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Applications Invited for 2006 Tohoku Session of UNU Global Seminar

Event: UNU Global Seminar – 5th Tohoku Session
Theme: “Crisis and Risk Management of the Globe – Coping with Immediate Crises and the Prospects for Long-term Risk Management”
Date/Time: 10–13 September 2006 (Sunday–Wednesday)
Venue: Hirosaki University, Hirosaki City, Aomori
Organizer: United Nations University (UNU) and Hirosaki University

Human crises — including natural disasters (such as earthquakes), disease (such as AIDS/HIV), and chronic hunger and poverty — occur worldwide on a daily basis. Furthermore, the need to fashion long-term global risk management strategies, particularly in the areas of environmental protection and developing sustainable energy sources, grows ever more urgent. Seminar participants will learn from hands-on local efforts in Aomori Prefecture, which is at the forefront in adopting innovative, forward-looking projects to confront such issues.

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 – Tohoku Session will explore global crisis management strategies, including the social aspects of natural disasters, international cooperative efforts to offer medical aid and relief for hunger and poverty, and environmental and energy issues.
- The Tohoku Session will open at 1:00 PM on Sunday (10 September) with two keynote lectures: “Natural and Man-Made Disaster in ICT-Based Society with Particular Reference to Earthquake and Cyber Terrorism” by Toshihiko Hayashi, Professor, University of the Air, and “Energy, the Environment and the Promotion of Industry” by Shingo Mimura, Governor, Aomori Prefecture.
- 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 5th annual UNU Global Seminar – Tohoku Session. Undergraduate and graduate students and recent graduates who understand both English and Japanese are invited to apply; the deadline for applications is 21 July.
- Approximately 50 applicants will be selected to participate. A fee of ¥25,000 covers meals, accommodation, and seminar documentation. Foreign students who do not receive a full scholarship for their study in Japan may apply for a waiver of the participation fee.
- On 11 and 12 September, participants will attend lecture sessions on “Regional Communities”, “Linking Cities and Rural Communities”, and “From Local Communities to the World: How to Solve Global Issues” and group discussions. The Seminar will conclude on 13 September 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 Tohoku Session Secretariat (tel.: 03-3499-2811; fax: 03-3499-2828; e-mail: gstohoku@hq.unu.edu).



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