



HRDF Announces New Board & Members of the Governance Oversight Committee Following AGM

KUALA LUMPUR, 28 JUNE 2018 – The Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF) also known as Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad (PSMB), announced its new Board of Directors and members of the Governance Oversight Committee at Wisma HRDF today.

During the recent HRDF Town Hall with training providers, the Minister of Human Resources Yang Berhormat Tuan M Kula Segaran had shared that a taskforce will be formed to look into matters raised by its stakeholders.

The Governance Oversight Committee has been given the mandate to assist the HRDF Board of Directors. It is tasked with oversight responsibilities, which include reviewing all aspects of the Board's governance framework and ensuring it functions in an effective and efficient manner to support the operations of HRDF.

During the press conference, Human Resources Minister Kula Segaran had announced the appointed Board of Directors and the members of the Governance Oversight Committee.

The appointed Board of Directors are as below:

1. Tan Sri Datuk (Dr) Ketheeswaran a/l M. Kanagaratnam
2. Datuk Kang Hua Keong
3. Dato' Mohd Razali bin Hussain
4. Dato' Jeffery Tan
5. Dato' Quah Thain Khan (NEW)
6. Dr. Hii Sui Cheng
7. Mr Lim Yoke Cheong
8. Tuan Haji Abdul Wahab bin Abu Bakar
9. Mr Davies Danavaindram
10. Mr Rizal Faris bin Mohideen Abdul Kader
11. Cik Azah Hanim binti Ahmad
12. Mr J. Rasamy a/l Manikkam (NEW)

13. Puan Betty binti Hasan ([NEW](#))
14. Mr Elanjelian Venugopal ([NEW](#))
15. Mr Lim Kah Cheng ([NEW](#))

while the members of the Governance Oversight Committee are:

1. Tan Sri Rebecca Fatima Sta Maria
2. Ms Fiona Soh
3. Mr Fahri Azzat
4. Mr S. Dhamodaran
5. Mr R. Nadeswaran

“As an agency under the purview of the Ministry of Human Resources, we will continue our mandate of promoting efforts to up-skill, multi-skill and re-skill current and future Malaysian talent to be globally competitive,” said Lim Kah Cheng, HRDF Acting Chief Executive.

“We also extend our full co-operation to the appointed Governance Oversight Committee, to further strengthen our governance, transparency and accountability as part of our efforts to contribute to nation building,” he added.

HRDF also announced positive growth, recording a 25.05 per cent growth in number of employers that have registered with HRDF. A total of 4,605 employers registered with HRDF in 2017 compared to 1,279 employers in 2016, bringing our total number of registered employers as of 31 December 2017, to 21,928.

Since HRDF’s establishment in 1993 to 2017, a total of 13,928,970 training places were approved and in terms of financial assistance, the amount approved increased from RM568.77 million in 2016 to RM588.58 million in 2017.

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About Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF)

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.

More information is available at www.hrdf.com.my