

Gamuda Berhad has bagged the Best Corporate Responsibility (CR) Initiatives Award in the Big Cap companies category at The Edge Billion Ringgit Club (BRC) Corporate Awards 2016.

The Award recognizes companies with the highest total average points for CR initiatives awarded by a panel of judges, based on the four CR focal areas of community, environment, marketplace and workplace.

Gamuda was recognized for its human capital development initiatives that both train local talent and raise standards of industry practices across the chain.

These include the Construction Training Unit (CTU), the Tunnelling Training Academy (TTA) and the KVMRT Training Centre.

Judges also recognized that Gamuda spent RM100 million on four centralised labour quarters (CLQ) with a range of amenities for foreigners working on the KVMRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang (SBK) Line.

But it was also our more unique initiatives under our diversity agenda, namely Project DA and DiB (Deaf in Business) Coffees of Hawaii, which caught the judges' attention.

Both these initiatives provide gainful and sustainable employment to individuals from traditionally undertapped demographics and provide socioeconomic support to fringe communities, The Edge writes.

DiB, for example, is the first gourmet coffee chain in Malaysia operated fully by deaf personnel, who are guided and trained by hearing coaches.

The Edge Billion Ringgit Club (BRC) Corporate Awards are held annually to acknowledge the financial performance and corporate responsibility contributions of Bursa Malaysia-listed companies.

To qualify as a member of The Edge BRC, a company must have at least RM1 billion market capitalisation as at March 31, 2016.

There are 176 The Edge BRC members this year, 10 more than last year.



Dato' IR Ha Tiing Tai (second from right) receiving the Best Corporate Responsibility (CR) Initiatives Award at The Edge Billion Ringgit Club Corporate Awards 2016



Caryn (right) with her colleague Nurul during their lunch break at DIB Restaurant