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2007 UNU Public Seminar: UNU to Host Public Seminar with Shibuya Ward

Event: 2007 UNU Public Seminar “People Building Peace”
Date/Time: 5, 12, 19 & 26 July 2007, 19:00–20:30
Venue: Elizabeth Rose Conference Hall, UN House, Tokyo
Organizer: United Nations University, Shibuya Ward

Background information

UNU has organized public seminars with Shibuya City Office since 2003. The seminars are intended to provide opportunities for lifelong learning to the residents of Shibuya as well as those who work and study in the ward. Since their inauguration, the seminars have been attended by more than a hundred people per session. This year seminars will be held each Thursday evening in July in the Elizabeth Rose Conference Hall at UN House.

Ms. Hideko Hara, Chairperson of the Shibuya City Office Board of Education, said “I think this is a very significant opportunity for Shibuya residents to participate in the UNU Public Seminar organized by UNU as academic research institute of the UN system and Shibuya City Office as local government.” UNU Rector Hans van Ginkel said that “UNU appreciates highly the hospitality of Shibuya Ward. It is very important to relate to its citizens in a meaningful way through the lectures.”

Themes and Lecturers

Thursday, 5 July: “The Changing Character of Conflict and the Responses of the UN and Japan”
Lecturer: Yozo Yokota, Professor, Chuo University Law School and Special Adviser to the Rector, United Nations University

Thursday, 12 July: “The Perils of Peacebuilding”
Lecturer: Edward Newman, Director of Studies on Conflict and Security, Peace and Governance Programme, United Nations University

Thursday, 19 July: “Modernization of the United Nations”
Lecturer: Vesselin Popovski, Senior Academic Programme Officer, Director of Studies on International Order and Justice, Peace and Governance Programme, United Nations University

Thursday, 26 July: “People Building Peace”
Lecturer: Hatsuhisa Takashima, Visiting Professor, Gakushuin University and Special Adviser to the Rector, United Nations University (A question and answer session will be moderated by Hans van Ginkel, UNU Rector and Under-Secretary-General, United Nations)

• *Simultaneous English-Japanese interpretation will be provided on 12, 19 & 26 July*

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend this public seminar. For more information, or to confirm your attendance, please contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: media@unu.edu).

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