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Annual UNU-Kirin Fellows Award Ceremony 5 April at UN House, Tokyo

Event: UNU-Kirin Fellowship Programme — Award Ceremony for 2005–2006 Fellows
Date/Time: 5 April 2006 (Wednesday), 14:00–17:00
Venue: Elizabeth Rose Conference Hall, 5th floor, UN House, Tokyo
Organizers: United Nations University and Kirin Brewery Company Ltd.

Background Information:

- The UNU-Kirin Fellowship Programme has been operating since 1993, funded by annual contributions from Japan's Kirin Brewery Company.
- Each year, up to five top scientists from developing countries in Asia come to Japan for a full year of research and training in advanced food science and technology at the National Food Research Institute (NFRI) in Tsukuba.
- The programme seeks to strengthen the capacity of food research institutions throughout Asia by also providing financial support to the home institutions of the UNU-Kirin Fellows, thereby enabling them to continue their research and share their knowledge with their colleagues.

About the Event:

- The award ceremony will begin with presentations of research results by each of the five 2005–2006 UNU-Kirin Fellows — Yasmin Mahmuda (Bangladesh), Jiang Wei (China), Poluru Venkatarami Reddy (India), Bangwaek Charuwan (Thailand), and Hoang Thi Minh Hien (Viet Nam) — followed by remarks by Toru Hayashi, Deputy Director General of NFRI's Research Planning and Coordination Division.
- After a coffee break, congratulatory remarks will be delivered by Itaru Yasui, Vice-Rector, UNU; Hideo Mori, Managing Executive Officer and General Manager of the CSR & Corporate Communication Division, Kirin Brewery Company Ltd.; and Toru Hayashi, Deputy Director General, NFRI.
- The 2005–2006 UNU-Kirin Fellows will then be presented with Certificates of Completion and mementos of their stay in Japan.
- The ceremony will conclude with an introduction of the five 2006-2007 UNU-Kirin Fellows (from Bangladesh, China (2), Mongolia, and Viet Nam) and a group photograph.
- From 17:10, there will be a reception in the 12th floor meeting room hosted by the Kirin Brewery Company Ltd.

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend. Please contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: media@unu.edu) by 4 April to save your seat.



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