

**Cuepacs Requesting For Two Months Bonus**  
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KUANTAN -- The Congress of Unions of Employees in the Public and Civil Services (Cuepacs) is requesting the government to consider granting two months bonus to all civil servants this year.

Its president, Omar Osman said Cuepacs had officially made the request and hoped for the good news from Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak during his budget presentation in October.

"We have sent the letter to request for two months bonus not only up to Grade 54 but the entire civil service even though it is dependent on the ability of the government to pay.

"Civil servants are hoping for something this year because in government-linked companies, some are receiving up to eight months bonus when we civil servants directly under the federal government, state and local authorities only received RM500 as a special gift," he told reporters after opening the 24th Tri Annual General Meeting of the Kuantan Municipal Council Anulae branch, here yesterday.

He said the last bonus was awarded two years ago and should be considered based on the increasing cost of living.

Apart from that, he said the productivity of the civil service had improved as shown by the successful meeting of Key Performance Indicator targets by various ministries and departments.

In fact, he said, the granting of bonus would further motivate civil servants towards higher productivity.

"We must stress on productivity as there must be incentives to stimulate interest for the job," he said.

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