



## **Strengthening Unity and Inclusivity: KESUMA & HRD Corp Rings in Chinese New Year with Stakeholders, Strengthening Ties and Giving Back**

**KUALA LUMPUR, 9 February** – The Ministry of Human Resources (KESUMA) and the Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp) successfully hosted a vibrant Chinese New Year Open House at SJK (C) Sin Ming, Puchong, bringing together communities to celebrate culture, inclusivity, and prosperity. Open to the public, the event attracted a diverse crowd eager to partake in the festivities.

The celebration was officiated by Yang Berhormat Steven Sim Chee Keong, Minister of Human Resources, as the Guest of Honor, alongside other distinguished guests, including the Yang Berbahagia Datuk Azman Yusoff, Secretary General of KESUMA, Yang Berbahagia Datuk Abu Huraira Abu Yazid, Chairman of HRD Corp's, Yang Berbahagia Datuk Wira Shahul Dawood, Chief Executive of HRD Corp, board of directors, senior leadership team and key industry leaders. This gathering highlighted the government's commitment to strengthening closer ties with stakeholders and the public while embracing the rich traditions of the Chinese New Year.

The celebration was also attended by over 1,000 guests including HRD Corp's stakeholders comprising Malaysian employers, industry associations, trainers, training provider, members of the public and media fraternity.

In his speech, Yang Berhormat Steven Sim highlighted HRD Corp's outstanding achievements, stating that this Chinese New Year celebration marks an important milestone for HRD Corp.

"Last year, HRD Corp once again broke records with the highest levy collection in its 32-year history, reaching RM2.3 billion in 2024 compared to RM2.1 billion in 2023.

"At the same time, all agencies and departments under KESUMA, including HRD Corp, have implemented uncompromising management reforms to ensure we provide the best services to our stakeholders. Through the KESUMA Reengineering Policy, while it previously took us one week to process levy claims from employers, this year, we aim to reduce it to just one hour. As for training providers, if it used to take seven days, this year, we are targeting only three days," he said in his speech.

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Among the highlights of the event was HRD Corp's presentation of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) contributions to 20 organisations and NGOs. This meaningful initiative reflects HRD Corp's dedication to supporting communities in need and uplifting lives through meaningful contributions, ensuring that the spirit of giving and togetherness remains central to the celebration.

Beyond the formal proceedings, the Open House featured a range of engaging activities designed to enrich the experience for both attendees and the wider community. Among the activities held during the celebration included the vibrant tossing of the Yee Sang ceremony, captivating Lion dance performances, and a showcase of other traditional Chinese cultural acts, all of which added to the festive atmosphere and brought the spirit of the celebration to life.

The event also included Workshop Activities, offering interactive and informative sessions aimed at enhancing workforce development and personal growth. Among the exciting workshops available were the Chinese Calligraphy Workshop, Lantern-Making Workshop, and Chinese Knot Art Workshop, allowing participants to immerse themselves in traditional craftsmanship. Additionally, a Cultural Corner was set up, where guests could enjoy traditional Chinese arts, performances, and heritage displays, adding to the festive atmosphere.

The Open House was a resounding success, strengthening the bonds of unity and cultural appreciation while reinforcing KESUMA and HRD Corp's continuous engagement with the rakyat. The event provided a meaningful platform for communities to come together in celebration and goodwill as Malaysia steps into the Year of the Snake with renewed hope and shared aspirations.

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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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