge of development projects, being the latest allocation from the State Government of Sabah for forest restoration, rehabilitation, recreation and research planting activities, to be carried out by the department.

This is over and on top of the RM76 million already allocated by the State Government for forest management activities covering major projects such as: Deramakot, Ulu Segama-Malua, Kalabakan-Sapulot, Trusmadi, Ulu Kalumpang and Timimbang-Botitian.

The Director explained that the RM11 million allocation is for various smaller reserves that need targeted restoration such as: Babanga, Baradaya, Quoin Hill and Membalua Forest Reserves in Tawau, and the Conservation Area Management Plan for FMU10 (Trusmadi), which is increasingly attracting climbers from all over the world.

In a simple ceremony to mark the occasion, at the Forestry Department Headquarters in Sandakan, the Director recorded the department's appreciation of the unrelentless support from the Government of Sabah, to continuously rehabilitate and to improve the quality of forest ecosystems managed by the department.

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**Director Sam handing over the RM11 million cheque to Fidelis at the Forestry Department Headquarters on 24 July 2008**