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SABAH CHIEF MINISTER LAUNCHES NATIONAL TRAINING WEEK (NTW) 2024 - SABAH

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

Kota Kinabalu, 28 June 2024 – Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp) organised the National Training Week (NTW) 2024 Carnival – Sabah at the Sabah Prison Department Complex, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, today. The event was officiated by Sabah Chief Minister, Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Seri Panglima Haji Hajiji Haji Noor represented by the Sabah Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Yang Berhormat Datuk Dr. Mohd Ariffin bin Mohd Arif. He was accompanied by Yang Berusaha Tuan Ahsim Haji Jamat, Deputy Chairman of the HRD Corp Board of Directors.

NTW is the nation's first training-focused week that offers free learning and development opportunities to all Malaysians. 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.

NTW 2024, which takes place from 24 to 30 June 2024, is the continuation of the hugely successful NTW 2023, which was held in May last year. Retaining its essence of cultivating a culture of lifelong learning among Malaysians, the week-long initiative offers high-impact training courses to Malaysians through collaborative efforts between government agencies, corporate sectors, training providers, trainers, academia and individuals. In Sabah, NTW 2024 has received solid support from the state government, its agencies, non profit organisations and local communities.

The NTW 2024 Carnival in Sabah drew a crowd of over 1,500. Also present at the festival was the Yang Berbahagia *Komisioner Jeneral Penjara (KJP)* Datuk Haji Nordin Bin Haji Muhamad and the senior leadership committee of HRD Corp.

Speaking at the Opening Ceremony, Yang Berhormat Datuk Dr. Mohd Ariffin said, "The Land Below the Wind is committed in galvanising our economy. Guided by this vision, we have successfully executed several initiatives that will bring a positive impact to the community. Sabah has never halted its effort to exploring new opportunities to strengthen our economy. Collaborative efforts with KESUMA and HRD Corp are vital and I am proud that the NTW in Sabah Region this year has received tremendous participation from multiple parties including government agencies, the industry and also the contribution of organisation and individuals."

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 Tuan Ahsim Haji Jamat, Deputy Chairman of the HRD Corp Board of Directors 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 carnival featured engaging and educational activities scheduled throughout the day. These included *Forum MADANI: Pembelajaran dan Kemahiran Sepanjang Hayat* by Majlis Perwakilan Wanita Sabah (MPWS), Braille Al-Quran Classes & and Sign Language Workshop by PERTIS & Persatuan Pekak Sabah, Motivational Classes by Sabahan influencer and Malaysian’s first mixed martial arts artist, Ann Osman, and Anti-corruption and misuse of power prevention classes by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC).

Beyond the Carnival, HRD Corp and its partners in Sabah will be offering 456 free training programmes in Sabah and Labuan throughout the NTW 2024 week, this includes 434 programmes in Sabah and 22 programmes in Labuan. Some of the partners include the Sabah Forestry Department, Persatuan Tinju Professional Negeri Sabah (PTPNS), Institut Keusahawanan Negara (INSKEN) and Institut Latihan Perindustrian (ILP) Labuan. Highlights include Kursus Asas Tindakan Kecemasan dan Pengurusan Keselamatan Pelancong; Fighter Spirit: Building Champion Through Boxing with NTW 2024 dan Outreach Jelajah MADANI Jom Masuk TVET.

NTW 2024 will culminate in a two-day learning 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.

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