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UNU to Host “Japan Model United Nations” Presentation

Event: National Model United Nations (NMUN) Research Presentation
Date/Time: Wednesday, 28 February 2007 (9:30 AM – 5:30 PM)
Venue: UN House (Shibuya-ku, Tokyo)
Organizer: United Nations University
(The National Model United Nations is held by the non-profit National Collegiate Conference Association)

Participating universities include:

Kobe University, Osaka University of Foreign Studies, Kyoto University, Osaka City University, Kwansei Gakuin University, Yokohama City University, Waseda University, Kobe City University of Foreign Studies

- The Model United Nations is a simulation of a UN conference in which student participants act as delegates of an assigned country. The aim of the conference is to pass a resolution that will be a comprehensive solution to the problem that serves as the agenda item. This draft resolution is put through a voting process in which each country casts one vote.
- For a number of years, UNU and the Japan Model United Nations have been working together to strengthen and encourage the participation of Japanese university students in Model United Nations activities. UNU fully supports Model United Nations activities as a means to encourage global thinking, interest in the UN, and interaction with Japanese higher education.
- In March, about ten university students from Japan will participate in the international Model United Nations Conference that is held in New York.
- In their Research Presentation to be held at the UNU on 28 February, these Japanese student delegates to the Model United Nations Conference will practice by presenting the position and policy of their assigned country, the Democratic Republic of Congo, in each attending committee.
- The presentations will be divided into four thematic sessions: health and environment, peace and security, rehabilitation and development, and transnational organized crime.
- The Model United Nations works to further understanding of the United Nations and contemporary international problems, and prepares participants to be better global citizens.
- For over 50 years, teachers and students have benefited from and enjoyed this interactive learning experience. The Model United Nations not only involves young people in the study and discussion of global issues, but also encourages them to develop skills that will be useful throughout their lives, such as research, writing, public speaking, problem solving, consensus building, conflict resolution, and compromise and cooperation.

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend the 2007 Japan Model United Nations Research Presentation. Please contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: media@unu.edu) to confirm your attendance.

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