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**Bio**

Name

Suresh Kumar

Country of origin

Malaysia

Company

GE Aviation

Position

Managing**Director**

Years Working in

Malaysia

14

Years Overseas

5

No Place Like Home

A perfect opportunity for a homecoming

When Suresh Kumar was offered the chance to return to Malaysia to head the very company he began his career with, he immediately jumped at the opportunity. “I started with GE Aviation here in Malaysia in 1997,” he tells us. “I then left to work for GE in the U.K. and the U.S. for a total of five years,” he adds. When the stars aligned for Suresh to return, he did not hesitate at all. “I missed my family, the culture and the people,” he reveals. “And for me to come back and head the company that helped shape my career is a huge pleasure for me. I’ve never been happier.”

How has the homecoming been for you personally?

I’ve been blessed. I was relishing the opportunity to return home and spend time with my family and friends and to

also work with GE Malaysia again. When I knew I was coming home, I got in touch with TalentCorp and they’ve been instrumental in helping me make a smooth transition back. So far, it’s been great and I have not regretted my decision.

Having worked abroad, do you feel that the country has a healthy pool of talent?

Yes, we have talented individuals. Additionally, I feel that being from a multi-cultural society has made it easier for Malaysians to adapt to the work environment.

In terms of remuneration, can the Malaysian market afford to pay top quality talent?

I think there is a misconception that local

talents aren’t able to earn as much here. But I believe there are cases where local talents are paid equally, if not more, than their foreign counterparts. It is after all a supply and demand issue and with Malaysia being a base for many multinational companies, employability and career opportunity are certainly not lacking in this part of the world.

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