

**Asia Must Have Spirit of Cooperation, Collaboration To Succeed - Zeti
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 21 (Kuala Lumpur) -- Asia needs to persist with the spirit of cooperation and collaboration to succeed in the second chapter marking the dawn of the Asian Century, says Bank Negara Malaysia Governor Tan Sri Dr Zeti Akhtar Aziz.

She said this would emulate the first chapter of Asia's remarkable growth story.

Zeti said a strong commitment to cooperation and a clear focus on enhancing Asia's long-term potential is key to the bridge between Asia today and the continent in the new Asian century.

"Will Asia be able to replicate its successes? Clearly, there is tremendous potential.

"But it will require strong political fortitude, the alignment of economic and financial interest with sustainable goals, alongside a continued agility to respond to the rapid changing environment," she said at the launch of the Asian Banker Summit 2014, in Kuala Lumpur, Wednesday.

"Asian economies built bridges that connected isolated societies between countries, freeing resources and transforming lives. The continent must now build bridges to connect economies as well as harness the potential in transforming Asia," Zeti said.

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