Applications Invited for
UNU Global Seminar - 22nd Shonan Session

Event: UNU Global Seminar – Shonan Session
Theme: “Sustainable Peacebuilding and Development: A New Global Agenda”
Date/Time: 4–8 September 2006 (Monday–Friday)
Venue: Shonan Village Center, Hayama-machi, Kanagawa Prefecture
Organizers: United Nations University (UNU) and Kanagawa Foundation for Academic and Cultural Exchange (K-FACE)

Some 2.5 billion people worldwide survive on less than US$2 a day, and many must do so in societies beset by violence. During the past decade, for example, almost half of the world’s 32 least developed countries experienced armed conflicts. As the international community continues to work toward the realization of sustainable peace and development, the commitment of all relevant actors — central and local governments, international and non-governmental organizations, corporations, scholars, mass media, and ordinary citizens — is vital.

Event Information:
• UNU Global Seminars, a series of annual sessions held at locations in Japan and abroad, are designed to enhance awareness among university students and young adults about issues of global concern.
• Participants in the 2006 UNU Global Seminar – Shonan Session will explore fundamental issues of peacebuilding and development while also learning what they, as individuals, can do to widen the circle of global partnerships.
• The session will open at 2:00 PM on 4 September with keynote lectures on “Peacebuilding and Development” by Dr. Lloyd Axworthy, President & Vice-Chancellor, University of Winnipeg (Canada), and Prof. Ryokichi Hirono, Professor Emeritus, Seikei University (Japan).
• Media representatives are cordially invited to attend the keynote lectures. Contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: media@unu.edu), to confirm your attendance.

Information for Applicants:
• Applications are now being accepted for the 22nd annual UNU Global Seminar – Shonan Session. Undergraduate and graduate students and recent graduates who understand both English and Japanese are invited to apply; the deadline for applications is Friday, 26 May.
• Approximately 100 applicants will be selected to participate. A fee of ¥40,000 covers meals, accommodation, and seminar documentation. Foreign students studying in Japan who receive a scholarship of less than ¥135,000/month may apply for a waiver of the participation fee.
• On 5–7 September, participants will attend lecture sessions on “Peacebuilding: Disarmament/Demobilization, Reintegration and Restoration of Order”, “Peacebuilding: Social Integration and Development”, and “Building Partnerships: Japan’s Experience and Contribution”. The Seminar will conclude on 8 September with group presentations, a closing ceremony, and a farewell lunch.
• For more information and an application form, go to http://www.unu.edu/globseminar or contact the Shonan Global Seminar Secretariat (tel.: 03-3499-2811; fax: 03-3499-2828; e-mail: shonan2006@hq.unu.edu).