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**DRAGONFIRE ACADEMY COLLABORATION WITH MANIPAL PROLEARN  
BRINGS AFFORDABLE ONLINE UPSKILLING TO MALAYSIAN PROFESSIONALS**

**Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia:** Dragonfire Academy, the lifelong learning division of KL-based Dragonfire Corporate Solutions Sdn Bhd, has collaborated with Manipal ProLearn (a unit of India's Manipal Global Education Services) to bring ProLearn's online courses and certifications to Malaysia. The collaboration will see Dragonfire Academy providing online learners in Malaysia with access to over 100 programs offered by Manipal ProLearn in areas such as digital marketing, IT and data science, and finance and accounting. In addition, the Academy will supplement the online delivery of programs with interaction with Dragonfire's team of learning advisors to reinforce learner understanding of key subject concepts.

The collaboration is designed to address the lack of face-to-face support for online learners, a common issue found in online learning and one of concern to Malaysian professionals that might otherwise embrace this "anywhere, anytime" form of learning. "One of the biggest challenges for individual online learners is that there is typically no one available locally to answer questions they may have about the subject they are studying," explains George Bohlender, Dragonfire's Managing Director. "As a result, they are unsure of their understanding of the subject and become discouraged with their studies. Providing online learners with access to an advisor with industry experience can give them the confidence they need to succeed," Bohlender contends.

The affordability and flexibility of Manipal ProLearn's professional upskilling programs were two key features that spurred Dragonfire's interest in working with the company, Bohlender says. "ProLearn's courses and certifications are cost-effective. We can bundle them with complementary programs and services to provide our clients with complete learning and development solutions for both individuals and groups of employees."

**About Dragonfire Academy:** Dragonfire Academy (<https://academy.dragonfire.com.my>) is a centre for continuous learning established in July 2017 by Dragonfire Corporate Solutions Sdn Bhd, a KL-based boutique management consulting firm. The Academy's aspiration is to provide as many Malaysians as possible with the education and skills necessary to contribute to the national economy. The Academy offers academic and skill-based programs, training in socially-responsible entrepreneurship, professional certifications and executive education, and personal development programs. The Academy's education and training offerings are supported by a suite of services, including career counseling and assessment, psychometric profiling, and prior learning assessment and recognition, designed to help Malaysia's adult learners chart out and achieve success in their career or self-employment journey.

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