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Applications Invited for 2006 Okinawa Session of UNU Global Seminar

- Event:** UNU Global Seminar – 8th Okinawa Session
Theme: “Globalization: What Can We Do to Establish a Peaceful Coexistence?”
Date/Time: 16–19 December 2006 (Saturday–Tuesday)
Venue: Okinawa Christian University (Nishihara-cho) and Culture Resort Festone (Ginowan City), Okinawa
Organizers: United Nations University (UNU) and Okinawa Prefectural Government
Supporters: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science & Technology

Globalization has both positive and negative consequences. While it unites societies and nations by promoting our understanding of other cultures and enlarging the possibility of constructing a new social order, globalization also can exacerbate serious social issues. In the labour market, for example, the globalization process has activated the world economy and given us the perspectives for a multi-cultural society, but it also has generated increased illegal migration, infringement of migrant workers’ rights, and conflicts between cultural and ethnic groups. The 2006 UNU Global Seminar – Okinawa Session will provide participants with a better understanding of globalization through an investigation into the issues of international labour movements.

Event Information:

- UNU Global Seminars are a series of annual sessions held at locations in Japan and abroad. The aim is to enhance awareness among young adults about issues of global concern.
- The UNU Global Seminar – Okinawa Session will open on Sunday afternoon (16 December) with two keynote lectures: “What is Globalization?” by Prof. Toshio Iyotani of Hitotsubashi University, and “The Decent Work Agenda and Globalization in Asia” by Lin Lean Lim, Deputy Director General of the International Labour Organization’s Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific.
- Media representatives are cordially invited to attend the keynote lectures, which will be held at Okinawa Christian University. 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 8th annual UNU Global Seminar – Okinawa Session. Undergraduate and graduate students and recent graduates who understand both English and Japanese are invited to apply; the deadline for applications is 18 October.
- 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 scholarship of more than ¥135,000 for their study in Japan may apply for a waiver of the participation fee.
- On 17 and 18 December, participants will attend lecture/group discussion sessions on “International Migrations”, “Cross-Border Movement and Conflict”, and “Towards a Multicultural Society”. The Seminar will conclude on 19 Dec. 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 Okinawa Global Seminar Secretariat (tel.: 03-3499-2811; fax: 03-3499-2828; e-mail: okinawa2006@hq.unu.edu).