



NTW 2025 EMPOWERS B40 COMMUNITY WITH GREEN SKILLS 'WASTE TO WONDER' WORKSHOP

PETALING JAYA, 21 June 2025 – The Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp), in collaboration with Trustwired Malaysia and with technical expertise from EcoGarage, organised the first-ever 'Grow Together: From Waste to Wonder' composting workshop for members of the community as part of National Training Week (NTW) 2025, designed to equip participants with practical green skills to support sustainable living and generate new income opportunities.

Held at Flat Sri Cempaka, Bandar Sri Damansara, the half-day workshop reflects a shared commitment by HRD Corp and its partners to promote inclusive lifelong learning and skills development. By integrating sustainability-focused skills such as composting and waste management into Malaysia's training ecosystem, the initiative supports both community empowerment and the growth of the national green economy.

The workshop empowered 100 participants from B40 households with hands-on composting techniques, helping them transform household food waste into usable compost. Beyond promoting environmental responsibility, the programme also introduces opportunities for self-reliance and potential income generation through green skills.

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The event also featured a keynote address by Dr. Azizul Amar Rahmat, TVET Coordinator for Damansara, along with expert sharing sessions and an interactive composting activity, which fostered strong community engagement and raised awareness of sustainable practices.

The event was attended by Puan Geetha Ganesan, Head of Central Region – New Sector, HRD Corp; Tuan Haji Sharuddin Ab Hamid, Director of Economy & Property, Majlis Agama Islam Selangor (MAIS); Puan Norhayati Umor, Chief Corporate Communications Officer, Yayasan Selangor; Encik Nasrullah Ghazaly, Head of Corporate Communications & Business Relations, Trustwired Malaysia; and Encik Fadzli bin Din, Chairman of the Residents' Association of Flat Sri Cempaka, along with community members and green training experts from EcoGarage.

Through this initiative, HRD Corp and its partners are helping to connect Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) with sustainable living practices, contributing to the growth of Malaysia's green economy from the grassroots level.

This grassroots green initiative exemplifies how NTW 2025 is delivering meaningful community impact by building everyday resilience and contributing to Malaysia's broader sustainability goals.

NTW 2025 is Malaysia's flagship skills initiative under the ASEAN Year of Skills 2025, reinforcing regional collaboration in lifelong learning and skills development. Officiated by YAB Prime Minister Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim on 14 June 2025 at Bukit Jalil National Stadium, the NTW 2025 has exceeded its target of one million enrolments, recording more than 3.2 million enrolments.

More than 71,000 courses offered under the theme of 'Learning Beyond Borders', delivering free, accessible training opportunities to Malaysians across various communities and sectors, reinforcing the national culture of lifelong learning.

For more information about NTW 2025 and to access free training courses throughout the year, visit www.nationaltrainingweek.gov.my.

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About HRD Corp

Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp), formerly known as the Human Resources Development Council (MPSM), was established in 1993. It was later incorporated as Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad (PSMB) through the enactment of the Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad Act 2001.

As an agency under the Ministry of Human Resources (KESUMA), HRD Corp is responsible for collecting levies from key industries and disbursing training grants through its internal mechanism which is the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF) or Kumpulan Wang Pembangunan Sumber Manusia (KWPSM).

The rebranding of HRD Corp in 2021 reflects the organisation's renewed responsibilities, direction and mission. This includes expanding upskilling and reskilling efforts by employers to help employees achieve more sustainable productivity.

This transformation not only benefits all Malaysians but also empowers underserved communities through more inclusive income-generating opportunities.

It is aligned with HRD Corp's long-term ambition to drive the nation's aspiration of developing a highly skilled workforce.

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