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Bonus

CUEPACS TO DISCUSS BONUS ISSUE WITH PM

KOTA BAHARU, Oct 21 (Bernama) -- Cuepacs has despatched a letter requesting for a meeting with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to discuss the payment of bonus to government employees.

Cuepacs secretary-general N.Siva Subramaniam said the letter signed by its president, Abdul Aziz Mohamad Sultan, was for a request to get to hear the government's decision over the bonus issue.

Dr Mahathir had said it was quite difficult for the government to give a bonus payment this year due to the country's economic situation.

"The government said it was quite difficult to pay the bonus but it does not mean our appeal for a bonus has been denied," Subramaniam told reporters after attending a convention of Peninsular Malaysia Customs Officer's Union here, last night.

The convention was opened by Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Wong See Wah.

He said Cuepacs understood the effects of the economic crisis on the country but nonetheless, an appeal would be made to the government to consider the payment of bonus.

"It is the responsibility of Cuepacs to forward the views of the civil servants and it was up to the government to consider.

"It is difficult in this situation but the Prime Minister is always sympathetic to civil servants and has never rejected an appropriate claim," he said.

Subramaniam said any decision by Dr Mahathir on the bonus payment would be discussed at the congress' council meeting on Nov 1.

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