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## United Nations University to Hold UN Peacebuilding Seminar

- Event:** “Challenges Ahead for United Nations Peacebuilders: Lessons from the Field and the New UN Peacebuilding Architecture”
- Content:** Introduction of activities by the UN Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO) and peacebuilding activities of practitioners from UN agencies
- Date:** 25 July 2008 (Fri.) 16:30-18:00
- Venue:** Elizabeth Rose Conference Hall (5F), UN University Headquarters, Tokyo
- Organizer:** UN Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), Hiroshima Peacebuilders Center (HPC), United Nations University (UNU)
- Supporters:** United Nations Volunteers (UNV), NPO Peacebuilders

- The United Nations University has been working closely with the UN Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO) in establishing the Peacebuilding Community of Practice (PBCoP), a network of specialists who are pursuing peacebuilding efforts.
- This seminar is the wrap-up of a 4-day closed workshop of the PBCoP to be held in Hiroshima. At this workshop, to be organized by the Hiroshima Peacebuilders Center (HPC) and PBSO, some 25 practitioners (including HPC trainees) will come together for an open exchange and discussion.
- The seminar also will introduce the outcome of the workshop, as well as new trends in the peacebuilding arena and the new role of the UN, such as the peacebuilding fund and other peacebuilding aid agencies. The future contributions of Japan, which has served as chair of the Peacebuilding Commission, also will be discussed by specialists in the field of UN peacebuilding selected by the PBSO.
- Commentators will include:
  - Kenzo Oshima, Vice President, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) (Former Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations, and Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission)
  - Sukehiro Hasegawa, Professor, Hosei University (Former UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General)

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend this seminar. To confirm your attendance, or to arrange an interview with any of the participants, please contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: [media@unu.edu](mailto:media@unu.edu)).

### **About the UN Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO):**

The PBSO is a supporting agency of the Peacebuilding Commission, which was established by the UN General Assembly and the UN Security Council in 2005. PBSO administers the Peacebuilding Fund, and coordinates the relevant UN agencies engaging in peacebuilding.

### **About the Peacebuilding Community of Practice (PBCoP):**

The PBCoP is a network of specialists who are pursuing peacebuilding efforts. The network is established online as a forum for sharing and exchanging knowledge and opinions. The above-mentioned workshop is the first face-to-face meeting of the experts in this online network.