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Exhibition: “Living with Desert”

- Event:** “Living with Desert” Exhibition
- Dates:** 21 July (Fri.) – 31 August (Thurs.) 2006 (closed on Sundays)
- Time:** 10:00 AM. – 5:00 PM. (entry permitted until 4:30 PM)
- Venue:** UN Gallery, UN House (1&2F), Tokyo
- Organizers:** United Nations Information Center (UNIC), United Nations University (UNU), and United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
- Supporters:** International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), NPO Associates of the Herat, Chiba University Center for Environmental Remote Sensing, Tottori Sakyu Kodomonokuni, and Tottori University Arid Lands Research Center

Until 31 August, a photo exhibition on “Living with Desert” is being presented in the UN Gallery (UN House, Shibuya, Tokyo), organized by UNIC, UNU, and UNCCD. This exhibition is open to the public and is free of charge.

The process of desertification is happening globally. Given its great impact on the environment as well as on human society and national economies, desertification is one of the most significant issues facing us today. In order to raise public awareness of the serious droughts and encroaching desertification that imperil impoverished people worldwide, the United Nations General Assembly has declared 2006 as the International Year of Deserts and Desertification (IYDD).

The photographs in the UN Gallery allow viewers to feel the harsh but often-magical atmosphere of the world’s deserts. The exhibit features photos by German photographer Michael Martin as well as the top 50 photos from the UNCCD International Photo Contest on life in the desert. Related exhibits enjoyable for both children and adults include “A Comparison of Sands from Deserts around the World”, “Bits of Knowledge on Deserts”, and “Let’s Draw with Sand”. Workshops by the specialists on deserts and slide shows are also scheduled throughout the exhibit.

For more information (in Japanese), see <http://www.unic.or.jp/gallery/gallery.html>.

The Living with Desert exhibition is a venue for the 23rd Shibuya Stamp Rally.

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