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Cuepacs' proposal to train civil servants in Cyberjaya to be studied

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - The Government will study a proposal by Cuepacs to have a manpower training centre in Cyberjaya to train civil servants involved in the information technology sectors.

Human Resources Minister Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn said his ministry will look into the necessity for such a centre to ensure that such employees have skills similar to those of their counterparts in developed countries.

He was speaking to reporters after meeting a 25-member delegation from Cuepacs led by its president N. Siva Subramaniam at his office in Bandar Pusat Damansara today.

Fong said the centre would be beneficial to the country's needs and was also in accordance with the Government's aim to produce skilled workers.

Fong also said the Government would leave it to the public sector whether to follow its move to declare the third Saturday of the month as a public holiday.

"However, they will also have to consider the society's needs as for example, many people go to the banks on Saturdays," he said.

The Government has declared the third Saturday of the month as a public holiday for civil servants with effect from next month.

This is in addition to the public holiday declared on the first Saturday of every month.

Meanwhile, Siva said Cuepacs would meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad soon to discuss its proposal to extend the compulsory retirement age for civil servants from the present 55 to 58.

Dr Mahathir had stated recently that the Cabinet had decided not to extend the retirement age but has allowed the staff to be retained based on the needs. However, he said he was willing to meet Cuepacs officials to discuss the matter.

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