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Celebrating “Japan at 50 in the UN” UN Day 2006 Events at UN House in Tokyo

- Event:** UN Day 2006 Public Symposium: “Japan at 50 in the UN”
Date/Time: 25 October 2006 (Wednesday; 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM)
Venue: U Thant International Conference Hall, UN House, Tokyo
Co-organizers: 22 UN offices in Japan: FAO, IAEA, ILO, IMF, OCHA, UNCRD, UNDP, UNEP, UNFPA, UN-HABITAT, UNHCR, UNIC, UNICEF, UNIDO · ITPO Tokyo, UNITAR, UNOPS, UNU, UNV, WFP, WHO, WIPO, World Bank
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- United Nations Day (UN Day) is observed annually to commemorate the founding of the United Nations in October 1945. The aim is to make known to the peoples of the world the aims and achievements of the UN and to gain their support for the work of the UN”.
- On 25 October, a day-long public symposium and workshops will be held at UN House. The theme, “Japan at 50 in the UN”, celebrates Japan’s half-century of UN membership.
- The topic of the morning session will be “Examining the Relationship between Japan and the United Nations System”. This session will feature a keynote speech by Keizo Takemi, Senior Vice Minister, Japan Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, and two panel sessions. Panelists and other participants will include Itaru Yasui, Vice Rector, UNU; Yozo Yokota, Special Adviser to the Rector, UNU; Koji Tsuruoka, Director General for Global Issues, Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Wasswa Biriggwa, Ambassador, Embassy of Republic of Uganda; Ryokichi Hirono, Professor Emeritus, Seikei University; Keiko Nishino, Director, GLM Institute; Hans van Ginkel, Rector, UNU; Vesselin Popovski, Academic Programme Officer, UNU; Ryuichi Ida, Professor, Kyoto University; and Hiroko Akizuki, Professor, Asia University.
- The topic of the afternoon session is “The World Community, Japan and the United Nations”. This session will feature a dialogue with CNN-founder Ted Turner, Chairman, Board of Directors, United Nations Foundation (UNF) followed by two panel session. Panelists and other participants will include Charmine Koda, Director, UNIC Tokyo; Nafis Sadik, Member, Board of Directors, UNF; Timothy E. Wirth, Member, Board of Directors, UNF, and President, Better World Fund; Hisashi Owada, Judge, International Court of Justice, and Member, Board of Directors, UNF; Robert Robinson, Representative in Japan, UNHCR; Jan Meeuwissen, Senior Human Settlement Officer, UN-HABITAT Fukuoka Office; Aiichiro Yamamoto, Senior Assistant to the Director-General, Africa Department, Japan , International Cooperation Agency; Keiko Kiyama, Director, NGO JEN; Yoshiteru Uramoto, Director, UNICEF Japan.
- For those unable to attend, the symposium will be webcast live (and archived) at <http://c3.unu.edu/videoportal/?110>.
- The full UN Day 2006 programme is available online at <http://www.unu.edu/unday/>.

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend. Please contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: media@unu.edu) to reserve your space.

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