



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **MyHSR Corporation Commences its First MyHSR Academy Initiative**

*Inking MOU with 8 Universities and TVET Institutions*

**Kuala Lumpur, 11 April 2018:** MyHSR Corporation Sdn Bhd ('MyHSR Corp') began its first MyHSR Academy initiative as it entered into a memorandum of understanding ('MOU') with eight universities. Aimed at developing talent to fill high-skilled jobs for the Kuala Lumpur–Singapore High Speed Rail ('KL-SG HSR') as well as to enhance quality of local talent to position Malaysia as a key regional player in the HSR industry, the MyHSR Academy's key focus areas include delivering professional training programmes and facilitating the delivery of academic and Technical and Vocational Education and Training ('TVET') courses with HSR/Rail elements in order to create a pipeline of end-to-end rail talent supply.

The MOU signing is a move to formalise the Academy's holistic approach to embed rail-related modules in degree programmes in local universities and TVET institutions. The eight universities that partnered with MyHSR Corp are Universiti Teknologi Malaysia ('UTM'), Universiti Putra Malaysia ('UPM'), Universiti Tun Hussein Onn ('UTHM'), Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka ('UTeM'), Universiti Malaysia Pahang ('UMP'), Universiti Malaysia Perlis ('UniMAP'), Universiti Teknologi MARA ('UiTM'), Universiti Kuala Lumpur ('UniKL'), and partner TVET institutions include Polytechnics and Community Colleges, Institut Latihan Kemahiran Belia & Sukan ('ILKBS') under Kementerian Belia & Sukan ('KBS') and MARA.

"This initial phase of collaboration is crucial to ensure courses are in line with industry needs, warranting industry-ready graduates for the KL-SG HSR project, at the same time benefitting the rail industry as a whole," said Dato' Mohd Nur Ismal bin Mohamed Kamal, CEO of MyHSR Corp. "Our aspiration is to have HSR-ready graduates by 2019, in line with the estimated start of civil works and Assets Company ('AssetsCo') appointment at the end of 2018," he added.

Under this MOU, all parties intend to work together on the development of the academic and TVET programmes with the required HSR or rail modules as well as programmes such as student internship and lecturer attachment programmes for the university collaboration and apprenticeship and training-of-trainers for the TVET collaboration. Additionally, respective institutions will continuously review and improve their programmes to consistently meet the requirements and demand of the HSR industry and promote the programmes and career path in HSR industry to students and trainees and promote research in the field of HSR.

Minister of Higher Education Dato' Seri Idris bin Jusoh said, "The combination of forces provides a healthy platform for strategic cooperation between top minds in the industry. The MOU will play a vital role in catalysing and providing the ecosystem for the HSR industry's talent development".



Minister of Youth and Sports YB Brig Jen Khairy Jamaluddin said, “The purpose of cooperation between the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the industry as a whole is to improve the quality and marketability of our talents in various fields. This is part of our transformation mission in accelerating highly skilled local capabilities for an advanced Malaysia”.

The rollout of the rail academic programmes in respective universities are expected to begin in September 2018, which will be accessible to third year students.

In conjunction with the announcement of the forthcoming MyHSR Academy, a logo competition will be conducted for the students studying in local universities and TVET institutions. Students stand a chance to win prizes up to RM10,000. For more details, please visit MyHSR Corp’s official website at [www.myhsr.com.my](http://www.myhsr.com.my).

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### **About the Kuala Lumpur-Singapore High Speed Rail**

The Kuala Lumpur-Singapore HSR is a strategic project between the Governments of Malaysia and Singapore that aims to facilitate a 90-minute travel time between Kuala Lumpur and Singapore. The project is expected to enhance business linkages and bring the people of both countries closer together. The iconic project includes domestic services within Malaysia that will improve intercity connectivity and promote economic agglomeration under the Socio-economic Development Programme (SEDP) intended to benefit local communities along the corridor.

The Governments of both countries signed a Bilateral Agreement on 13 December 2016, which captured the key points of agreement on the project, including the technical parameters, commercial model, customs, immigration and quarantine clearance, safety and security matters, regulatory framework and project management approach.

Eight stations are currently planned for the Kuala Lumpur–Singapore HSR: Bandar Malaysia, Sepang-Putrajaya, Seremban, Melaka, Muar, Batu Pahat and Iskandar Puteri stations in Malaysia and the Jurong East station in Singapore, with operations of the KL-SG HSR service between Kuala Lumpur and Singapore targeted for commencement by 31 December 2026.



### **About MyHSR Corporation**

MyHSR Corp is a company incorporated in 2015, wholly owned by the Minister of Finance Incorporated. As the Government of Malaysia's project delivery vehicle for the Kuala Lumpur - Singapore HSR project, MyHSR Corp is responsible for the development and implementation of the project.

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