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CUEPACS TO EXPLAIN CURRENT ISSUES TO CIVIL SERVANTS

KUALA TERENGGANU, July 15 (Bernama) -- Cuepacs will take on itself the full responsibility of explaining to civil servants government policies so that they will be wiser when dealing with issues that arise, its president Datuk N.Siva Subramaniam said today.

The transition of power from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi would be among the important points that would be explained to the 190,000 odd civil servants nationwide, he said.

"Cuepacs will continue to hold dialogue sessions with civil servants throughout the country to explain the various issues so that they will better understand the present situation," he told Bernama in an interview here.

"Civil servants cannot afford to be confused over the various issues and hence Cuepacs has taken on this responsibility to explain to them," he said.

Siva said most civil servants in fact understood the matter but at the same more explanation needed to be given to them, he said.

Siva, who is also Secretary-General of the National Union of Teaching Profession (NUTP), urged the Education Ministry to do more serious monitoring to ensure the approved regulations were fully implemented by State Education Departments.

This was to ensure that the welfare of teachers and support staff was well taken care of, he said.

"This is because certain senior officers in State Education Departments have resorted to using their own discretion in matters affecting the rights and welfare of teachers causing much dissatisfaction among them," he said.

For instance, State Directors of Education had decided that teachers in their states make mileage claim at the rate of 15 sen per kilometre when according to the established regulations the rate was very much higher.

"This has created dissatisfaction among teachers and so the NUTP proposes that disciplinary action be taken against such officers," he said.

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