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CUEPACS AGAINST PERSONAL GAINS

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 9 (Bernama) -- Cuepacs will not allow itself to be used for the interests of the individual or any specific group, its president Mohamed Mat Jit said today.

As such it was imperative for workers to play their role with closer rapport in enhancing their responsibility with full vigour, he said.

"Cuepacs and the nation have the same national aspirations and we shall fight for the enhancement and consolidation of the workers' dignity," he said at the 20th Cuepacs triennial convention, here, which was opened by Prime Minister Datuk seri Dr Mohathir Mohamad.

Mohamed said that in its relations with the government, Cuepacs would always maintain an "open posture" in pursuing justice, while at the same time respecting the views of others.

He drew the government's attention to the effectiveness of the present consultative system of the National Joint Council (MBK) having final authority on service matters and said it had not met for over a year.

He urged the government to revive the consultative rights of the public sector for mutual interest.

Meanwhile, Cuepacs secretary-general A.H. Ponniah said Cuepacs did not prevent government senior officers from receiving appropriate salary adjustments and bonuses, as Cuepacs' proposal on the mode of distribution for the RM2 billion (approved salary revision) was to ensure justice for all.

He said the proposal was for the lower-income group to be given priority.

It did not mean that the senior officers would not get anything as they would still enjoy other benefits, he said.

"It's up to the government to resolve the anomalies between the senior and the lower group," he said when asked to comment on Dr Mahathir's speech at the convention.

Dr Mahathir had stated in his speech that it was an unfair assumption that the senior officers were not entitled to salary adjustments and bonus, as they also contributed towards the funds for payment of salaries in the form of income tax.

More than 900 delegates from 100 Cuepacas affiliates from all over the country are attending the convention. -- Bernama