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## **MISI: Shaping Young Minds, One Child at a Time**

**KUALA LUMPUR, 16 February** – From a young age, Johor-born Prema Latha knew she was drawn to teaching. Over time, this passion blossomed into a bigger dream - not just to educate, but to make a lasting impact in early childhood education.

Determined to turn her passion into a career, Prema enrolled in the Early Childhood Home Care programme under the Malaysian Indian Skills Initiative (MISI). Today, she is well on her way to becoming a certified Early Childhood Educator, as she works towards obtaining her PERMATA certification - qualification that will allow her to nurture and shape young minds.

"For me, being an Early Childhood Teacher (ECT) means that every day, I get the opportunity to experience the magic of childhood through the eyes of the children in front of me. It's a privilege to guide them through their first steps in learning."

Prema describes her journey as a "magical dream come true", made possible through MISI.

"I am beyond grateful to Kerajaan Madani for giving me this opportunity. My dream has finally become a reality."

The Early Childhood Home Care (ECH) training programme under MISI was successfully conducted from 21 to 25 November 2024 in Repah, Negeri Sembilan. This comprehensive five-day training provided Malaysian Indian participants - including homemakers, school leavers, preschool teachers, and single mothers - with the essential skills and knowledge needed to build a sustainable career in early childhood education.

This initiative aims to equip individuals with job-ready skills, enabling them to secure well-paid jobs or even establish their own childcare services, ultimately fostering economic empowerment within the community.

The programme received strong support from YB Tuan Veerapan Superamaniam, Negeri Sembilan State Government EXCO & ADUN Repah, who personally attended a training session in his constituency. His presence highlighted the importance of MISI's efforts, which are led by YB Steven Sim Chee Keong, Minister of Human Resources.

YB Steven Sim's vision for MISI is clear - to uplift the Malaysian Indian community through upskilling and reskilling in high-demand industries. Since its launch in September 2024, MISI's Phase 1 has successfully conducted over 100 training programmes, benefiting over 6,000 Malaysian Indians.

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**MISI: Transforming Lives Through Skills & Knowledge**

MISI was officially announced by Prime Minister Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim during a special Labour Day interview on May 1, 2024. In his speech, he reaffirmed the government's commitment to empowering the Malaysian Indian community, unveiling a RM30 million funding pledge from KESUMA, MITRA, and the Ministry of Finance to drive the initiative forward.

Since then, MISI has introduced a diverse range of industry-driven training courses in Artificial Intelligence, Smart Farming, Cybersecurity, Drone Technology, Retort Technology, Superbike Maintenance, EV Maintenance, Data Science, and many more. These future-ready programmes open doors to greater career opportunities and economic growth, ensuring long-term success for participants like Prema.

With every success story, MISI continues to change lives - one skill, one opportunity, and one dream at a time.

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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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