

'Tax-exempt bonus for civil servants a welcome relief'

KUALA LUMPUR: The tax-exempted bonus for government staff announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim will ease their financial burden and show appreciation for their contributions to the country.

Congress of Unions of Employees in Public and Civil Services (Cuepacs) president Datuk Adnan Mat lauded the move, saying the bonus of between RM700 and RM2,000 per person was reasonable.

"The move to exempt tax for the bonus will not affect the revenue or tax collection target of

the government.

"In fact, Cuepacs was told the Inland Revenue Board has surpassed its collection target for the year 2022.

"It is inappropriate for the bonus to be taxed considering it is not a very high amount and is meant to help civil servants."

Anwar yesterday announced that the bonus for civil servants in all states will be tax-exempt.

He said the tax exemption for bonuses was proposed by Sarawak Premier Tan Sri Abang Johari Abang Openg during a meeting on Thursday.





Slow traffic at the Ayer Itam market in George Town, Penang, yesterday, as people make final preparations for Chinese New Year PIC BY MIKAIL ONG