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10 PERCENT PAY HIKE TO BE PAID FROM JANUARY

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 1 (Bernama) -- The 10 percent salary hike for civil servants, which was announced in the 2002 Budget, will be paid beginning from the January pay, Cuepacs said today.

Cuepacs secretary-general Abdul Rahman Manan said Cuepacs was informed of this by the Public Service Department (PSD) yesterday.

"Cuepacs hopes that civil servants will make good use of the extra money and spend prudently," he said when contacted.

He urged the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry to intensify checks to prevent traders from taking advantage of the salary hike to increase prices of goods.

The salary adjustment was announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is also Finance Minister, when tabling the 2002 Budget last October.

Abdul Rahman said Cuepacs hoped that civil servants would improve the quality of their service as advised by the government leadership.

"If this is done, it will help Cuepacs' efforts to continue negotiations on a review of the New Remuneration System (SSB), the report for which is expected to be submitted by PSD to the government this month," he said.

He said Cuepacs would meet Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Samsudin Osman to get a final briefing on the SSB review report before it was given to the Prime Minister.

"We hope PSD will also appeal to the government to consider the SSB review report prepared by PSD, and it could be implemented in the near future as this issue has dragged on for almost 10 years," he said.

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