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4P PROGRAMME WILL BOOST ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IN PERLIS, SAYS MB

KANGAR, March 7 (Bernama) -- Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim is confident that students in Perlis will improve their academic performance with the implementation of the Student Academic Improvement Programme (4P).

The program which was implemented early this year was also expected to help Perlis to emerge as the state with the most outstanding results in the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) examinations as well as other major examinations in future.

He said although Perlis was now occupying second place after Melaka in student achievements following the announcement of the SPM results today, he was satisfied with the overall achievements of candidates in Perlis which placed the state above the national performance level.

Perlis scored 70.4 percent passes compared with 70.5 percent achieved by Melaka.

Shahidan, who was contacted before leaving for Vietnam together with the delegation following Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today, said the state government had allocated RM2 million to implement the 4P programme aimed at enhancing the system of education in Perlis.

Under the programme, 49,635 secondary and primary school pupils in Perlis will benefit from free tuition classes in their respective schools.

Shahidan, who is also chairman of the State Education Committee, said the programme would also be able to protect the students from being exposed to unhealthy elements as they would be spending more time in school.

Meanwhile, State Deputy Director of Education, Yussoff Din said his department would hold a special briefing on the programme for all state assemblymen and heads of departments on March 11.

In addition, teachers throughout the state were also being given similar briefings while some schools had already implemented the programme, he said. -- BERNAMA

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