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PSD panel to study proposals

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - The Public Services Department will set up a working committee to study Cuepacs' recommendations on changes to the Matrix salary system of the New Remuneration Scheme.

The decision to set up the committee was conveyed to Cuepacs today by Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Samsuddin Osman.

Cuepacs secretary-general Abdul Rahman Manan said in a statement today that PSD would also hold discussions with Cuepacs on the latter's recommendations.

He said the decision followed Cuepacs' meeting with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on March 14, during which Dr Mahathir agreed to a study of Matrix system as many civil servants did not accept it.

Cuepacs has been asking the Government to abolish the SSB due to anomalies in the system.

It said that the Matrix system was outdated and wanted a single-layer system which would, among others, stress efficiency and workers' productivity.

Abdul Rahman said Cuepacs would submit a feedback on the issue to Dr Mahathir soon and that discussions with PSD would commence after that.

He hoped that PSD and the Treasury would not take a long time to settle the issue as civil servants had been waiting for a solution almost 10 years since the SSB was introduced in 1992.

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