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TAIPING: The average grade achieved by Perak schools in the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) examination has improved, thanks to the online learning portal EzLearn2u.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir said the average grade of 5.01 percent for 2013, better than the 5.21 percent in 2012, was good considering Perak's size and the large student population.

"This programme (EzLearn2u) is part of a large framework to make Perak a knowledge based state. The goal of the educational approach which starts from the bottom to the middle level has been achieved," he told reporters after open-ing a workshop on "Mind Mapping" and EzLearn2u online learning, here Thursday.

It was implemented by KPerak (Perak Implementation and Coordination Corporation) in collaboration with the

State Education Department.

Zambry said the Perak government had allocated RM2.5 million for the programme in an effort to emphasise the development of education in the state.

"In terms of content and approach of this programme, the students are given their own passwords and they can follow the tuition online all the time."

The Perak government was holding discussions with stakeholders on the establishment of public and private university campuses in the state.

"I hope to have at least one public university in Perak apart from Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI) and Universiti Teknologi Mara (UITM).

"It may be in the form of the main campus for existing universities."

Zambry is expected to officiate the ground breaking ceremony of a private university campus in Seri Iskandar at the end of this month. – Bernama



Zambry (right) looks at notes belonging to SMK Treacher Methodist students, Lian Shi Yan (centre) and Hy Xue Li.