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## **NTW 2025 CLOSING CEREMONY: SURPASSING TARGETS WITH 3.2 MILLION PARTICIPANTS RECORDED**

**IPOH, 21 June 2025** - The **National Training Week (NTW) 2025** officially draws its curtain today, surpassing all targets with a total of **3.2 million participants** across Malaysia and across ASEAN during its run from 14 to 21 June 2025.

Initially, NTW 2025 set out to offer 65,000 courses, organise 1,000 learning and development (L&D) activities and attract one million participants. However, the initiative achieved overwhelming success, delivering over 71,000 courses and 1,010 L&D activities to a diverse audience.

As of 18 June 2025, Perak alone recorded over 170,000 enrolments in 5,920 courses and learning activities from 128 course providers.

The closing ceremony, organised by the Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp) under the purview of the Ministry of Human Resources (KESUMA) and held at the Ipoh Convention Centre (ICC), was officiated by the Menteri Besar of Perak, YAB Dato' Seri Saarani Mohamad in the presence of the Secretary-General of KESUMA, Datuk Azman Mohd Yusof.

In his officiating speech, YAB Dato' Seri Saarani Mohamad stated that current technological advancements demand continuous training and skill development. We are now in a new era where manual tasks are being taken over by automation and AI systems, fundamentally changing how we work and the types of skills required by the market.

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"This National Training Week officially concludes today, but its spirit and knowledge should not end here," he said.

"What is more important is the beginning of a new work culture and mindset - a culture that places training and knowledge at the heart of national and state progress," he added.

Datuk Azman Mohd Yusof who was also present at the event shared in his speech that NTW 2025 had achieved remarkable success.

Throughout this week, over 3.2 million Malaysians participated in various forms of training, both physical and online.

"More than 71,000 free training sessions were offered by HRD Corp and strategic partners. A total of 1,000 training sessions, collaborative programs, and high-impact programs were conducted simultaneously nationwide," he said.

"The organisation of NTW 2025 received two awards from the Malaysia Book of Records – 'Largest Educators Participation in AI Training Program' and 'Largest Students Participation in Industrial Skills Framework (IndSF) Training Modules'," he added, stating that these achievements clearly demonstrate that Malaysians and people in ASEAN countries are ready to move forward, building a more competent, versatile, and competitive future.

"This mission has been realised by the departments and agencies of KESUMA, especially HRD Corp, the agency responsible for offering upskilling and reskilling programs to national workers and talents through employer levy schemes and other strategic initiatives," he concluded.

The NTW 2025 learning tours, which ran in various states across the nation, culminated in a full-day training tour at ICC, Ipoh, on 21 June 2025.

The NTW event in Ipoh featured physical training classes with over 1,000 participants. These included a Basic Barbering Course by Nimroc, a Basic Barista Course by Kumpulan Kompas, Basic CPR and AED by St. John Ambulance, a Cake Decorating Class by Shen Jai Sdn Bhd and a Makeup and Henna Class by Aishwarya Artistry & Bridal Academy.

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Other exciting activities at the closing ceremony included classes, competitions and demonstrations of virtual reality (VR), AI, basic drone operation, e-sports, terrarium, music, doodle art, batik and colouring contests.

The culmination learning tour also offered visitors a series of counselling, forums, and lectures covering topics ranging from online scamming, women's development and credit management to a religious talk by Dato' Ustaz Kazim Elias.

Social Security Organisation (PERKESO) also held its MYFutureJobs career fair at ICC, Ipoh. The fair offered visitors more than 1,866 job opportunities through 88 available posts from 17 leading employers.

NTW 2025's closing ceremony marked a significant milestone, as the event officially entered the Malaysia Book of Records for the Largest Student Participation in Industrial Skills Framework (IndSF). A staggering 124,929 students from six Malaysian learning institutions, including 1,500 students with disabilities (PWD), took part in the IndSF training module, solidifying NTW's commitment to industrial skill development among future talents. The participating learning institutions are Government Industry TVET Coordination (GITC), UNIMAS, UNITEN, USM, UTHM and UDeserved UiTM.

This milestone demonstrates KESUMA and HRD Corp's efforts to drive skills development and workforce transformation in Malaysia and the broader ASEAN region.

Aligning with Malaysia's ASEAN Chairmanship and the ASEAN Year of Skills (AYOS) 2025, NTW 2025 also marked a history, extending its reach beyond borders, to provide all ASEAN citizens with access to over 71,000 free training courses via its portal.

Themed '**Learning Beyond Borders,**' NTW 2025 is Malaysia's flagship skills initiative under AYOS 2025. It reinforces regional collaboration in lifelong learning and skills development and aims to provide all ASEAN citizens with free access to quality L&D activities.

YAB Prime Minister Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim officiated the opening of NTW 2025 on 14 June 2025 at the Bukit Jalil National Stadium, Kuala Lumpur, who also witnessed a recognition ceremony that awarded NTW 2025 into the Malaysia Book of Records for the 'Largest Participation of Educators in an AI

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Training Program', which recorded over 395,000 teachers from across the country participating from 7 April to 12 June 2025.

The ASEAN-wide week-long free training ran until 21 June and featured physical, online and hybrid training courses as well as diverse learning and development (L&D) activities comprising training sessions, collaborative programs, and high-impact programmes.

While the NTW drew its curtain today, courses will remain available online throughout the year, allowing Malaysians and citizens across ASEAN to continue learning at their own pace via the NTW portal.

For more information about NTW 2025 and to access free training courses, visit [www.nationaltrainingweek.gov.my](http://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.

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