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UNU to Host Seminar on Basic Peacebuilding

Event: A Seminar on Basic Peacebuilding (a new series of lectures about basic peacebuilding)
Dates/Times: 17–21 August 2009 (Monday –Friday), 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM daily
Venue: 5th-floor Conference Rooms, United Nations University Headquarters, Tokyo
Organizers: United Nations University (UNU) and Hiroshima Peacebuilders Center (HPC)

- For five days, from 17 through 21 August, HPC and UNU will co-organize a Seminar on Basic Peacebuilding at UNU Headquarters in Tokyo. This seminar is being held to mark the launch of expanded operations this fiscal year of the Program for Human Resource Development in Asia for Peacebuilding, commissioned by the Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- The programme previously targeted trainees with a specified level of expertise in the field of peacebuilding. The objective of this year's seminar, however, is to promote a more basic understanding of peacebuilding; the seminar, therefore, is open not only to experts but also to those who have an interest in working in peacebuilding in the future.
- Following up on its past involvement with the programme, the UNU will co-organize this seminar as part of its ongoing cooperation. UNU researchers Tatsuro Kunugi (Visiting Professor, UNU-IAS) and Madoka Futamura (Academic Programme Officer, UNU-ISP) will participate as lecturers. Numerous other Japanese experts and specialists are scheduled to give lectures as well.
- Content to enhance the knowledge and skills necessary for hands-on peacebuilding, as practiced in the main course of the Program for Human Resource Development in Asia for Peacebuilding, will be taught concisely in this seminar. It's anticipated that this seminar will serve as a meaningful start for the diverse demographic that aspires to flourish in the field of peacebuilding in the future.
- The number of applicants has far exceeded the capacity limit, and a selection process is now underway, but media representatives are cordially invited to attend. Please contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications. (tel. 03-5467-1311, e-mail media@unu.edu) to reserve a media space.
- Lectures will be conducted in Japanese only
- For inquiries regarding the Program for Human Resource Development in Asia for Peacebuilding, please contact the Public Relations (Watanabe, Pattison, Imamura) at tel. 082-247-0645, fax 082-247-0643, e-mail paco@peacebuilders.jp.

About the Program for Human Resource Development in Asia for Peacebuilding

The predecessor Program for Human Resource Development in Asia for Peacebuilding Trainees was launched in FY2007, commissioned by the Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Trainees from Japan and other Asian countries who wish to work in peacebuilding fields are invited for coursework in Japan to acquire the necessary knowledge and skills for peacebuilding tasks. Overseas internships as UN volunteers as well as career development support for Japanese trainees are also available. With expanded operations starting this fiscal year, the Seminar on Basic Peacebuilding for those who have an interest in working in peacebuilding in the future and an overseas dispatch course for elderly specialists have been newly added. The Hiroshima Peacebuilders Center (HPC) in Hiroshima has been commissioned as the prime contractor for this programme, which will be executed with the cooperation of Hiroshima University.

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