



PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCES ONE-YEAR LEVY EXEMPTION FOR PRIVATE EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 June 2025 – The Prime Minister of Malaysia, YAB Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim, today announced a one-year exemption on education levy payments for all private learning institutions, effective 1 January next year. The announcement was made during the opening of the National Training Week (NTW) 2025 at the National Stadium Bukit Jalil, here.

In his officiating speech, YAB Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim announced that the government will grant a one-year levy payment exemption to all educational institutions from 1 January 2026, until 31 December 2026. This applies to 1,668 private education institutions, including preschools, primary and secondary schools, vocational education and higher education institutions, with a total exempted levy value of RM46 million.

“For the first time in history, the government today announced a one-year exemption from levy payments for all educational institutions, effective January 1, 2026,” he highlighted.

“This is to enable them to focus on improving quality, and I would like both the Secretary-Generals of Human Resources and Education to focus and monitor so that these training institutions are delivering their best,” he added.

Minister of Human Resources Yang Berhormat Steven Sim Chee Keong, who was also present at the opening ceremony, shared that NTW has surpassed the initial target of 65,000 registered courses and 1 million participants.

“Today, I am proud to announce that the initial NTW target of 1 million Malaysian participants has been far exceeded - with over 2 million participants recorded as of today's opening. From that number, 40 per cent of the participants are in courses related to Industry 4.0.” he said.

“Additionally, in conjunction with NTW 2025, we have collaborated with the Ministry of Education Malaysia to launch an initiative to empower artificial intelligence (AI) among educators through the AI-4-Educators program,” he

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mentioned, adding that the training initiative through the Learning Management System (SiPP) platform is a collaboration between the Ministry of Education Malaysia and HRD Corp.

"This initiative, which records over 395,000 teachers from across the country participating from 7 April to 12 June 2025, has also been recognised by the Malaysia Book of Records for the largest participation of educators in an AI training program," he emphasised.

A total of five (5) self-paced training modules are provided, covering the use of AI in teaching, accessibility issues and ethics, all aimed at equipping our educators to be better prepared to lead the new generation in the digital era.

Aligned with the ASEAN Year of Skills (AYOS) 2025 as its second flagship event, NTW 2025 is extending its reach by opening the NTW portal to ASEAN countries, encouraging lifelong learning and sharing regional best practices in talent development, where all courses are being offered for free to not only Malaysians but all ASEAN citizens in line with its theme 'Learning Beyond Borders'.

NTW 2025, which officially commences today and will take place until 21 June 2025, marks a significant step forward in its aim to unite ASEAN countries in a shared vision of skill development and a future-ready workforce for the region and the world.

Built on the remarkable success of NTW 2024, NTW 2025 aspires to go one step further by reaching one million local enrolments nationwide through more than 65,000 free courses and 1,000 high-impact learning and development (L&D) activities.

These L&D activities are offered across various platforms, including physical training, live online sessions, self-paced e-learning, blended/hybrid programmes as well as coaching and facilitation. All activities revolves around this year's key pillars which are Life Skills, Future Skills (Digitalisation, AI, TVET and STEM), Creativity and Innovation (Arts, culture, and creative tech), Financial Literacy and Sustainable Development.

Among trending courses offered during NTW 2025 are 'Neurodiversity Virtual Training', 'Cyber Security Threat Management (CSTM)', 'ChatGPT Malaysia Community: Malaysia's Premier AI Learning Platform', 'Drone Flying Skills for

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New Pilots', 'Tax Planning for Individuals' Year 2025' and 'Generative AI For Everyone'.

Beyond the official opening ceremony, the 'Majlis Perasmian Kemuncak NTW 2025', which runs today and tomorrow at Bukit Jalil National Stadium to kick off the week-long ASEAN-wide upskilling movement, will feature a diverse range of activities, including special appearances by Ejen Ali and live artist performances by Bunkface and Alif Satar & the Locos.

The two-day learning event also hosts children's activities like LEGO Robotics and coding, STEM Exhibition by Petrosains, hands-on science exploration and interactive exhibits and life skills learning opportunities such as NIMROC's Basic Barbering Workshop, a makeup competition by Malaysia International Vocational Association (MIVA) & Watson and AI and digital skills training by TM Berhad.

Apart from all the other L&D activities, competitions like Debat Piala Menteri KESUMA, Pertandingan Pantun Piala Menteri KESUMA, PUNB X HRD Corp Biz Challenge 2025 and Pitch and Grow 2025 took place earlier and the winners were crowned during the opening ceremony.

While the week-long campaign promoting lifelong learning concludes on 21 June 2025, Malaysians and the whole ASEAN community can access the free courses on the NTW portal throughout the entire year.

Around 2,000 guests attended the opening ceremony, including distinguished attendees such as the Secretary-General of KESUMA, Datuk Azman bin Mohd Yusof; Secretary-General of Ministry of Education, Dato' Ts. Dr. Hj. Aminuddin bin Hassim; HRD Corp's Chief Strategy Officer and Organising Chairman of AYOS 2025, Dr. Rony Ambrose Gobilee; Chief Programme Officer and Organising Chairman of NTW 2025, Soffian bin Mohammed Amin and AYOS 2025 Advisor, Datuk Wira Shahul Dawood; as well as representatives from various government agencies, employers, training providers, state bodies, educational institutions, NGOs and the public.

To access the wide array of free courses, please visit the **NTW** portal at <https://www.nationaltrainingweek.gov.my/> and find out more about **AYOS 2025** and all other flagship platforms through its official portal at <https://aseanyearofskills.org/>.

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As an agency under the Ministry of Human Resources (KESUMA), HRD Corp is responsible for collecting levies from key industries and disbursing training grants through its internal mechanism which is the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF) or Kumpulan Wang Pembangunan Sumber Manusia (KWPSM).

The rebranding of HRD Corp in 2021 reflects the organisation's renewed responsibilities, direction and mission. This includes expanding upskilling and reskilling efforts by employers to help employees achieve more sustainable productivity.

This transformation not only benefits all Malaysians but also empowers underserved communities through more inclusive income-generating opportunities.

It is aligned with HRD Corp's long-term ambition to drive the nation's aspiration of developing a highly skilled workforce.

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