



## PRESS STATEMENT

### **HRDF IMPLEMENTS TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ITS HEADQUARTERS & REGIONAL OFFICES FOLLOWING NATIONWIDE MOVEMENT-CONTROL ORDER**

**KUALA LUMPUR, 18 MARCH 2020** — Following the announcement made by Yang Amat Berhormat Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, which called for a nationwide movement-control order to manage the spread of positive COVID-19 cases in Malaysia, the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF or “the Fund”) will adhere to this directive.

Towards this, HRDF will be implementing a temporary closure of our headquarters at Damansara Heights as well as all of our regional offices nationwide from 18 – 31 March 2020 or until further notice.

To ensure minimal disruptions to the Fund’s business and service delivery to our customers during this time, the Fund is implementing a Work From Home arrangement for all of its staff members for the aforementioned of time.

**HRDF Chief Executive Elanjelian Venugopal said:** “In light of the recent surge in positive COVID-19 cases, we are taking the necessary proactive measures to curb the spread of the virus. The safety and health of our valued customers and staff members come first.”

“We also want to assure our valued customers that there will be minimal disruptions to the Fund’s business and service delivery,” he added.

HRDF is closely monitoring the development of the pandemic and will continue to adhere to the directives given by the Malaysian Government and work closely with the Ministry of Human Resources on all policy matters related to the Fund.

The Fund also continues to observe stringent adherence to infection control policies and processes; and will fully comply with preventive measures set by the Ministry of Health.

In full support of the movement-control order, HRDF encourages all face to face training to be halted temporarily. Nevertheless, HRDF continues to support employers in pursuing training opportunities for their employees via e-learning platforms.

For more information on this, kindly visit [www.hrdf.com.my](http://www.hrdf.com.my). HRDF’s customer service team is also available to meet your business needs at [support@hrdf.com.my](mailto:support@hrdf.com.my) or call 1800-88-4800.

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**ABOUT HRDF**

Tracing its origin to the year 1993 as Majlis Pembangunan Sumber Manusia (MPSM), the Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad (PSMB) is an agency under the purview of the Ministry of Human Resources Malaysia.

PSMB or also known as the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF) is 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 a competent local workforce that will contribute to Malaysia's vision of becoming a high-income economy.

HRDF has grown remarkably from our establishment in 1993. Starting life as an institution that collected levy and disbursed training grants, we have gone from strength-to-strength to contribute significantly in providing training and up-skilling interventions to key industries in Malaysia especially the Small and Medium Enterprises' (SMEs) sector.

For perspective, the objective of HRDF under the Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad Act, 2001 (PSMB Act 2001) is the imposition and collection of a human resources development (HRD) levy from employers under 63 sub-sectors within three (3) key economic sectors — Manufacturing, Services, and Mining and Quarry — with ten (10) or more employees. These employers contribute one (1) per cent of their total monthly payroll to the Fund which we treat as an HRD "levy".

The vision forward for HRDF is to future-proof Malaysia through the country's most valued asset — its people. Safeguarding the future also includes assuming a greater responsibility to reach out to the corporates by educating and motivating them to seek the benefits and value of our learning and development schemes, initiatives and programmes.

**Vision**

- Every Malaysian employee trained

**Mission**

- Spearhead the Learning and Development of the Malaysian workforce

**Objective**

- To encourage employers covered under the Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad Act 2001 to retrain and upgrade the skills of their employees, apprentices and trainees in line with their business needs and the development strategy of the country.

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