

Keep abreast of changes caused by globalisation, says Cuepacs

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. — Cuepacs wants civil servants to keep abreast of changes brought about by globalisation so as to help the country achieve Vision 2020.

Its president, Datuk N. Siva Subramaniam, said today that there was no point in the Government providing facilities and infrastructure if civil servants did not study new skills.

“Although some departments have made dramatic improvements with their staff acquiring new skills and providing quality service to customers, there are still many who are sadly far behind,” he said.

He added that the time had come for civil servants to seriously consider changing their attitude and work towards national development and realising the Vision 2020.

Siva Subramaniam said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had rightfully said that the people must also strive equally hard for the nation to attain developed status.

He said the launching of the Kuala Lumpur City Air Terminal and KLIA Express high-speed rail service to KLIA in Sepang was a step in the right direction.

“When the Prime Minister approved mega projects, Malaysians criticised and condemned the Government. But, today the same Malaysians are grateful for the projects which have not only won world recognition but have made their own lives easy,” he added.

Citing an example, Siva Subramaniam said the 13.4km Penang bridge — the longest in Asia — came under much criticism when it was approved but today the bridge was used extensively by motorists.

“The same fate was seen when highways and expressways were approved. Today, thousands of vehicles jam up these roads,” he said, adding that all these mega projects were steps towards achieving the Vision 2020.