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### **5,000 MALAYSIAN WORKERS TARGETED FOR DIGITAL SKILLS TRAINING THROUGH MOU**

**KUALA LUMPUR** – A total of 5,000 workers are targeted to receive reskilling, upskilling and skills training this year through the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between PERKESO, HRD Corp, and HCL Tech on Thursday.

According to the Minister of Human Resources, YB Steven Sim Chee Keong, PERKESO and HRDCorp will provide an initial fund of RM20 million to achieve this target.

He stated that PERKESO will train workers, particularly those covered under the Employment Insurance System (EIS), while HRDCorp will provide training for workers in general, outside the PERKESO scheme.

"There are three main sectors that will be focused on, namely cybersecurity, data science and artificial intelligence (AI). The participants will be trained based on modules provided by HCL Tech.

"Essentially, this training is practical and based on real-world work experience. Therefore, it will include training with placements within the HCL ecosystem," he said during a press conference held at Headquarters PERKESO, Jalan Ampang, Kuala Lumpur.

According to Steven Sim, the MoU follows an important discussion between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and HCL Tech during a visit to India, six months ago.

He explained, during the visit, HCL Tech committed to providing skills training for 10,000 Malaysian workers.

"As a follow-up to that discussion, today we are here to witness this very meaningful event.

"This official MoU marks the collaboration between the three organizations to provide reskilling, upskilling, and skills training for Malaysian workers," he said.

The MoU was signed between the Group Chief Executive Officer of PERKESO, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohammed Azman Aziz Mohammed, the Chief Executive Officer of HRD Corp, Datuk Wira Shahul Dawood, and the Corporate Vice President of HCL Technologies, Srimathi Shivashankar.

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