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**HRDF LAUNCHES HRDF PLACEMENT CENTRE (HPC) TO PROVIDE
OVER 50,000 JOB PLACEMENT AND INCOME GENERATION OPPORTUNITIES
FOR MALAYSIANS**

First-of-its kind one stop portal aims to bring employers, candidates, training providers and career coaches together, to address nation's talent development needs

Kuala Lumpur, 6 April 2021 – The Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF) is aiming to provide over 50,000 employment and income-generation opportunities for Malaysians in 2021, through its [HRDF Placement Centre \(HPC\)](#), launched today.

The one-stop portal is the first-of-its-kind in the country that will match employers from a wide range of industries and sectors to the right candidates, to fill immediate vacancies; offer training and development opportunities to employees, to address the talent skills gap; and provide Malaysians with the opportunity to connect with an expansive list of coaches and trainers for career counselling and advice.

The HPC was officially jointly launched by the Honourable Minister of Human Resources, Datuk Seri M. Saravanan together and the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Senator, Tengku Datuk Seri Utama Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz and witnessed by Datuk Seri Jamil Salleh, Chairman of HRDF and Datuk Shahul Hameed, Chief Executive of HRDF.

Speaking at the launch event, Datuk Seri M. Saravanan said, “The HPC is a great initiative that complements the ministry’s existing efforts to address unemployment challenges faced by the nation from COVID-19. Beyond immediate placements, Malaysians from a diverse range of backgrounds, skillsets and experiences will be able to get the support and guidance they need to jumpstart and build their career journeys.”

Adding to the sentiment, Tengku Datuk Seri Utama Zafrul said, “Malaysia is on the cusp of a post- pandemic economic revival, with a projected growth of up to 7 per cent this year, according to the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF). The employment, income generation and talent development opportunities provided by the HPC will be instrumental in helping the government achieve this aim. Beyond that, efforts by HRDF and the Ministry of Human Resources to strengthen the nation’s talents and industries will be crucial in supporting the government’s efforts to strengthen Malaysia’s economy in the future.”

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According to Datuk Shahul Hameed, Chief Executive of HRDF, “We are pleased to bring together our strategic partners, employers, training providers and career coaches onto one centralised portal to address the nation’s immediate and long-term employment needs. We are on track to achieve our target of 50,000 jobs and income generating opportunities this year. In fact, currently, candidates can already access more than 19,000 of these on the HPC. Beyond that, we aim to make HPC the place for Malaysian talents to strengthen their skills and knowledge, while ensuring that employers continue to not just create new opportunities, but also secure the best talent fit for their business and industry needs. This makes HPC an excellent resource to elevate Malaysia’s talent development aspirations in the long term.”

To date, more than 200 candidates have secured job placements at some of the nation’s leading companies and organisations through the HPC. They were presented with a letter of offer at the event by their respective employers through Datuk Sahul Hameed and witnessed by Datuk Seri M. Saravanan, Tengku Datuk Seri Utama Zafrul and Datuk Seri Jamil Salleh.

Malaysians looking to access the host of services, employment and income generating opportunities from the HPC can visit <https://hpc.hrdf.com.my/>.

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About the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF):

The Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF) is administered by the Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad (PSMB), an agency under the Ministry of Human Resources.

Tracing its origin to the year 1993 as Majlis Pembangunan Sumber Manusia (MPSM), HRDF has grown remarkably from its establishment. 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.

Governed by the Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad Act 2001 (PSMB Act 2001), HRDF is mandated 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.

Vision

Every Malaysian employee trained

Mission

Spearhead the Learning and Development of the Malaysian workforce

Objective

The imposition and collection of a human resources development (HRD) levy from registered employers 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".

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