Public Keynote Lectures of UNU Global Seminar – Shimane-Yamaguchi Session to be Held on 4 August

Event: Opening Ceremony/Public Keynote Lectures of the UNU Global Seminar – Third Shimane-Yamaguchi Session

Theme: “Global Health Crises: How Can We Cope?”

Date: 4 August 2007 (Saturday), 2:00–5:30 PM

Venue: Yamaguchi Center for the Promotion of Health (Yamaguchi City)

Organizers: United Nations University (UNU), Yamaguchi Prefectural University, and the University of Shimane

- UNU Global Seminars are designed to enhance awareness among university students and young professionals about issues of global concern. In 2007, a series of seven UNU Global Seminar sessions are being held in locations throughout Japan, including the Shimane-Yamaguchi Session on 4 through 7 August.
- These opening ceremony and keynote lectures of the UNU Global Seminar – Shimane-Yamaguchi Session are free and open to the public. Media representatives are cordially invited to attend.
- Registration starts at 1:00 PM on Saturday, 4 August, and the public session will commence from 2:00 PM with brief opening remarks by Yamaguchi Prefectural University President Kensuke Esato, the University of Shimane President Shigeaki Uno, a representative of the United Nations University Rector, and a representative of the Governor of Yamaguchi.
- This will be followed by two public keynote lectures. Dr. Shigeru Omi, Regional Director of the World Health Organization Regional Office for the Western Pacific will speak on the topic of “Health and Civilization”, and Dr. Vandana Shiva, founder of the Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology (India) will discuss “Food Safety, Food Security and Agriculture”. Each lecture will be followed by a question and answer session.
- Simultaneous English-Japanese interpretation will be provided.
- Please note the change of venue. This public event will be held at the Yamaguchi Center for the Promotion of Health, 3325-1 Yoshiki, Yamaguchi City (not at Yamaguchi Prefectural University, as previously announced).
- To reserve a space at the opening ceremony and keynote lectures, media representatives may contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: media@unu.edu).