

# Cuepacs: No room for 'old style' work

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**PUTRAJAYA:** Civil servants are raring to buckle down and work hard in the wake of the generous pay hike announced yesterday.

Cuepacs president Omar Osman said things would not be the same again as civil servants had been motivated by way of better wages.

He said the public delivery system would improve as civil servants drop negative habits which had affected their service to the people.

"I will be going on a roadshow soon to tell civil servants to do their duty and to enhance their skills, their image and the delivery system. There is no room for the 'old style' of work.

"We are making drastic changes which will result in improvements, besides showing the government our commitment."

Omar said he was satisfied with the pay hike although the quantum was five per cent lower than had been requested, and was only effective from July and not January as had been asked for:

"The 35 per cent for the lowest income group is the best ever in our history. The 100 per cent increase in cost of living allowance is exceptional.

"It was everything that

we expected."

Omar thanked Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and the government for being sensitive to the needs of civil servants.

He said civil servants would be told to give up part-time jobs to focus 100 per cent on their jobs.

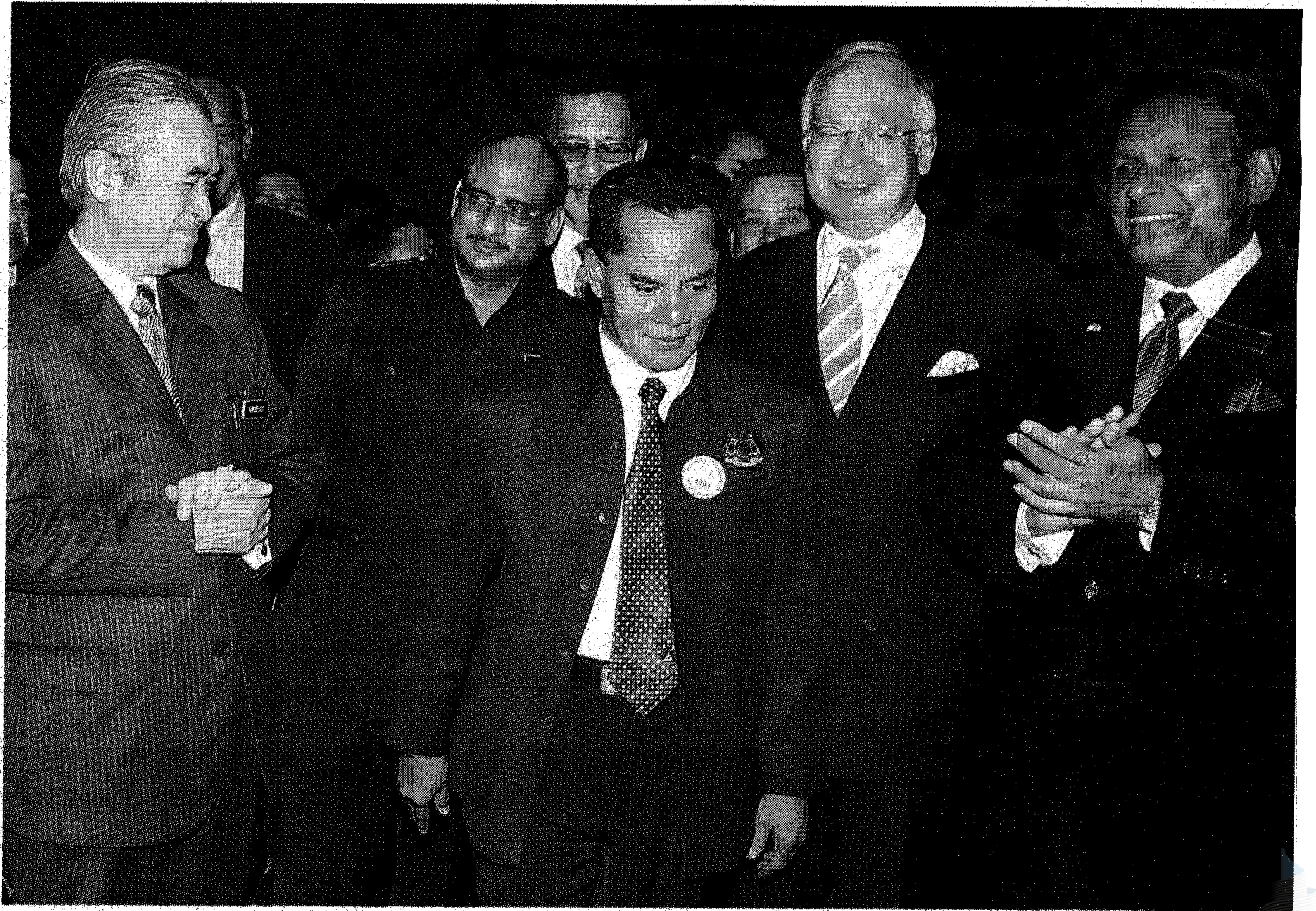
"We don't want them to hold second jobs any more as they will be taking home a much larger pay packet."

He also commended the government on its move to provide an even higher increment for policemen and soldiers as this would encourage more to join the uniformed forces.

"While the one million civil servants have always strongly supported the government, we will give even better support now as the government has shown it cares for us," he said

Meanwhile, the National Union of the Teaching Profession lauded the pay rise, saying that those in the lower-income group would benefit the most.

Its secretary-general Lok Yim Pheng said she was confident that graduate and non-graduate teachers will benefit equally from the wage increase.



(From left) Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi with former president Nordin Abdul Hamid, Cuepacs president Omar Osman, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu at the Putrajaya International Conventional Centre yesterday.