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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV. 1 (BERNAMA)--~~DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD~~ HAS ASSURED CIVIL SERVANTS THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY THE PENSION, CIVIL SERVICE ALLOWANCE AND OTHER BENEFITS EVEN IF THEIR DEPARTMENTS ARE PRIVATISED.

HE ALSO SAID THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO HAVE A DIALOGUE WITH CUEPACS MEMBERS ON THE PRIVATISATION AND MALAYSIA INCORPORATED CONCEPT.

THE PRIME MINISTER GAVE THIS ASSURANCE WHEN HE MET CUEPACS PRESIDENT, ENCIK AHMAD NOR AND ITS SECRETARY GENERAL, ENCIK JAMALUDDIN ISA FOR A ONE-AND-A-HALF HOUR DISCUSSION AT HIS OFFICE HERE TODAY.

ENCIK JAMALUDDIN TOLD BERNAMA THAT FOLLOWING THE ASSURANCES, CUEPACS WILL ORGANISE A SPECIAL SEMINAR ON PRIVATISATION AND MALAYSIA INCORPORATED ON DEC. 6 IN PORT DICKSON.

THE PRIME MINISTER HAD AGREED TO OPEN THE SEMINAR AND HOLD A DIALOGUE WITH THE MEMBERS.

THE TWO CUEPACS LEADERS ALSO DISCUSSED VARIOUS ISSUES WITH THE PRIME MINISTER INCLUDING HOUSING ALLOWANCE, THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND CUEPACS, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND THE AFFILIATION OF CIVIL SERVICE UNION IN SABAH AND SARAWAK WITH CUEPACS. -- MORE 2D28/PA

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ON HOUSING ALLOWANCE, HE SAID THE PRIME MINISTER ASSURED CUEPACS THAT HE WOULD SPEAK TO FINANCE MINISTER TUNKU RAZALEIGH AND DISCUSS THE MATTER.

CUEPACS HAS ASKED THE PRIME MINISTER TO AT LEAST CONSIDER ALLOWANCE FOR THE CATEGORY D OFFICERS TO HELP THEM OVERCOME THEIR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP.

THIS IS THE THIRD TIME CUEPACS HAS BROUGHT UP THE HOUSING ALLOWANCE ISSUE TO THE PRIME MINISTER. EARLIER THEY MET DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ON DEC. 22, 1981 AND AUG. 16 LAST YEAR ON THE SAME ISSUE.

ON THE GOVERNMENT-CUEPACS COOPERATION, ENCIK JAMALUDDIN SAID THAT IT WAS POINTED TO THE PRIME MINISTER THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO RE-INSTATE THE RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE TO CIVIL SERVICE UNION BEFORE SUCH COOPERATION COULD BE SUCCESSFUL.

HE ADDED, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ASSURED THEM THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH THE MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT, DATUK ABDULLAH AHMAD BADAWI. - MORE 2108/BW
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AS A GOODWILL GESTURE, ENCIK JAMALUDDIN SAID, CUEPACS SUGGESTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND THE CONGRESS JOINTLY ORGANISE NEXT YEAR'S MAY DAY CELEBRATION. ACCORDING TO HIM THE PRIME MINISTER WAS AGREEABLE TO THIS PROPOSAL.

ON THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, HE SAID DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AGREED TO LOOK INTO CUEPACS SUGGESTION TO SEND TECHNICIANS, TECHNICAL ASSISTANTS AND ARTISAN GROUP WORKERS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE TO JAPAN AND KOREA FOR TECHNICAL TRAINING.

ON THE AFFILIATION OF CIVIL SERVICE UNION IN SABAH AND SARAWAK TO CUEPACS, THE PRIME MINISTER GAVE HIS BLESSING AND AGREED TO DIRECT THE RELEVANT AUTHORITY TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER. - BERNAMA