

**Govt Confident Of 5-6 Per Cent GDP Growth This Year**  
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KUALA LUMPUR -- The government is still confident of achieving its gross domestic product (GDP) target of five to six per cent this year despite the global economic uncertainties.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Nor Mohamed Yakcop, said the second half of this year will be slightly better driven by government projects.

"During the second half of this year, the economic transformation programme (ETP) projects and government-related projects will take off in a big way and this will contribute to the GDP this year," he told reporters after witnessing the signing of an agreement here on Tuesday between the East Coast Economic Region Development Council (ECERDC), SIRIM and Agrobank.

Nor Mohamed was responding to a question on whether the GDP growth for the second quarter will be lower than the first quarter as has been projected by several research houses.

"We still maintain our GDP target of five per cent to six per cent," he said.

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