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Cuepacs (with pix)

ABDUL AZIZ TO TAKE OVER AS CUEPACS PRESIDENT

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 Jan (Bernama) -- Cuepacs deputy president Abdul Aziz Mohd Sultan will take over the president's post on Saturday from Mohamad Mat Jid who is retiring from government service.

Abdul Aziz, 53, who is also the president of the Peninsular Malaysia National Union of Employees in the Public Works Department and Waterworks, has pledged to carry on with Mohamad's work in fighting for the rights of civil servants.

"Under the current economic slowdown and currency crisis, we have to be in step with the government. We need to listen to the government's advise because any action taken will affect the entire population made up of various races, and not just the union," he said when contacted today.

Asked how Cuepacs intended to lift the spirit and morale of civil servants, Abdul Aziz said: "In whatever situation, civil servants must serve the government well."

Abdul Aziz's appointment was confirmed by the Cuepacs Council during a meeting on Dec 14.

Abdul Aziz, who hails from Sungai Petani, Kedah, was elected as Cuepacs deputy president, on Jan 9, 1996.

He headed the Cuepacs delegation that met Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Nov 29 last year in connection with salary adjustments sought by the union.

Cuepacs deputy secretary-general Abdul Rahman Manan, when contacted, said Abdul Aziz would assume the president's post for the remaining duration of Mohamad's current three-year term.

The next election for posts in Cupecas will be during its 21st convention in October.

Mohamad, who is retiring on Friday, is the president of the National Union for Civillian Employees in the Defence Ministry. -- BERNAMA

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