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CUEPACS APPEALS TO PM TO CONSIDER UNLIMITED PENSION

KANGAR, Sept 27 (Bernama) -- Cuepacs has again appealed to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to reconsider its memorandum that pension rate calculations be not limited to just 25 years of service.

Cuepacs Deputy Secretary-General Abdul Rahman Manan said today the memorandum was sent to Dr Mahathir in 1994 and was agreed to by the government but later the government said it went against the Pensions Act 1980 and retracted its agreement.

He was speaking to reporters after attending the opening of the biennial delegates conference of the Peninsular Malaysia Assistant Nurses Union at the Kangar Travel Lodge here.

At present an officer who had served 25 years or more will receive half his last drawn monthly pay as pension and the period after 25 years is not taken into account for pension calculation.

He said if the appeal was considered and approved some 200,000 pensioners would stand to benefit from it.

The conference was opened by Perlis Deputy Director of Health Datuk Dr Faisal Ibrahim on behalf of Deputy Health Minister Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman.

Dr Siti Zaharah urged the union leaders who represented the interests of professional medical staff to instill in employees the work culture of the Health Ministry, which was based on caring, teamwork and professionalism.

She said the Health Ministry had provided opportunities to assistant nurses to take distant learning programmes to enhance their professional careers.

"Of the 9,534 assistant nurses attached to the Health Ministry, some 5,352 or 56.2 per cent had the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) while 4,172 others or 43.8 per cent did not have the SPM," she said.

Dr Siti Zaharah urged nurses to accept public criticism as a challenge and strive to further improve the quality of their service to the people.

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