

**Modern World Politics Needs More Interaction Beyond G-to-G**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 28 (Bernama) -- The modern world politics needs more interaction beyond the formal state actors and should include those behind-the-scene personalities like civil society, political parties and the media, Chairman of the Overseas Umno Club Datuk Seri Ahmad Shabery Cheek said.

"We need to learn and share with each other. That's the main reason why this year's forum entitled 'The Politics of Economic and Social Transformation in the Era of Global Crisis'.

"This forum will definitely create great opportunities for us to interact beyond the normal G-to-G (government to government) kind of bilateral and multilateral relationship."

He said this in his welcoming address at the international forum held in conjunction with the Umno General Assembly 2011 at the Putra World Trade Center here today.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak opened and delivered a keynote address at the forum. Present were Foreign Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman and Umno secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor.

Ahmad Shabery said the forum would also function as a platform for all participants to learn from each other's valuable experiences in managing challenges in their respective countries.

As for Umno in Malaysia, he said the party believed that "to rule is not about dominating", but to be responsible and trustworthy in providing progress, peace and betterment of the people.

"We must be capable to rejuvenate and transform ourselves to suit the need of the ever-changing domestic and international political, social and economic landscape," said Shabery, who is also Umno Supreme Council member.

More than 1,000 participants from 29 political parties in 24 countries are taking part in the two-day forum

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