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27 May UNU-ZEF Symposium Will Focus on a “Green New Deal” in the USA and Japan

Event: Public Symposium by United Nations University Zero Emissions Forum
Theme: “The Green New Deal to Promote Environment and Economy”
Date/Time: 27 May 2009 (Wed.), 3:00–6:00 PM
Venue: U Thant International Conference Hall, UN University Headquarters, Tokyo
Organizer: United Nations University Zero Emissions Forum (UNU-ZEF)

- In recent years, evidence of a global warming trend has been increasing. Furthermore, unusual climatic conditions have caused serious localized damage in many parts of the world through such weather-related events as massive hurricanes and typhoons, torrential rains, droughts, progressive desertification and prolonged heat waves.
- As this is happening against the backdrop of a large-scale global economic downturn, the need for a new policy in which both environment and economy can coexist, and “green” employment opportunities will increase, is urgently required.
- Participants in the 27 May UNU-ZEF symposium will explore the prospects for a “Green New Deal” in both the USA and Japan. The discussion will go beyond the topic last year’s symposium, which focused on “global warming and a low-carbon society”, to consider Japan’s roles regarding zero emissions, the environment, the economy, and employment measures.
- The symposium will open with remarks by Hiroyuki Fujimura (Chairman, UNU-ZEF). Robert F. Cekuta (Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs, Embassy of the United States of America), will then deliver a keynote speech on “A Green New Deal to Promote the American Environment and Economy”. A question and answer session will follow.
- The symposium will also feature lectures on “Green Economy and Social Reform — a Japanese-Version Green New Deal” by Hidetoshi Kimura (Director, Policy Coordination, Evaluation and Public Relations Division, Minister’s Secretariat, Ministry of the Environment, Japan), and “Measures for the Spread and Promotion of New Energy” by Shoji Watanabe (Director of the New and Renewable Energy Division, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Japan), and a “round-up” presentation by Tadahiro Mitsuhashi (ZEF Representative and Professor, Chiba University of Commerce) on “A Scenario for the Rebirth of Japan — Green Recovery”.
- Simultaneous Japanese–English interpretation will be provided.

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend. For more information, or to reserve a space at the UNU-ZEF symposium, please contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: media@unu.edu).

About the UNU Zero Emissions Forum

UNU-ZEF brings together representatives from business, local governments and the scientific community in pursuit of research, capacity building and networking aimed at achieving zero emissions. UNU-ZEF promotes international multidisciplinary research efforts to analyse trends in society and technology using a range of methodologies.