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UNU Global Seminar – Kanazawa Session Public Keynote Lectures to be Held on 22 November

Event: Public Opening Ceremony (Keynote Lectures) of the UNU Global Seminar – 2007 Kanazawa Session
Theme: “Globalization and Cultural Diversity”
Date: 22 November 2007 (Thursday), 1:30–4:00 PM
Venue: Kanazawa Bunka Hall, Kanazawa City
Organizers: United Nations University Centre (UNU), United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS) and Ishikawa International Cooperation Research Centre (IICRC)

- 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 Kanazawa Session on 22 through 25 November.
- Globalization is a complicated process: it promotes the worldwide incorporation of universal systems and shared standards, on the one hand, while, paradoxically, promoting compartmentalization and the defense of individual cultural perspectives on the other. The UNU Global Seminar – 2007 Kanazawa Session explores the role of cultural diversity in a globalizing world.
- The Opening Ceremony of the 2007 Kanazawa Session is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required. Media representatives are cordially invited to attend.
- The Opening Ceremony, which will start from 1:30 PM on Thursday, 22 November, will feature two keynote lectures:
 - “Human Cultures Faced with Globalization” by Prof. Junzo Kawada, Anthropologist and Visiting Researcher, Institute for the Study of Japanese Folk Culture, Kanagawa University; and
 - “Culture Wars: A Global Perspective” by Prof. Lisa Yoneyama, Associate Professor, Department of Literature, University of California, San Diego (USA).
- Simultaneous English–Japanese interpretation will be provided for the keynote lectures.
- For more information about the Kanazawa Session of the UNU Global Seminar series, see http://www.unu.edu/gs/files/2007/KZ07_programme.pdf.
- To reserve a space at these public keynote lectures, media representatives may contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: media@unu.edu).

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