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## UNU Global Seminar – Tohoku Session Public Lectures to be Held on 19 August

**Event:** Opening Ceremony/Public Lectures of the UNU Global Seminar – Sixth Tohoku Session

**Theme:** “Harmonious Coexistence between Nature and Humans Beings: Pooling Knowledge for Environmental Sustainability”

**Date:** 19 August 2007 (Sunday), 1:10–5:20 PM (Registration starts at noon)

**Venue:** Yamagata University, Faculty of Science Lecture Room (S401)

**Organizers:** United Nations University (UNU) and Yamagata University

- 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 Tohoku Session on 19 through 22 August.
- The opening ceremony of the UNU Global Seminar – Tohoku Session is free and open to the public. Media representatives are cordially invited to attend.
- The opening ceremony starts from 1:10 PM on Sunday, 19 August, with a special lecture by Hiroshi Saito, Governor of Yamagata Prefecture.
- This will be followed by two keynote lectures:
  - Anne McDonald, Associate Professor, International Center of Miyagi University, will speak on the topic “Development or Destruction?: A History of Human Development and the Environment”;
  - Fujiro Sendo, President of Yamagata University, and Sakae Chitose, President of Chitose Kensetsu Co., Ltd., will discuss “Seeking the Heart of Somokuto”.
- All lectures will be in Japanese; interpretation will not be provided.
- To reserve a space at the opening ceremony, media representatives may contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: [media@unu.edu](mailto:media@unu.edu)).

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