



BUDGET 2027: HRD CORP REMAINS COMMITTED TO STRENGTHENING THE SKILLS OF THE PEOPLE AND MEETING INDUSTRY NEEDS

KUALA LUMPUR, 10 October 2026: The tabling of Budget 2027 further reinforces the importance of skills and human capital development in strengthening economic resilience, productivity and the country's competitiveness.

As an agency under the Ministry of Human Resources (KESUMA), Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp) welcomes the measures announced by the Government and will continue to support their implementation, with a focus on skills development that meets the needs of workers, employers and industries.

In line with the implementation of the Thirteenth Malaysia Plan (RMK13), developing a skilled workforce is increasingly important in supporting Malaysia's transition towards a high-value economy, with a target of having 35 per cent of the workforce comprising skilled workers by 2030.

To support this aspiration, RM3 billion from HRD Corp's levy funds will continue to be utilised to support 3 million training opportunities, with a focus on professional certifications, upskilling aligned with industry needs, as well as efforts to enhance the quality of and expand access to training.

For employers, their levy contributions will continue to support skills development initiatives that enhance workforce capabilities and productivity. For workers, wider access to industry-relevant training, recognised certifications and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) will support career development and progression.

Speaking on Budget 2027's emphasis on human capital development, HRD Corp Chief Executive, Dato' Shamir Aziz, said, "The emphasis on human capital development in Budget 2027 reflects the importance of strengthening the skills of the nation's workforce to navigate economic changes and evolving industry needs."

"In this regard, HRD Corp will continue to focus on training that is relevant to industry needs, recognised professional certifications, as well as the strategic utilisation of levy funds to ensure that employers' investments in skills development deliver meaningful value to workers and businesses," said Dato' Shamir.

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"At the same time, efforts to upskill and provide reskilling opportunities must continue to be expanded across all segments of society to create more employment and career advancement opportunities, while supporting the development of a more skilled, productive and competitive workforce," he added.

With an allocation of RM40 million to HRD Corp under Budget 2027, the MADANI Professional Caregiver Skills initiative aims to strengthen Malaysia's care economy by developing a skilled and professional caregiving workforce.

The initiative is expected to benefit up to 8,000 participants, particularly school leavers and TVET graduates, homemakers, jobseekers and unemployed individuals who are interested in pursuing careers in the care sector. Funding will cover training costs, attendance allowances and training kits.

Training will cover areas such as elderly care, infant and childcare, care for Persons with Disabilities (OKU), postnatal care and community care, aiming to develop a skilled caregiving workforce and create career pathways in this growing sector.

HRD Corp, under the purview of KESUMA, will continue to work closely with industries, employers and the training ecosystem to ensure that human capital development continues to benefit the people, meet industry needs and support the country's economic growth.

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About HRD Corp

Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp) is Malaysia's leading government agency for human capital development under the Ministry of Human Resources (KESUMA).

Governed by the Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad (PSMB) Act 2001, HRD Corp is responsible for the collection and administration of the human resources development levy through the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF), to promote the training, retraining and skills upgrading of employees, apprentices and trainees, aligning their capabilities with employers' business needs and the nation's aspiration of developing a highly-skilled workforce. This ensures Malaysia's workforce remains competitive and adaptable to the demands of both current and future economies.

HRD Corp also plays a pivotal role in strengthening Malaysia's training market, championing innovation, quality and inclusive access to skills development nationwide.

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