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Applications Invited for 2008 Tohoku Session of UNU Global Seminars

- Event:** UNU Global Seminar – 7th Tohoku Session
Theme: “Human Potential and a Sustainable Future: How Education Can Contribute”
Date/Time: 20–23 September 2008 (Saturday–Tuesday)
Venue: Sendai International Center (Public Lecture) and Green-Pia Iwanuma (Montana Resort) (Seminar)
Organizer: United Nations University
Co-organiser: Miyagi University of Education
Supporters: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Ministry of the Environment, Miyagi Prefectural Government, City of Sendai, Tohoku Economic Federation, The Tohoku Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, ESD-RCE Greater Sendai Area, Sendai World Festa
Cooperating Universities: Hirosaki University, Iwate University, Tohoku University, Akita University, Fukushima University, Yamagata University, Tohoku Gakuin University, Miyagi University, Tohoku Institute of Technology, Ishinomaki Senshu University

Event Information:

- UNU Global Seminars are held annually to enhance awareness about contemporary global issues and the role of the United Nations in addressing those issues. In 2008, a series of seven sessions will be held in locations throughout Japan.
- The Tohoku Session of the UNU Global Seminars, which was started in 2002 in Sendai city, has been held by national universities across the Tohoku region.
- The UN’s declaration of the “Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005–2014)” provides an important guideline to think further about the needs of our current globalized world as well as local society in the twenty-first century. This seminar will focus on issues of capacity building in order to achieve sustainable development.
- The Tohoku Session will open on Sunday afternoon (20 September) with public lectures. The speakers will include Prof. Hiroyuki Yoshikawa, Executive Director, Japan Foundation for United Nations University, and Prof. Charles Hopkins, York University (Canada) and Kazuhiko Takeuchi, United Nations University Vice-Rector and University of Tokyo Professor/IR3S Deputy Executive Director.

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend. Simultaneous Japanese-English interpretation will be provided for the public lectures. 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 7th UNU Global Seminar – Tohoku 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 Thursday, 24 July 2008.
- Approximately 50 applicants will be selected to participate. A participation fee of JPY30,000 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 partial waiver (JPY10,000) of the participation fee.
- The seminar will open with keynote lectures (see above) on 20 September. On 21 and 22 September, seminar participants will attend six lectures as well as participate in a field trip and group discussion session. The seminar will conclude on Tuesday, 23 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 Tohoku Session Secretariat (tel.: 03-5467-1212; fax: 03-3499-2828; e-mail: gstohoku@hq.unu.edu).

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