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CUEPACS COMMENDS GOVERNMENT FOR SPARING LOW-INCOME EARNERS

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 9 (Bernama) -- Cuepacs, the public service staff union, today commended Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir's leadership for excluding the middle- and low-income groups from recent cuts to the Fixed Service Allowance.

Its president Mohamad Mat Jid said in a statement today this had clearly shown that the government was acting in the interest of the rakyat.

He said the cut in the fixed service and entertainment allowances of officers and senior officers as announced in Service Circular No, 11, 1997 was an additional measure taken to lessen and control spending.

"Cuepacs hopes the affected officers would accept the cuts in good faith and with an open heart and consider them as a sacrifice for the nation in the light of the present economic turmoil," he said.

He said Cuepacs had also appealed to the government to scrap the Matrix Remuneration System, the 10 per cent cut in fixed allowance and for the lifting of the freeze on salary increment for Group A and B officers.

"Cuepacs expects no further freeze of salary increment for those officers," he said.

Cuepacs also urged the support group to continue giving good services because the government had been good to them including giving them a one month bonus at a time when the economy was in a bad shape, he said.

It also encouraged its members and those of its affiliate bodies to give full support to the government by saving and buying locally-made goods.

The government on the other hand should ensure that prices of essential items were kept under control and take stern actions against profiteers.

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