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PENANG DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER II LAUNCHES NATIONAL TRAINING WEEK (NTW) 2024 - NORTHERN REGION

The nation's training-focused week providing free training opportunities to all Malaysians set to galvanise Northern learning and development ecosystem

BUTTERWORTH, 25 June 2024 – Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp) organised the National Training Week (NTW) 2024 Carnival – Northern Edition at the Butterworth Arena, Penang, today. The event was officiated by Penang Deputy Chief Minister II, Yang Berhormat Jagdeep Singh Deo. He was accompanied by Yang Berbahagia Datuk Wira Shahul Dawood, the Chief Executive of HRD Corp.

NTW is the nation's first training-focused week. Spearheaded by HRD Corp, it is a full week of training events and activities that bring together organisations and people from various industries and backgrounds for free learning and development opportunities.

NTW 2024, which will take place from 24 to 30 June 2024, is the continuation of the hugely successful NTW 2023, which took place in May last year. Retaining its essence of promoting lifelong learning as a culture among all Malaysians, the week-long initiative does this by offering high-impact training courses to Malaysians through collaborative efforts between government agencies, corporate sectors, training providers, trainers, academia and individuals.

The NTW 2024 Carnival in Penang drew a crowd of over 1000. Also present at the festival was the Penang State Executive Councillor for Youth, Sports and Health, Yang Berhormat Daniel Gooi Zi Sen, the Chief Operating Officer of PICCA Convention Centre, Mr James Chang and the senior leadership of HRD Corp.

Speaking at the Opening Ceremony, Yang Berhormat Jagdeep Singh Deo said, "Penang is committed to be a catalyst for the nation's economic development. To ensure that we are able to realise that vision, we have constantly explored new opportunities to strengthen our economy and implemented various initiatives to bring a positive impact to our people. To perpetuate our status as one of the country's economic powerhouses, Penang needs to move up the value chain and strengthen the state's position as a destination for electric and electronic and semiconductor manufacturing in the region. Therefore, the state needs to collaborate with the Ministry of Human Resources and HRD Corp to improve our training ecosystem so that we can produce more high-skilled workers to satisfy industrial demands."

NTW 2024 aims to go one step further to inspire Malaysians to adopt lifelong learning in their personal and professional development by offering more than 60,000 free courses nationwide, conducted through various channels to 200,000 Malaysians. These training programmes are expected to record over 700,000 training hours and deliver RM200 million in training value.

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Yang Berusaha Encik Mohamad Farizul Yahaya, the Chief Financial Officer of HRD Corp said, “Embracing lifelong skills development and learning is necessary for our Malaysian workforce and companies to stay competitive, both in the local and international stage. The NTW 2024 is a starting point to encourage all Malaysians to improve their skills continuously; we have carefully chosen the skills development activities in each region to ensure the locals can gain the relevant knowledge to support their personal and professional development.”

Apart from the ceremony, the occasion featured engaging and educational activities scheduled throughout the day. These activities included the Digital Transformation Next Milestone for Industries and Businesses Next-Level Automation program with Penang Skills Development Centre (PSDC), Internet Of Things (Basic) Class with Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Financial Planning and Private Retirement Class by AHAM Assets Management and Introduction to Arduino b Tech Dome and Intel. Apart from that, the event also featured the MYFUTUREJOBS Fair by PERKESO, which is set to offer over 550 jobs from reputable organisations to job seekers in the state.

At the same time, HRD Corp and its partners in the Northern Region will be offering 791 free training programmes in the Northern Region throughout the NTW 2024 week, this includes 252 programmes in Penang, 304 programmes in Perak, 67 programmes in Perlis and 168 programmes in Kedah. Some of the partners include UiTM Penang, Persatuan Penolong Pegawai Tanah Pulau Pinang Penang Infrastructure Corporation, Perak Entrepreneur and Skills Development Centre (PESDC), Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UNIMAP), Kolej Komuniti Bandar Darulaman,

NTW 2024 will culminate in a two-day training extravaganza at Stadium Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur, on 29 and 30 June 2024. The two-day learning event will feature interesting activities such as Pancasains by Petrosains, EV Experience by Proton, Sports Clinic, Lego Competition, a book fair by Bookxcess and the MYFUTUREJOBS Career Fair among others.

For more information on the NTW 2024 and to register for the free training programmes during the week, please visit www.nationaltrainingweek.gov.my.

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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 levies 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.

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