



MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES & HRD CORP SPREADS CHINESE NEW YEAR JOY

Organisation celebrated the successes of its record-breaking year and announced more upskilling and reskilling support for rural communities across the country

Kuala Lumpur, 21 February 2024 – The Minister of Human Resources, Yang Berhormat (YB) Steven Sim Chee Keong, joined Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp) in its Chinese New Year celebrations at the Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (MITEC), Kuala Lumpur, today.

The celebration was hosted by HRD Corp, led by its Chairman, Datuk Abu Huraira Abu Yazid, Chief Executive, Datuk Wira Shahul Dawood, board of directors, and senior leadership team. It was attended by key ministry figures including Deputy Minister of Human Resources, Yang Berhormat Dato' Sri Abdul Rahman bin Hj. Mohamad; Secretary General, Dato' Sri Khairul Dzaimie bin Daud, together with heads of agencies departments within the Ministry of Human Resources.

The celebration was also attended by over 1,000 guests including HRD Corp's stakeholders comprising Malaysian employers, industry associations, trainers, training providers and media.

Speaking at the event, YB Steven Sim said, "This Chinese New Year event gave HRD Corp another reason to celebrate. The Ministry, through HRD Corp, saw a record-breaking year with the highest levy collection of RM2.2 billion, financial assistance approved worth up to RM1.78 billion and the approval of over 2.2 million training places that benefited the nation since its establishment in 1993.

For comparison, HRD Corp collected RM1.81 billion in levies, disbursed over RM728 million in training funds and supported 1.15 million training places in 2022.

The Ministry of Human Resources is committed to providing quality training programmes to all Malaysians to increase productivity and improve the economy. This is in line with our 3K focus of enhancing the Kebajikan (Welfare), Kemahiran (Skills) and Keberhasilan (Productivity) among Malaysian workers."

The Minister has also given HRD Corp the mandate to provide training programmes to all layers of the societies, especially micro SMEs and individuals in rural areas, to ensure no Malaysians are deprived of the opportunity for training and development.

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At the same time, he also hopes that HRD Corp will continue forging partnerships with other stakeholders to push and promote skills development in the country so that Malaysia will one day achieve Ivy League status in training and development. Subsequently, he challenged his Ministry and HRD Corp to make training and development the most important sector in Malaysia this year.

The Chairman Datuk Abu Huraira Abu Yazid said, "All the success we achieved last year would not have been possible without help and support from other organisations. Therefore, today's open house celebration is also a gesture to show our appreciation towards every registered employer, training provider and all our stakeholders for all the work we have done together to support the government's nation-building agenda."

He also added that HRD Corp remains firmly behind the leadership of YB Steven Sim and the agency is looking forward for the continued support of its stakeholders.

Among the activities held during the celebration was the tossing of the Yee Sang ceremony, the Lion and dragon dance performances as well as other traditional Chinese performances.

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About 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 collecting levy from key industries and disbursing 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.

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