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JAKARTA: Malaysia is on the right track to achieve its gross domestic product (GDP) growth projection for this year with the reopening of its international borders this week.

The move will have a very positive impact on the economy, especially the services sector, said Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Economy), Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed.

"All citizens and the business community alike, including small and medium industry operators have been eagerly waiting for the borders to reopen.

"Consequently, we are more confident of achieving the GDP growth forecast of around 5.5-6.5%," he told reporters during his visit to the Malaysia Healthcare Expo 2022 here yesterday, organised by the Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council (MHTC).

According to Mustapa, Johor is set to be one of the main beneficiaries of the reopening as cross-border activities between Malaysia and Singapore resume.

Meanwhile, Mustapa, who is also the co-chairman of MHTC, said he expects the arrival of Indonesian medical tourists into Malaysia to return to the pre-pandemic

level by 2025.

In 2019, more than 675,000 Indonesian citizens sought medical treatments in Malaysia, but the number dropped to a mere 635 between 2020 and 2021.

Mustapa said he hopes that the arrival of medical tourists would gradually increase following the reopening of the border, thus giving the country's health tourism industry a much-needed boost.

"Malaysia promises safe and secure healthcare for Indonesia's medical tourists."

The four-day expo ended yesterday. - Bernama