

ONE-STOP PLATFORM FOR SKILLS TRAINING

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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob (third from right) at the launch of the HRD Corp brand and one-stop platform for skills programmes at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre yesterday. With him are Human Resources Minister Datuk Seri M. Saravanan (fourth from left) and HRD Corp chief executive Datuk Shahul Hameed Dawood (third from left). PIC BY ASWADI ALIAS

SKILLS training courses offered by the government are now available via a one-stop platform developed by HRD Corp.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said a million people were expected to use the platform next year.

He said about 5,000 courses would be available through the platform, which is expected to benefit 220,000 people.

“The government has decided to place all (employment) training programmes under the Human Resources Ministry, through HRD Corp, to avoid overlaps.

“I hope HRD Corp will continue its effort to support the country’s vision of becoming a high-income nation through the digital economy and by developing the most valuable asset: the Malaysian Family,” he said at the launch of

the HRD Corp brand and one-stop platform for skills programmes at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre yesterday.

He said this initiative was in line with the government’s aspiration in the 12th Malaysia Plan (12MP), guided by the Shared Prosperity Vision 2030.

“The two dimensions of the 12MP — strengthening the economy and social engineering — call for initiatives to create jobs and skills training for the people.”

Ismail Sabri announced that HRD Corp would serve as the main agency for human capital development.

HRD Corp was established in 1993. Its levy collection this year has exceeded RM673 million and is set to reach RM680 million by the end of the year.

Ismail Sabri said the agency had expanded its role to support skills development, employment and income generation, helping Malaysians weather the socio-economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

HRD Corp introduced Penjana HRDF in June last year, which had benefited 100,000 participants, online learning platform e-LATiH and developed the HRD Corp Placement Centre, which

offers almost 40,000 jobs with Malaysia’s leading employers.

Human Resources Minister Datuk Seri M. Saravanan said the platform offered training and skills development programmes through ministries and agencies.

“The platform allows people to plan (their career) and record their experiences, qualifications and professional training.

“They can explore options for skills training and find the best courses for them.”

He said his ministry helped 2.9 million employees and 300,000 companies affected by the pandemic, especially those who had

lost their jobs.

“We are bracing for the challenges ahead with the growing ageing population in the country.

“In 10 years, there will be more pensioners than employees in the younger age group. Thus, efforts are needed to ensure they will be ready when the time comes.”

Earlier, Saravanan said HRD Corp was responsible for offering programmes to create jobs and help Malaysians generate income.

From collecting levy from registered employers to disbursing training grants, he said HRD Corp, formerly known as Human Resources Development Fund, now played a more vital role in human capital development.

He said HRD Corp had 430 employees nationwide, handling more than 65,400 registered employers.

HRD Corp initiatives to support economic recovery include introducing online shopping platform Jana’Preneur and Second Chances and Opportunities for People to Excel, a training and placement programmes for former convicts.

Present were Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Noraini Ahmad, Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed, Deputy Human Resources Minister Datuk Awang Hashim and HRD Corp chairman Datuk Seri Jamil Salleh.