



**HRDF, MOHR CELEBRATES THE LUNAR NEW YEAR TOGETHER
'Calling All Malaysians to Empower and Enhance Racial Unity'**

Kuala Lumpur, 27 February 2018 — In conjunction with the Lunar New Year, the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF) hosted its annual Chinese New Year Open House at Wisma HRDF today.

The open house was organised in line with the Malaysian government's efforts and commitment to promoting inclusivity, social cohesion and harmony. The joyous occasion was graced by the **Minister of Human Resources Dato' Sri (Dr) Richard Riot Anak Jaem** and **Deputy Minister of Human Resources Dato' Sri Hj Ismail bin Hj Abd Muttalib**.

During his speech, Dato' Sri (Dr) Richard Riot Anak Jaem lauded the 25 years of service and commitment by HRDF in developing the Malaysian workforce in order to achieve the national aspiration of becoming a high-income nation by the year 2020.

The Minister also applauded their efforts in organising festive celebrations annually, "Festive celebrations such as the Chinese New Year remind us that our nation is home to many faiths and traditions, and that our diversity makes us stronger, which is why I'm proud of HRDF for honouring and making it a practice to celebrate the various ethnic and religious festivals as 1Malaysia every year."

HRDF Chief Executive Dato' CM Vignaesvaran Jeyandran said, "I am proud to see my colleagues from all cultures and age groups unite as one — in work and at play. And particularly at HRDF, we will strive to continue moving forward as a team to support the National Development Agenda of strength through unity." Vignaesvaran also thanked the Minister and the Ministry of Human Resources for their unwavering support and contribution towards human capital development in Malaysia.

To conclude the event, Dato' Sri Richard Riot Anak Jaem gave out customary *ang pau* (red packets containing money) to children from Yayasan SunBeams Home.

Yayasan Sunbeams Home (YSH), a non-governmental, self-supporting multi-racial foundation, is a home established in 1995 to displaced, abused and neglected children of single parents. It was the brainchild of a husband and wife team Pastor Alvin Tan and his late wife, Pastor Lucy.

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About Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF)

Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad (PSMB) also known as the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF) is a dynamic organisation established in 1993, under the Ministry of Human Resources.

Governed by the Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad Act 2001 (PSMB Act 2001), HRDF was given the mandate by the Malaysian Government to catalyse the development of competent local workforce that will contribute to Malaysia's vision of becoming a high-income economy.

Since its inception, HRDF has evolved from managing a sizeable fund to becoming a one-stop-centre for providing novel Human Resource Development (HRD) solutions to the critical mass of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Malaysia.

HRDF is well positioned to offer robust and prudent solutions that will help Malaysia move up in rank on the Global Competitiveness Index. By enhancing regional and global competitiveness via up-skilling, re-skilling and multi-skilling Malaysian talent, it looks to help propel the country towards becoming a high income nation.

In line with the 11th Malaysia Plan (11MP), the Malaysian Government initiated several programmes that focus on accelerating human capital development through four major areas. These include:

- Improving the efficiency of the labour market to accelerate economic growth;
- Transforming technical and vocational education to meet industry demand;
- Strengthening lifelong learning for skills enhancement; and
- Improving the quality of education system for better student outcomes and institutional excellence.

For the 'Strengthening of Lifelong Learning for Skills Enhancement' programme, HRDF's latest mandate is to ensure the growth of quality local workforce through efficient, high-skilled training certification programmes and initiatives that would contribute to a 35 per cent skilled Malaysian workforce and the creation of 1.5 million jobs by Year 2020.

Additionally, HRDF continues to be steadfast in its effort towards encouraging employers covered under the PSMB Act 2001 to retrain and upgrade the skills of local employees, apprentices and trainees in keeping with the fast evolving global business landscape while meeting their individual company's aspirations.

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