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2008 UNU Public Seminar: UNU to Host Public Seminar with Shibuya Ward

Event: 2008 UNU Public Seminar “Global Environment and a Sustainable Society”
Date/Time: 3, 10, 17 & 24 July 2008, 19:00–20:30
Venue: Elizabeth Rose Conference Hall
United Nations University Headquarter Building, 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 United Nations University Headquarter Building.

Mr. Mitsunori Otaka, Chairperson of the Shibuya City Office Board of Education, said “The UNU Public Seminar is a generous offer by the United Nations University to share with the people of Shibuya important research and thinking on international issues. The sessions provide valuable opportunities to better our understanding of critical global challenges through dynamic interaction with experts in various fields.” UNU Rector Konrad Osterwalder said that “UNU is very privileged and proud to have its international headquarters located in Shibuya. Through the Shibuya Seminars, we seek to strengthen our connection with the citizens of Shibuya and to share with them an international perspective that is an essential part of our work.”

Themes and Lecturers

3 July: “Post 2012 International Climate Regime -- Major Issues and Views”

Lecturer: Prof. Hironori Hamanaka, Chair of the Board of Directors, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies / Professor, Faculty of Environment and Information Studies, Keio University / Member, UNU Honorary Advisory Committee

10 July: “SATOYAMA and SATOUMI and Well-being of Urban People”

Lecturer: Dr. A. H. Zakri, Director, United Nations University—Institute for Advanced Studies, Vice-president, Third World Academy of Sciences

17 July: “Electric Home Appliances and 3 R(Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)”

Lecturer: Mr. Mitsuo Sato, Chairman of Product Assessment Expert Committee, Association for Electric Home Appliances / Senior Engineer Environment Promotion Department, Hitachi Appliances, Inc.

24 July: “What will Happen if We Fail to Avoid Climate Change?”

Lecturer: Dr. Kiyoshi Takahashi, Senior Researcher, Climate Risk Assessment Research Section, Center for Global Environmental Research, National Institute for Environmental Studies

*Simultaneous English-Japanese interpretation will be provided on 10 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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