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Civil servants pledge full support for Abdullah

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - The country's 960,000 civil servants pledged full support for the nation's fifth Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi today and hoped he will help maintain the harmonious employer-worker relationship.

They said Abdullah should also continue the smart partnership concept that was laid down by his predecessor Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Cuepacs president Nordin Abdul Hamid said they hoped the relationship and smart partnership would strengthen under the leadership of Abdullah.

"We hope the new Prime Minister will consider the payment of one month's salary as bonus or a minimum RM2,000 at the end of the year," he said.

As for Dr Mahathir, Nordin said he was a public service architect, and Cuepacs and the civil service were indebted to him. Although Malaysia was a small nation, Nordin said, its leaders were of international standard and respected globally.

He said Cuepacs was confident Abdullah could bring the nation to greater heights because Dr Mahathir had already laid a strong foundation.

"What is important now is for the rakyat and Cuepacs to give him our undivided support," said Nordin.