



Press Statement on Allegations against PSMB

Kuala Lumpur, 13 June 2018 (Wednesday) – Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad (PSMB) is aware of the many allegations that have been made on social media on misappropriation of funds. The allegations have recently appeared in mainstream media as well.

Due to such allegations, particularly on social media, a Town Hall meeting was called on 7 June 2018 (Thursday) where PSMB Registered Training Providers were invited to meet and voice their concerns directly to the Human Resources Minister Tuan M. Kula Segaran. Also present were Ministry of Human Resources Secretary General Dato' Dr. Mohd Gazali Abas, PSMB Chief Executive Dato' CM Vignaesvaran as well as PSMB Board of Directors and Senior Management.

As a result of the Town Hall, the Human Resources Minister's commitment was to set up an independent panel to look into matters raised as part of efforts at promoting transparency and accountability.

PSMB is also aware that a report was filed against them to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) yesterday by SG Education Group Chief Executive Officer Dato' Sri Ganes, and PSMB will be taking action based on legal counsel, accordingly.

PSMB would like to reiterate that it will continue to adhere to the principles of good governance. It wishes to clarify its position and clear these allegations as well as encourage comments be sent to official channels for proper measures to be taken.

PSMB takes all the allegations made seriously and pledge their full cooperation to the Human Resources Ministry and relevant authorities.

It assures Employers who are contributing levy, that their funds are secure and they can continue to utilise their contribution for the up-skilling, re-skilling and multi-skilling of their employees, apprentices and trainees.

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About Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF)

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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