

# Cuepacs to seek PM's help over new SSB

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KANGAR, Sun. — Cuepacs will seek the help of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for an early settlement of the New Remuneration Scheme (SSB) issue.

Cuepacs president Datuk N. Siva Subramaniam said the union was keen on resolving the issue as it affected 90,000 civil servants.

He said Cuepacs was awaiting the decision from the Government on the recommendation for a new SSB to replace the current matrix system with a single-layer system which would, among others, stress efficiency and workers' productivity.

He said Cuepacs had given its revised proposal to the Public Service Department following the Prime Minister's request for the estimated expenditure to be reduced from the initial RM1 billion.

He said this after attending a one-day briefing to the Perlis branch of the National Union of Teaching Profession at Putra Palace Hotel here yesterday.

He said the briefing was part of

Cuepacs' month-long nationwide roadshow to explain the latest developments in several issues affecting the members.

He also spoke on the reluctance among Government department heads to set up the national joint council at the department-level.

"They feel the council, which serves as a platform for the staff to raise their problems and concerns, is a waste of time.

"More than 50 per cent of these departments do not have one yet while some of the existing councils are not active," he said.

"This is sad as they view us as an enemy rather than a working partner.

"The councils help solve the problems at the lower level and pave the way for a smooth working relationship."

On the Labour Day celebrations, he said the theme selected for this year was **Pekerja Berilmu, Negara Maju** (Knowledgeable Worker Towards Developing The Nation).