Applications Invited for
2006 UNU Global Seminar – Shimane-Yamaguchi Session

Event: UNU Global Seminar – Second Shimane-Yamaguchi Session
Theme: “Terrorism — A Global Challenge”
Date/Time: 5–8 August 2006 (Saturday–Tuesday)
Venue: The University of Shimane, Hamada City, Shimane Prefecture
Organizers: United Nations University (UNU), The University of Shimane, Yamaguchi Prefectural University, and the Foundation for North East Asian Relations

Terrorism is not a new phenomenon. Recent terrorist attacks in such countries as the USA, UK, Indonesia, and Spain, however, have fundamentally changed our perception of terrorism from being a local or national phenomenon to being an issue of global concern — not only for governments, but for ordinary people. Yet in spite of the broad publicity now accorded to terrorism, its causes and modern characteristics, and the different approaches to counterterrorism, are not widely understood.

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 – Shimane-Yamaguchi Session will explore the modern nature of terrorism, its political and social background, the role of the media, and policies for coping with the phenomenon of terrorism.
• The session will open at 2:00 PM on Saturday, August 5, with keynote lectures by UNU Senior Vice-Rector Ramesh Thakur (“Terrorism and the United Nations”) and Prof. Keiko Sakai, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (“Clash of Civilizations or Failure of Politics?”).
• 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 2nd annual UNU Global Seminar – Shimane-Yamaguchi Session. Undergraduate and graduate students and recent graduates who understand both English and Japanese are invited to apply; the deadline for applications is 22 May.
• Approximately 50 applicants will be selected to participate. A fee of ¥30,000 covers meals, accommodation, and seminar documentation. Foreign students who do not receive a full scholarship for their study in Japan may apply for a waiver of the participation fee.
• On 6 and 7 August, participants will attend lecture sessions on “What is Terrorism?”, “Countering Terrorism”, and “Outlook”. The Seminar will conclude on 8 August 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 UNU Global Seminar – Shimane-Yamaguchi Session Secretariat (tel.: 03-3499-2811; fax: 03-3499-2828; e-mail: shimane-yamaguchi06@hq.unu.edu).