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Cuepacs-Meeting

CUEPACS HAPPY WITH MEETING WITH PM

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 29 (Bernama) -- Cuepacs has expressed satisfaction with its meeting with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today, saying it has established understanding between Dr Mahathir and the union leaders.

Cuepacs secretary-general N. Siva Subramaniam said the Prime Minister reiterated his view that Cuepacs and the Malaysian Trades Union Congress (MTUC) should be a partner in the Malaysia Incorporated concept and all national development programmes.

"Dr Mahathir also gave an assurance that Cuepacs and MTUC representatives will be included in future government delegations going overseas," he told reporters after the one-and-a-half-hour meeting at the Prime Minister's Department here. The 13-member Cuepacs delegation was led by its acting president Abdul Aziz Mohd Sultan.

Siva Subramaniam said Dr Mahathir hoped that the union representatives could help to counter any negative views on Malaysia which were made by foreign union leaders.

On Cuepacs' claims on pension, housing allowance and the matrix salary schedule, he said the Prime Minister had directed the Public Services Department (PSD) to study the matter further.

Although Dr Mahathir did not make any commitment on Cuepacs' claims, the congress was satisfied with the directive and would submit a working paper to the PSD within two weeks, he said.

Also present at the meeting was PSD Director-General Datuk Dr Mazlan Ahmad.

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