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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 8 (BERNAMA) - - DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY COMMENDED CUEPACS PRESIDENT A.RAGUNATHAN'S STYLE OF LEADERSHIP WHICH HE SAID HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THE GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CONGRESS AND THE GOVERNMENT.

ENCIK RAGUNATHAN, A SURVEY DEPARTMENT TECHNICIAN, WILL RETIRE ON JULY 19.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID BOTH CUEPACS AND THE GOVERNMENT HAD BENEFITTED FROM THE GOOD RELATIONS WHICH ENCIK RAGUNATHAN HAD FOSTERED.

IN HIS SPEECH OPENING THE CUEPACS' DELEGATES CONFERENCE HERE, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO WISHED THE CUEPACS PRESIDENT HAPPY RETIREMENT.

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY9 CUEPACS PRESENTED ENCIK RAGUNATHAN WITH A GOLD MEDAL FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CONGRESS. HE WAS PRESIDENT SINCE MARCH 1986.

THE PRIME MINISTER HOPED ENCIK RAGUNATHAN WOULD CONTINUE 'SERVING SOCIETY EVEN IN RETIREMENT.

ENCIK RAGUNATHAN! WHEN ASKED ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S PRAISE OF HIM, SAID HE WAS PLEASED THAT THE GOVERNMENT LAUDED HIS STYLE OF LEADERSHIP.-- BERNAMA

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