

**DRB-HICOM**



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## **DRB-HICOM FC WITHDRAWS FROM 2017 MALAYSIA PREMIER LEAGUE**

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**SHAH ALAM, Thursday, 2 December 2016** – DRB-HICOM Berhad (DRB-HICOM) today announced that the DRB-HICOM Football Club (DRB-HICOM FC) has withdrawn its participation from the upcoming 2017 Malaysia Premier League (MPL).

Most of DRB-HICOM FC's players and coaches have already secured contracts with new teams for the upcoming MPL season, while the remaining team members are in the midst of finalising their contracts. The team has 40 personnel including players, coaches and a five-man management team.

DRB-HICOM however does not discount a return to the league for the team fondly known as The Great Bees. However, given the current economic climate, the company feels the withdrawal is justified.

DRB-HICOM however will remain represented in the local football scene with DRB-HICOM II continuing to play in Division One of Kuala Lumpur Football Association's (KLFA) League. The team is entirely made up of DRB-HICOM staff, and has been playing in the KLFA league since 2008, as Pos Malaysia FC.

For the current season, DRB-HICOM II topped Group A of Division One. In the crossover quarterfinals with Group B on the 27 of November, however, the team lost to Permata United FC. The team is now training in preparation for the start the of the KLFA FA Cup competition which commences this month

DRB-HICOM FC was first established in 2008 as Pos Malaysia FC when it competed in the KLFA Premier League. The team has recorded several impressive honours

over the years, including becoming champion of the FAM Cup in 2009, securing the promotion to play in the MPL in 2010.

In 2014, the club changed its name to DRB-HICOM FC, to better reflect the synergy with the Group's brand. In the course of the club's six years as a MPL outfit, it boasted numerous experienced local players and successfully attracted proficient international footballers including from Japan, Croatia, Ghana, Denmark and South Korea.

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