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MALAYSIA'S GDP TO GROW ABOVE 4.5 PERCENT IN 2003

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 28 (Bernama) -- Malaysia's economic growth this year is expected to exceed the official forecast of 4.5 percent, Bank Negara Malaysia governor Tan Sri Dr Zeti Akhtar Aziz said today.

"Yes, we are seeing some very encouraging signs," she said when asked to comment on remarks by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad over the weekend that the country's gross domestic product (GDP) would be much better than projected.

"There are encouraging signs to show that will be the case," she told reporters after the launch of the International Centre for Leadership in Finance here by Dr Mahathir. -- BERNAMA

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