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HEADMASTERS TO RECEIVE ALLOWANCE EFFECTIVE JAN 1, 2001

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 5 (Bernama) -- About 10,000 principals and headmasters nationwide will receive the principal's and headmaster's allowances effective Jan 1, 2001.

Secretary-general of the National Union of Teaching Profession (NUTP) N.Siva Subramaniam said each principal would receive an allowance of RM150 a month while headmasters would receive a monthly allowance of RM100.

"The principal's and headmaster's allowances would be paid from Jan 1, 2001 and were expected to involve an expenditure of RM24 million a year," he said in a statement, here today.

Headmasters are now on the DG4 salary scale (maximum salary RM2,530) or DG5 (maximum salary RM2,387) while principals are on the DG2 scale (maximum RM4,347.20).

Siva Subramaniam said the union welcomed the payment of the allowance which it described as a recognition of the headmasters' and principals' contribution to the development of education.

According to a copy of the statement from the Education Ministry to NUTP, those eligible for the principal's allowance are graduate education officers holding the post of principals of secondary schools irrespective of the grade of the holder or the school.

"As such, graduate education service officers appointed as principals of grade B secondary schools and grade A secondary schools are eligible for the principal's allowance," the statement said.

The headmasters allowance are payable to education service officers who are diploma holders and appointed as headmasters of grade B primary schools, grade A primary schools and primary schools which have less students.

Principals of polytechnics and teachers colleges are not eligible for the allowances, the statement said.

Meanwhile, the NUTP hoped that newly appointed Director-General of Education Abdul Rafie Mahat would be able inject a new lease of life to take the ministry to greater heights.

Siva Subramaniam said: "The NUTP would give its full cooperation to Abdul Rafie to unite the teachers, improve education quality, and resolve issues pertaining to the welfare of teachers as well as the problems of teachers taking up distance learning programmes."

Abdul Rafie will assume his new post on Thursday, succeeding Datuk Dr Abdul Shukor Abdullah whose service contract expires on Wednesday.

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