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## HRD CORP AND SPE FORGE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP IN ADVANCING MALAYSIA'S ENERGY WORKFORCE

**KUALA LUMPUR, 26 August 2025** – The Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp) and Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) Asia Pacific signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to support the development of a future-ready energy workforce and strengthen Malaysia's position as a regional hub for technical expertise and innovation.

This landmark collaboration between HRD Corp and SPE Asia Pacific is designed to create a tangible impact for Malaysia's energy workforce, bridging local talent with world-class expertise and future-ready skills. It goes beyond training by opening doors to global networks, cutting-edge knowledge and career-defining opportunities that will empower Malaysian professionals to thrive in the energy transition.

Under this collaboration, HRD Corp and SPE will:

- **Train, upskill and reskill at least 500 engineers within one year**, through SPE Asia Pacific's globally recognised technical programmes, ensuring Malaysian engineers are equipped with the latest industry knowledge and practices.
- **Enable HRD Corp registered employers** to channel levy contributions directly towards participation in internationally recognised SPE programmes including conferences, workshops, and events, making world-class learning accessible to more companies and professionals.
- **Expand opportunities for Malaysian professionals** to connect with international experts, gain exposure to innovative technologies and participate in high-level industry dialogues that will strengthen their competitiveness on the global stage.

This initiative directly supports Malaysia's National Energy Transition Roadmap, while advancing the broader national agenda of building a high-skilled, future-ready workforce. It also strengthens Malaysia's role in the global energy transition, ensuring that local talent is well-prepared to thrive in a rapidly evolving industry.

Speaking at the ceremony, **Terry Palisch**, 2024 SPE President, said, "This partnership is about empowering people. By working together, HRD Corp and SPE are unlocking new pathways for Malaysian professionals to engage with global expertise, accelerate their growth and contribute meaningfully to the future of energy."

Meanwhile, **Dr. Syed Alwi bin Mohamed Sultan**, Chief Executive of HRD Corp, emphasised, "This MoU aligns directly with HRD Corp's mission, to upskill and reskill Malaysians, ensuring that our workforce remains competitive, agile and ready for the future. HRD Corp registered employers will be able to now channel their levy payment towards internationally recognised technical training and programmes, thus expanding opportunities for Malaysian professionals to learn, grow and lead.

The MoU was formalised at the inaugural Asia Pacific Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS) Conference and Exhibition (APCC 2025), held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, which was participated by approximately 700 participants from 25 countries. It was signed by **Dr. Syed Alwi bin Mohamed Sultan**, Chief Executive of HRD Corp and **Michelle Tan, Director of SPE Asia Pacific (M) Sdn Bhd.**

The signing ceremony was witnessed by **Terry Palisch**, 2024 SPE President and **Hazli Sham bin Kassim**, Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) Asia Pacific Regional Director Senior Vice President, Malaysia Assets, PETRONAS and Chief Executive Officer, PETRONAS Carigali as well as **Datuk Azman bin Mohd Yusof**, Secretary-General of Ministry of Human Resources Malaysia and **Datuk Abu Huraira Abu Yazid**, Chairman of the Board of Directors, HRD Corp.

Both organisations reaffirmed their commitment to advancing knowledge, promoting continuous learning and positioning Malaysia as a **regional centre for energy talent and innovation.**

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## **About HRD Corp**

Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp) is Malaysia's leading government agency for human capital development under the Ministry of Human Resources (KESUMA).

Governed by the Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad (PSMB) Act 2001, HRD Corp is responsible for the collection and administration of the human resources development levy through the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF), to promote the training, retraining and skills upgrading of employees, apprentices and trainees, aligning their capabilities with employers' business needs and the nation's aspiration of developing a highly-skilled workforce. This ensures Malaysia's workforce remains competitive and adaptable to the demands of both current and future economies.

HRD Corp also plays a pivotal role in strengthening Malaysia's training market, championing innovation, quality and inclusive access to skills development nationwide. For more information, please visit [www.hrdcorp.gov.my](http://www.hrdcorp.gov.my).

## **About SPE Asia Pacific**

The Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) is a not-for-profit professional association with 132,000 members in 146 countries engaged in the exploration and production of oil and gas and energy related resources.

SPE delivers solutions and empowers people to drive the energy industry forward. Members gain access to premier programmes, content, and events designed to accelerate professional growth and career development, while fostering a strong network and sense of community. SPE maintains offices in Calgary, Dallas, Dubai, Houston and Kuala Lumpur.

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