

Cuepacs urges govt to upgrade 252 schemes

KUALA LUMPUR: The Congress of Unions of Employees in the Public and Civil Services (Cuepacs) has once again urged the government to implement the upgrading of 252 schemes.

Its president, Datuk Azih Muda, said the implementation of the upgrade in these schemes would help civil servants especially those earning below RM3,000 a month.

Azih said the congress hoped a decision on the matter could be made soon.

"More civil servants will be retiring this year and in the coming years. The congress wants them to also enjoy the benefits that have been

tabled by the government," he said yesterday after chairing the third Cuepacs Congress (2013 to 2016 session) meeting.

He added that the congress, which represents 140 unions, hoped to see improvements implemented by this year, instead of it taking effect next year, and that this was for the benefit of the 1.61 million civil servants in Malaysia.

It was learnt that the improvements in the schemes were tabled in the 2015 Budget in October last year.

He hoped that the government would be forthcoming in their decision to announce the

implementation date for the upgraded schemes as he would not want to see a repeat of the now-cancelled Public Service New Remuneration Scheme.

Azih thanked the government for increasing the permanent housing loan allowance from RM180 to RM300, and for providing special assistance to officers with Grade 54 positions and below.

Pensioners would get RM250. Both payments were made yesterday, and it was aimed at assisting people for the upcoming Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

Azih reminded civil servants to be more

prudent in their spending while preparing for the festive season as it was important to save and not spend unnecessarily.