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Applications Invited for 2006 Hokkaido Session of UNU Global Seminar

Event: UNU Global Seminar – 6th Hokkaido Session
Theme: “Economic Development in Northeast Asia and Its Contribution to the World — Economic Integration and Globalization”
Date/Time: 26–29 August 2006 (Saturday–Tuesday)
Venue: Otaru University of Commerce, Otaru City
Organizer: United Nations University (UNU)

While the recent, rapid progress of globalization has greatly benefited the world’s financial sectors, it is nevertheless apparent that poverty is continuing to spread and deepen. To help alleviate poverty in Asia, regional integration along the lines of the European Union model has been widely discussed. To achieve such integration in the North-East Asian region, where economic relations have been becoming closer, three important questions must be answered: Is formation of a Free Economic Area in North-East Asia possible? To what extent can economic integration contribute to the resolution of international issues? Is gender equality being properly considered as one of the factors that contributes to economic growth?

Event Information:

- UNU Global Seminars, a series of annual sessions held at locations in Japan and abroad, are designed to enhance awareness among young adults about issues of global concern.
- Participants in the 2006 UNU Global Seminar – Hokkaido Session will explore fundamental issues of economic development and integration in North-East Asia.
- The Hokkaido Session will open on Saturday afternoon (26 August) with two keynote lectures: “Ways to Socio-Economic Integration in Northeast Asia” by Kentaro Hayashi, Vice President of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, and “Far East Russia’s View on Cooperation with Northeast Asia” by Shevchuk Leonid Leonidovich, Consul General of the Russian Federation in Sapporo.
- Media representatives are cordially invited to attend the keynote lectures. Contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: media@unu.edu), to confirm your attendance.

Information for Applicants:

- Applications are now being accepted for the 6th annual UNU Global Seminar – Hokkaido Session. Undergraduate and graduate students and recent graduates who understand both English and Japanese are invited to apply; the deadline for applications is 30 June.
- Approximately 50 applicants will be selected to participate. A fee of ¥25,000 covers meals, accommodation, and seminar documentation. Foreign students studying in Japan who receive a scholarship of less than ¥140,000/month may apply for a waiver of the participation fee.
- On 27 and 28 August, participants will attend lectures, panel discussions, and group discussions. The Seminar will conclude on 29 August with group presentations, a closing ceremony, and a farewell lunch.
- For more information and an application form, go to <http://www.unu.edu/globseminar> or contact the Global Seminar Hokkaido Session Secretariat (tel.: 03-3499-2811; fax: 03-3499-2828; e-mail: gshokkaido@hq.unu.edu).

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