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Public Keynote Lectures of UNU Global Seminar – Shimane-Yamaguchi Session to be Held on 7 August

Event: Opening Ceremony/Public Keynote Lectures of the UNU Global Seminar –
Fourth Shimane-Yamaguchi Session
Theme: “Towards a New Paradigm for Education”
Date/Time: 7 August 2008 (Thursday), 2:00–5:40 PM
Venue: The University of Shimane (Hamada City, Shimane Prefecture)
Organizers: United Nations University (UNU), The University of Shimane and Yamaguchi
Prefectural University

- 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 UNU Global Seminar sessions are being held in locations throughout Japan, including the Shimane-Yamaguchi Session on 7 through 10 August.
- The opening ceremony and keynote lectures of the UNU Global Seminar – Shimane-Yamaguchi Session are free and open to the public. Media representatives are cordially invited to attend.
- The registration starts at 1:00 PM on Thursday, 7 August, and the public session commences from 2:00 PM, with opening remarks by Shigeaki Uno, President of the University of Shimane; Kensuke Esato, President of Yamaguchi Prefectural University; Hatsuhsa Takashima, Special Adviser to the Rector, UNU; Hidetaka Matsuo, Vice Governor of Shimane Prefecture; and Tetsuo Uzu, Mayor of Hamada City.
- This will be followed by two public keynote lectures: Dr. Hideki Shirakawa, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, will speak on the topic of “Human Resources Development for Tomorrow: Teaching and Learning”, and Prof. Konai H. Thaman, University of the South Pacific, will discuss “Culture, Teaching and Learning with Specific References to Oceania”. Each lecture will be followed by a question and answer session.
- Simultaneous English–Japanese interpretation will be provided.

To reserve a space at the opening ceremony and 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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