

Better housing incentives for civil servants

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Perks for civil service

- Extension of fully-paid study leave with scholarship for support group.
- Quarantine leave of up to five days if children are required to be quarantined.
- Extension of computer loan facility to encompass purchase of smartphone, with maximum of RM5,000.
- Increase of motorcycle loan from RM5,000 to RM10,000.
- Extension of contract for service officers by at least one year.

KUALA LUMPUR — The allocations for the civil service in Budget 2017, which include an increase in housing loans from RM120,000 and RM600,000 to RM200,000 and RM750,000 respectively, have been well-received.

Congress of Unions of Employees in the Public and Civil Services (Cuepacs) vice-president Zainal Ismail said he was pleased nine of its 16 proposals were included in the Budget as it showed the government's commitment to the welfare of civil servants.

"We know we cannot have all our demands met, so we are grateful most of our suggestions were accepted. It feels good to know our well-being is taken care of, regardless of the current economic situation," he said.

Tabling the Budget in Parliament yesterday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri

Najib Razak announced the government will provide an extension of the fully-paid study leave to the support group, currently limited to only the management and professional group.

He also said 30,000 units of Perumahan Penjawat Awam 1Malaysia priced between RM90,000 and RM300,000 will be completed.

Zainal said the incentives would likely to boost the productivity of civil servants as it showed their efforts were recognised.

"When employees feel like they are valued by their employers, they are more likely to work harder and earnestly. It is not so much about the reward, but the sentiments behind it that make them feel appreciated," he said.

He said the rewards would attract more fresh graduates and younger applicants to work in the civil sector.

"A huge portion of the allocations were catered to the public servants as reward programmes, and I think more people would want to work in the civil sector now," he said.

"I would always support more people joining because the civil sector guarantees the stability and security the private sector does not."

Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar said the police would enhance the effectiveness of crime prevention nationwide with the given allocation of RM8.7 billion.

"We understand the country's financial position at the moment. Hence, we are thankful with the amount the government has allocated for us," Khalid said.

Khalid also welcomed the additional RM60 million allocation for crime prevention and the Motorcycle Patrol Unit.