

Umno International Forum Starts Monday
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 27 (Bernama) -- Twenty-five countries will take part in a two-day international forum which starts Monday in conjunction with the 2011 Umno General Assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), here.

The countries include Iraq, Japan, Turkey, Indonesia, Vietnam and China.

A total of 45 foreign political party representatives have confirmed their participation.

Overseas Umno Club chairman Datuk Seri Ahmad Shabery Cheek said the forum, held for the second time, was an effort to foster relationships at the international level.

"Such forums are rarely conducted for politicians because in each party there are those who rule and those who don't. Then there are also those who are only behind the scene.

"Although they are not fully involved in government, they are able to use their influence, so it's important to build relationships up to the global level," he told reporters after attending the Umno International Forum 2011 reception, here.

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