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Applications Invited for 2008 Shonan Session of UNU Global Seminars

Event: UNU Global Seminar – Twenty-fourth Shonan Session
Theme: “In Search of Global Solidarity: Justice, Peace and Equality”
Date: 1-5 September 2008 (Monday–Friday)
Venue: Shonan Village Center
Organizers: United Nations University (UNU) and Kanagawa International Foundation

Event Information

- UNU Global Seminars are designed to enhance awareness among university students and young professionals about issues of global concern. In 2008, a series of seven sessions will be held in locations throughout Japan.
- In the midst of accelerated globalization, various actors including sovereign states, international organizations, civil society, the private sector, non-governmental organizations are forming a new global order. In the construction of such an order, the values of justice, peace and equality are providing guidelines for their activities and used to legitimize the efforts of their activities. Participants in the 2008 UNU Global Seminar – Shonan Session will take up the questions of what these public values are, and what we, as individuals and as members of civil society, can do to bring about the realization of these public values.
- The session will open on Monday afternoon (1 September) with keynote lectures by Anthony McGrew, Professor, University of Southampton, U.K., and Tatsuo Kunugi, Visiting Professor UNU-Institute for Advanced Studies, Japan. Media representatives are cordially invited to attend.

For more information, contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel.: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: media@unu.edu).

Information for Applicants

- Applications are now being accepted for the 24th annual UNU Global Seminar – Shonan Session. The session is open to students enrolled in a Japanese university (undergraduate or graduate level) and young professionals residing in Japan.
- Participants are required to understand both English and Japanese, as lectures may be delivered in either language, without interpretation.
- The deadline for applications is Friday, 6 June 2008.
- Approximately 100 applicants will be selected to participate. A participation fee of JPY40,000 covers meals, accommodation and seminar documentation. Foreign students who do not receive a monthly scholarship of more than JPY134,000 for their studies may apply for a 50 per cent waiver of the participation fee.
- The seminar will open with keynote lectures (see above) on 1 September. On 2 through 5 September, seminar participants will attend lecture/discussion sessions to re-examine the following public values; “Justice”, “Peace” and “Equality”. The seminar will conclude on Friday, 5 September, with group presentations, a closing ceremony and a farewell lunch.
- For more information and an application form, go to <http://www.unu.edu/gs/> or contact the UNU Global Seminar – Shonan Session Secretariat (tel.: 03-5467-1266; fax: 03-3499-2828; e-mail: shonan2008@hq.unu.edu).

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