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CUEPACS HANDS RETIREMENT MEMORANDUM TO GOVERNMENT

KUALA LUMPUR, April 30 (Bernama) -- Cuepacs today handed a memorandum to the Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Halim Ali regarding its proposal to increase the retirement age for civil servants from 55 to 59.

Its president, N. Siva Subramaniam said the memorandum would explain to the government the rationale behind the proposal.

"We feel the government should not put to waste the capability and experience of a civil servant by retiring him when his service is up," he told reporters after chairing a meeting of the Cuepacs executive committee, here.

He said Cuepacs wanted the government to give the option to civil servants on reaching the age of 55 whether to retire or continue to serve until the 59.

In the meeting with Halim, he said Cuepacs also raised the issue of affected civil servants moving to Putrajaya in May.

He said the government should also ensure adequate public transport to Putrajaya and to subsidise the bus fares.

For those opting to stay in Putrajaya, he said there should be enough government quarters.

He said Halim told Cuepacs that the government was aware of the matter and that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would announce the incentives soon.

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