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CUEPACS COUNCIL TO MEET ON OCT 5 TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR ABDULLAH

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 17 (Bernama) -- The Cuepacs (Congress of Unions of Employees in the Public and Civil Services) Council meeting on Oct 5 will approve a motion expressing full support for Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as the next Prime Minister of Malaysia.

Cuepacs President Datuk N.Siva Subramaniam said the congress would extend the same support to the new Prime Minister as it had given Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who is to retire as Prime Minister end of next month.

Last night Dr Mahathir at a dinner for Finance Ministry staff urged all civil servants to support Abdullah whom he described as a successor of integrity.

"I am sad to leave the Government but I have a successor in Abdullah. I hope civil servants will work with him for the continued progress of the country," the Prime Minister had said.

Siva who is also the Secretary-General of the National Union of Teaching Profession (NUTP) said in a statement Cuepacs had witnessed the capabilities of Abdullah when he served as Education Minister and more recently as Deputy Prime Minister and Acting Prime Minister.

"We in Cuepacs are very satisfied with the services he had rendered so far."

He said Cuepacs was confident that Abdullah would continue to bring progress to Malaysia.

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