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### “Post-Kyoto Protocol”: UNU-ZEF Symposium

- Event:** Zero Emission Symposium 2006: “Post-Kyoto Protocol”
- Date/Time:** 26 May 2006 (2:20 PM – 6:00 PM.)
- Venue:** U Thant International Conference Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, UN House, Tokyo
- Organizer:** United Nations University Zero Emissions Forum (UNU-ZEF)

#### Key Facts and Figures:

- In recent years, as many scientists predicted, 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 massive hurricanes and typhoons, torrential rains, droughts, progressive desertification, heat waves, and other weather-related events.
- The Kyoto Protocol, an international response to the threat of climate change, came into effect in February 2005. To date, 162 countries have ratified this treaty, which seeks to decrease global emissions of carbon dioxide and five other so-called “greenhouse gases” that affect the global climate.
- The UNU Zero Emissions Forum (<http://www.unu.edu/zef/>) is an initiative promoting the realization of a more sustainable industrial–societal system. Its members include more than 150 representatives from Japanese business, local governments, academia, and non-profit organizations.

#### Event Description:

- The symposium will focus on concrete action in the “post-Kyoto Protocol” era towards gaining a more accurate understanding of advancing global warming and ways of mitigating its impact — and, in particular, on the role that Japan can play in this effort.
- The featured speakers will be Dr. Akimasa Sumi (Director, Center for Climate System Research, University of Tokyo), Dr. Hideo Harasawa (Director, Social and Environmental Systems Division, National Institute for Environmental Studies), Dr. Haruki Tsuchiya (President, Research Institute for Systems Technology), Mr. Akinobu Yasumoto (Executive Managing Director, Electric Power Development Co., Ltd.), and Prof. Tadahiro Mitsuhashi (Representative, Local Government Network, UNU-ZEF, and Professor, Chiba University of Commerce).
- The symposium is open to the public, but advance registration is required. Additional information, including a programme and registration form, are available online (in Japanese only) at [http://www.unu.edu/zef/events\\_j.html](http://www.unu.edu/zef/events_j.html), or can be obtained by e-mail ([shimizu@hq.unu.edu](mailto:shimizu@hq.unu.edu)) or fax (03-3499-2878).
- The symposium will be conducted in Japanese.

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend UNU Zero Emissions Symposium 2006. Please contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: [media@unu.edu](mailto:media@unu.edu)) to reserve your space.

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