

HRD CORP ESTABLISHES ITS FIRST TRAINING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE IN MALAYSIA

Centre will empower local communities, particularly Orang Asli, with upskilling programmes and socioeconomic initiatives

Tapah, 16 October 2022 - Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp) has established its first Training and Community Development Centre in Tapah, Perak. The centre aims to support the local community through a wide range of learning, development, and socioeconomic initiatives.

These include upskilling and reskilling programmes across a broad range of areas that are geared at boosting the marketability and employability of community members.

During the launch of the centre, HRD Corp also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the SME Association of Malaysia to develop upskilling and reskilling programmes in Smart Farming Technologies for the Orang Asli community.

Speaking at the launch event, the Minister of Human Resources, Datuk Seri M. Saravanan, said that the establishment of the Training and Community Development Centre here in Tapah is another government effort to empower local communities while raising the bar for Malaysia's human capital development efforts.

"The Ministry of Human Resources and HRD Corp have introduced many programmes to support the communities in Tapah for the last two years and we are proud to strengthen our efforts through the Training and Community Development Centre. I strongly believe that no one should be left behind in Malaysia's goal to become a developed nation. By supporting our local communities in Tapah to improve their standard of living through training, employment, and income generation opportunities, we ensure that they too can become productive members of society who can contribute to nation-building."

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The centre will also assist community members in preparing for admission to higher education institutions, Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions and National Dual Training System (SLDN) programmes.

Managed by 10 HRD Corp employees comprising local champions from various Orang Asli tribes, the training centre will also focus on improving the community's standard of living through needs and skill gaps identification research and analysis. Findings from the study will be used to roll out viable and sustainable needs-based programmes.

Located at Pusat Perniagaan Akasia 2, Tapah, Perak, the Training and Community Development Centre will start operating on 1 November 2022. Those interested in learning more about or experiencing the services offered can visit www.hrdcorp.gov.my.

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About the Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp):

Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp) was established in 1993 as the Human Resources Development Council. It was incorporated into Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad through the enactment of the Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad Act 2001.

As an agency under the Ministry of Human Resources, it is responsible for the collection of levy from key industries and the disbursement of training grants to registered employers through its internal mechanisms known as the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF).

In April 2021, HRDF became HRD Corp. The name change reflects its new responsibilities, directions and mission. These include expanding its workforce upskilling and reskilling efforts to all Malaysian employers and individuals; and providing income-generating opportunities to all communities in need.

This transformation is in line with HRD Corp's ambition of driving Malaysia's talent development aspirations for the long term.

For more information, visit the HRD Corp website – www.hrdcorp.gov.my.