



HRDF OPENS PERAK BRANCH TO CATER TO MORE MALAYSIAN WORKERS

- Perak contributes RM58 billion (as of 2015) to the national GDP, with an estimated growth rate of 5.9 per cent and a workforce of some 1.01 million people (as of 2015).
- As part of the Northern Corridor Economic Region, Perak will also create new job opportunities. It is also the fourth largest host of over 75,000 SMEs (or 8.3 per cent of all SMEs in Malaysia).
- There is a total of 1,290 HRDF registered employers in Perak.

Ipoh, 3 February 2018 — The Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF) today officially launched its new Perak branch office at the Perak Techno Trade Centre.

HRDF's opening of the Perak branch will galvanise the up-skilling, re-skilling and multi-skilling of the workforce in the state and better prepare them for the fourth Industrial Revolution (Industry 4.0). This move symbolises HRDF's commitment in providing robust and practical human capital development solutions to Malaysian employers outside Kuala Lumpur.

The event was launched by the Deputy Minister of Human Resources Dato' Sri Dr. Haji Ismail bin Haji Abd. Muttalib. Among those present to witness the ceremony were Secretary General of the Ministry of Human Resources Dato' Dr Mohd Gazali bin Abas and Deputy Secretary General (Policy & International) of the Ministry of Human Resources Amir bin Omar as well as HRDF Chief Executive Dato' CM Vignaesvaran Jeyandran.

"It gives me great pride that HRDF continues to be at the forefront with numerous initiatives to empower human capital development in this state," said Deputy Minister of Human Resources Dato' Sri Dr Haji Ismail bin Haji Abd. Muttalib.

During his speech, Ismail shared that Perak plays a significant role in contributing to Malaysia's aspirations of becoming a high-income, developed nation in the coming years. He urged companies to register with HRDF and take advantage of the opportunities afforded by the fourth Industrial Revolution (Industry 4.0) initiatives driven by HRDF.

“I believe that these initiatives — targeted at different segments of the workforce, with several focusing on Industry 4.0 — would benefit not only the companies that participate in these programmes but also individual Malaysian workers.

“I hope that the Rakyat will rally behind these initiatives and seize the opportunity to enhance their capabilities, enabling them to participate actively in their own development and for the greater good of Malaysia,” added Ismail.

HRDF Chief Executive Dato’ CM Vignaesvaran too lauded efforts by HRDF registered employers in Perak and called for more companies to send their employees for training. He stressed the importance of supporting employees in up-skilling or re-skilling, to help minimise the impact of retrenchment and possibly reduce the rate of unemployment.

“In the event of retrenchment still occurring, HRDF offers focused support to employees affected through its 1Malaysia Outplacement Centre (1MOC) initiative. It will work closely with PERKESO which manages the Employment Insurance Scheme (EIS), aimed to provide interim support to retrenched workers to help them get back on their feet,” clarified Vignaesvaran.

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About Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF)

Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad (PSMB) also known as the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF) is a dynamic organisation established in 1993, under the Ministry of Human Resources.

Governed by the Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad Act 2001 (PSMB Act 2001), HRDF was given the mandate by the Malaysian Government to catalyse the development of competent local workforce that will contribute to Malaysia's vision of becoming a high-income economy.

Since its inception, HRDF has evolved from managing a sizeable fund to becoming a one-stop-centre for providing novel Human Resource Development (HRD) solutions to the critical mass of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Malaysia.

HRDF is well positioned to offer robust and prudent solutions that will help Malaysia move up in rank on the Global Competitiveness Index. By enhancing regional and global competitiveness via up-skilling, re-skilling and multi-skilling Malaysian talent, it looks to help propel the country towards becoming a high income nation.

In line with the 11th Malaysia Plan (11MP), the Malaysian Government initiated several programmes that focus on accelerating human capital development through four major areas. These include:

- Improving the efficiency of the labour market to accelerate economic growth;
- Transforming technical and vocational education to meet industry demand;
- Strengthening lifelong learning for skills enhancement; and
- Improving the quality of education system for better student outcomes and institutional excellence.

For the 'Strengthening of Lifelong Learning for Skills Enhancement' programme, HRDF's latest mandate is to ensure the growth of quality local workforce through efficient, high-skilled training certification programmes and initiatives that would contribute to a 35 per cent skilled Malaysian workforce and the creation of 1.5 million jobs by Year 2020.

Additionally, HRDF continues to be steadfast in its effort towards encouraging employers covered under the PSMB Act 2001 to retrain and upgrade the skills of local employees, apprentices and trainees in keeping with the fast evolving global business landscape while meeting their individual company's aspirations.

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