

**Umno Must Continue Transformation - Tengku Razaleigh
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 30 (Bernama) -- Umno must continue the transformation process despite having made a recovery after its dismal performance in the last general election, said veteran Umno leader Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah.

He said the transformation would guarantee that Umno would stay relevant and strong, but efforts in that direction must be consistent.

"Judging from the enthusiasm and the willingness of Umno leaders to go down to the ground to meet the people, especially the younger generation, I feel that the party has recovered.

"But do not forget, we have to continue with the transformation efforts such as training young leaders to take over the reins to enable Umno to remain strong," he told Bernama on the sidelines of the 66th Umno General Assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre here Friday.

Umno Deputy President Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin was quoted as saying yesterday that Umno had recovered for it had become stronger and more united for it gained from the government's transformation programmes.

Commenting on the support of the younger generation, Razaleigh, who is Gua Musang Umno division chief, said:

"When a lot of people say that young people now are fence sitters, it means that the new generation support is starting to swing towards Umno because they were said to have supported the opposition before.

"This is a positive development, but we should not thump our chests. Efforts must be made to attract more youths to support us. Hence, the Youth and Puteri Umno machineries play an important role," he said.

On constraints faced by the younger generation in politics, he said the problem should be resolved amicably by the Umno leadership.

"When we hold a firm grip on them, they will rebel, but when we give them too much freedom, they may be repercussions. Thus, a give and take mechanism must be found to address the problem," he added.

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