

Cuepacs: The best ever

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Civil servants pledge to be responsible and disciplined

PUTRAJAYA: Cuepacs has described the pay increase for civil servants as "historic" and "the best ever and pledged to be responsible and disciplined employees.

"It is certainly a historical announcement for us. It is the best. Previously, when we asked, it was far below our expectation," the union's president Omar Osman said.

"We got what we set out to achieve, although we had asked for a 40% pay increase initially (for Support Group One)," he told reporters here after the announcement of pay increase for civil servants by the Prime Minister yesterday.

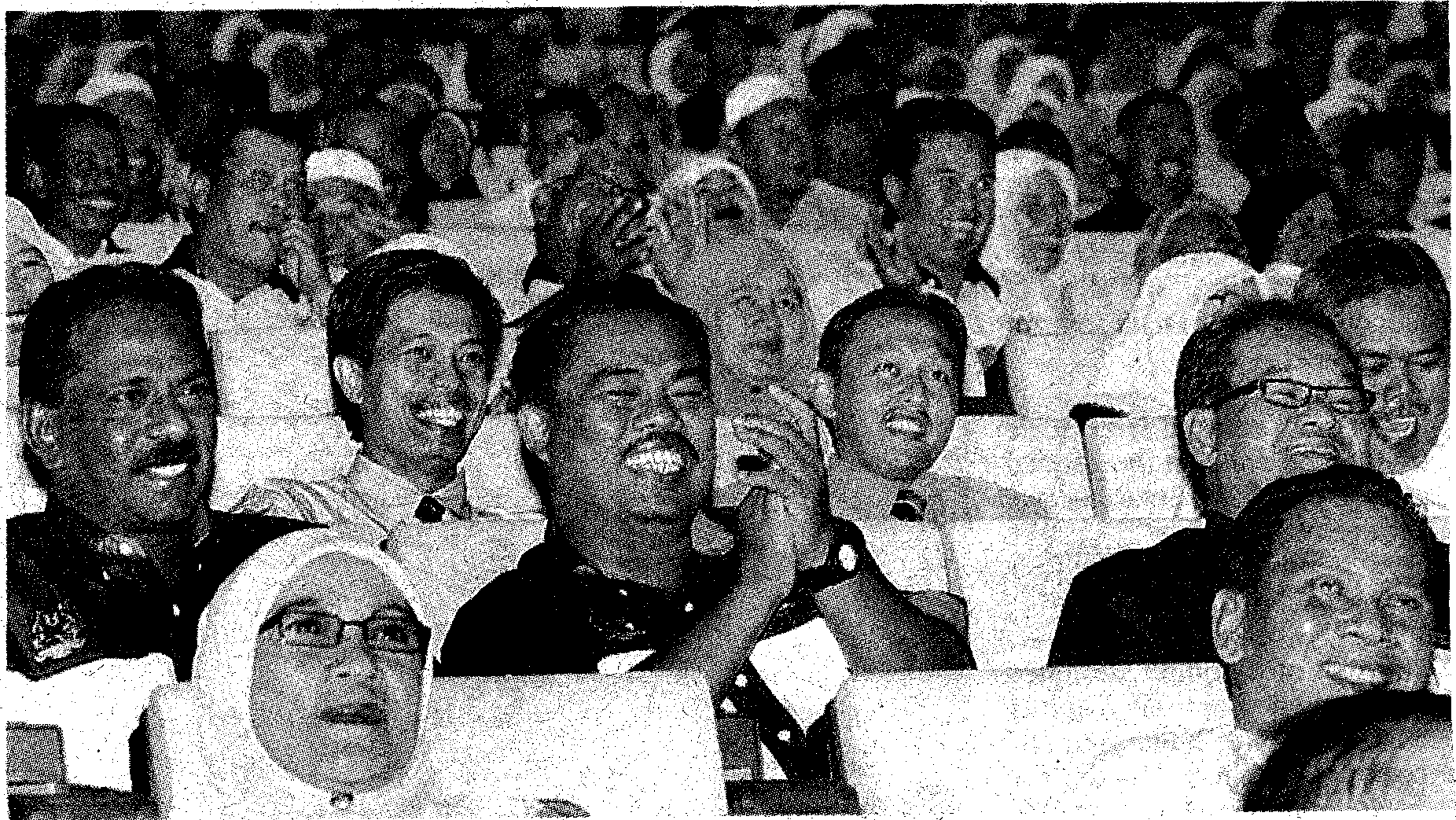
Osman said he regarded the pay rise as a morale booster for all civil servants in the country.

He said Cuepacs was willing to show its commitment to the Government by improving the image and productivity of the public sector.

He also called on civil servants to give up their part-time jobs and concentrate on their duties in the public sector.

Osman said civil servants have pledged to be responsible and disciplined, to dress smartly, and not take long tea or coffee breaks.

He added that civil servants should not wait for instructions to be given to them, and instead seek out the tasks and complete them even if took extra hours.



Thank you: The civil servants applauding the pay increase announcement by the Prime Minister during the Public Sector Workers Day celebration in Putrajaya yesterday.

"Be also cheerful while working or serving customers," Osman added. Government servants have welcomed the pay increase, and say they will put the additional income to good use.

For Zainal Abidin, an office assistant at the Selangor state secretariat financial section, the 35% increase in salary and the 100% rise in Cola

(cost-of-living allowance) translated into an additional monthly income of about RM300.

"It will help cover my travelling expenses of about RM400 monthly. I stay in Sijangkang, about 40km from the city," said Zainal, 43.

Selangor Public Works Department (JKR) chief clerk M. Sarasvathy, 47, said the additional RM450

monthly would go towards the educational needs of her three children.

Immigration officer Tan Siew Leng said the extra money would come in handy for her children's education.

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