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Mahathir-Cuepacs

SPIRIT OF CONSULTING AND NEGOTIATIONS HAS PREVENTED STRIKES

KUALA TERENGGANU, Sept 10 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, has said the Cuepacs leadership's attitude of consulting and holding negotiations with the government has prevented industrial action and ensured smooth government administration.

This attitude had also prevented problems from cropping up in the government's efforts to bring social and economic development to the country, the Prime Minister said in his foreword in the biography on Cuepacs President Datuk Siva Subramaniam titled "Datuk Siva Pejuang Kaum Pekerja" (Datuk Siva Champion of Workers) by Awang Abdullah. The book will be launched tonight on the occasion of the National Union of Teaching Profession (NUTP) conference here.

"In the handling of any issue, the concept of mesyuarah practised by Cuepacs under the leadership of Datuk Siva (Subramaniam) has proved that whatever problem that arises can be resolved through negotiations."

"I am proud of Cuepacs as it has succeeded in uniting its members through various programmes aimed at building a mature and progressive Malaysian society," the Prime Minister said.

Dr Mahathir said documenting the life and struggle of experienced union activists who had contributed much to the country like Datuk Siva was a wise move as it could be a guide and source of reference to union leaders.

The Prime Minister said Siva was not only a union leader elected to head the 108,000 teachers in the NUTP but also the first teacher entrusted with the responsibility to lead Cuepacs as its president.

"This means his leadership is not only accepted by teachers but also by nearly one million civil servants in the country," Dr Mahathir said.

"I hope that this biography will become another piece of important historic material for the country and the young generation," he said.

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