



HR MINISTER ANNOUNCES NTW 2025

HRD Corp targets 1 million learners through 70,000 training programmes and 1,000 high-impact activities.

Kuala Lumpur, 26 February 2025 – Minister of Human Resources, Yang Berhormat Steven Sim Chee Keong today announced the dates for National Training Week (NTW) 2025, which is set to take place from 14 to 21 June 2025 nationwide.

Spearheaded by the Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp) under the Ministry of Human Resources (KESUMA), NTW 2025 marks its third year of empowering individuals and businesses through skills development and lifelong learning. First introduced in 2023, NTW has become Malaysia's premier skills development movement, offering free access to learning and development opportunities for individuals from all backgrounds.

This year's NTW will be even more significant, aligning with Malaysia's ASEAN Chairmanship to lead workforce transformation on a regional scale. With the theme 'Learning Beyond Borders,' the initiative continues its mission of providing high-quality training opportunities for Malaysians from all backgrounds while expanding its reach to ASEAN nations.

The launch event, held at the Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (MITEC), Kuala Lumpur, was officiated by the Minister of Human Resources, joined by Datuk Azman Mohd Yusoff, Secretary General of KESUMA and Datuk Wira Shahul Dawood, Chief Executive of HRD Corp.

Yang Berhormat Steven Sim said that HRD Corp's success in organising NTW is highly commendable as it can be considered the largest learning carnival in the world.

"Based on the outstanding achievement of NTW last year, I have instructed HRD Corp this year to increase the participation target to 1 million, while the target for courses and training offered has been raised to 70,000 with a value of RM750 million.

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"If achieved, it will strengthen our position as the largest lifelong learning hub in the entire region," he said in his speech during the launch of NTW 2025 here.

Meanwhile, the Chief Programmes Officer of HRD Corp who is also the Chairman of NTW 2025, Encik Soffian Amin, said that NTW has proven that Malaysians have a high desire for knowledge.

"We will continue our mission at the ASEAN level and hope to spread this 'virus' (lifelong learning) throughout the region.

"HRD Corp would also like to express its highest appreciation to all NTW partners, most of whom have supported this initiative since the first year," he said.

Following the remarkable achievements of NTW 2024, which saw over 375,000 enrolments, more than 65,000 training programmes, and 700 learning and development (L&D). NTW 2025 is set to upskill and reskill 1 million individuals through more than 70,000 training programmes and 1,000 high-impact L&D activities.

NTW 2025 will feature several key programmes, including the Ministerial Forum, where policymakers and industry leaders will discuss strategies for workforce transformation; the Neurodiversity Inclusion Programme, aimed at empowering neurodivergent individuals with employability skills; SME enhancement programmes; high-impact industry-focused programmes and many more.

The main activities will take place nationwide from 14 to 21 June 2025, offering a diverse range of training programs, upskilling initiatives, and knowledge-sharing sessions, both physical and virtual formats.

As NTW 2025 gears up for its main event in June, HRD Corp invites employers, training providers and individuals to be part of this national agenda as partners and collaborators on NTW 2025. Interested parties can reach out to HRD Corp via email at taskforce@nationaltrainingweek.gov.my and find out more about NTW through its official portal at <https://www.nationaltrainingweek.gov.my/>.

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Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp) was established in 1993 as the Human Resources Development Council. It was incorporated into Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad through the enactment of the Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad Act 2001.

As an agency under the Ministry of Human Resources, it is responsible for collecting levy from key industries and disbursing training grants to registered employers through its internal mechanisms known as the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF).

In April 2021, HRDF became HRD Corp. The name change reflects its new responsibilities, directions and mission. These include expanding its workforce, upskilling and reskilling efforts to all Malaysian employers and individuals, and providing income-generating opportunities to all communities in need. This transformation is in line with HRD Corp's ambition of driving Malaysia's talent development aspirations for the long term.

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