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T'GGANU GOVT STAFF WILL ALSO RECEIVE RM400 - WAN MOKHTAR

KUALA TERENGGANU, Dec 3 (Bernama) -- Terengganu Menteri Besar Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad announced in a statement today that all state government staff will receive the RM400 financial aid given to civil servants this year.

He hoped they would use the aid to meet their children's schooling expenses for next year and that the private sector would emulate the government's gesture.

The aid showed that the government was sensitive to the plight of civil servants during the current economic slowdown, he said.

Yesterday Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad announced that all government servants, except those in top management positions, will each get RM400 financial aid this year in lieu of bonus.

Dr Mahathir made the announcement when opening the 21st convention of Cuepacs in Kuala Lumpur.

The prime minister had said that despite the depressing economic and government's financial situation, causing a RM16-billion deficit for 1999, it appreciated the problems that its workers were facing.

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