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CUEPACS WELCOMES BONUS FOR CIVIL SERVANTS

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 13 (Bernama) -- Cuepacs today welcomed the payment of a half month's salary or a minimum of RM500 for civil servants, including police and military personnel.

Cuepacs president N. Siva Subramaniam said that close to 1 million civil servants would benefit from the government's decision which was announced today.

The payment was appropriate to defray expenditure for the start of the school year and the Christmas, Aidifitri and Chinese New Year celebrations, he said in a statement, here.

Thanking Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin for the bonus, he said it reflected the government's caring attitude for its workers and Cuepacs believed that it would spur the civil servants to provide excellent service to the nation.

The Finance Ministry, in a statement here today, said the bonus would be paid in a lump sum this month.

Meanwhile, Cuepacs secretary-general Abdul Rahman Manan said in another statement that Cuepacs supported the government's move to tighten conditions on government officers accepting offers to become honorary members or nominees of private golf and recreational clubs.

He said the directive was appropriate because there were government officers, especially higher ranking officers with specific powers, who had been offered such memberships.

On the statement by parliamentary secretary to the Prime Minister's Department, Datuk Noh Omar, that lack of transparency and objectivity were common complaints regarding the New Remuneration System (NRS), he said this had long been voiced by Cuepacs.

He said the matter had been referred to the prime minister who had asked Cuepacs to hold discussions with the Public Service Department (PSD) to improve the implementation of the matrix schedule in the NRS.

He said Cuepacs, in its own study, had found many defects in the implementation of the system which the government must overcome immediately.

Cuepacs had proposed to the PSD to draw up a parallel salary scale with the private sector to resolve the issue which had dragged on since the NRS was introduced in 1992, he said.

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