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## UNU/UNESCO Conference Will Explore Linkages Between Globalization and Science & Technology

- Event:** UNU/UNESCO International Conference — “Globalization: Challenges and Opportunities for Science and Technology”
- Date/Time:** 23–24 August 2006 (Wed. & Thurs., from 10:00 AM both days)
- Venue:** Pacifico Yokohama Conference Center (Yokohama)\*
- Organizers:** United Nations University (UNU) and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- Co-Organizers:** United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS) and Asia/Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU)
- Supporters:** Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Japan Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Japan Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Japan Ministry of the Environment (MOE), Yokohama National University, Yokohama City University, City of Yokohama, and 2008 G8 Summit in Yokohama Candidacy Committee (*confirmed as of 9 August; additional supporters will be listed on the conference website*)

### Background

- While globalization processes are, in part, driven by science and technology (particularly new information and communication technologies), globalization, in turn, has strongly influenced the ways in which scientific knowledge and new technologies are produced and disseminated.
- The impact of globalization on science and technology has been largely positive, offering new opportunities to promote social and economic development for the benefit of all. But globalization has also created new challenges and policy questions that cannot be ignored.
- The 2006 UNU/UNESCO conference aims at fostering innovative ideas about how to balance these opportunities and challenges, and how to better incorporate new insights into the formulation of policy recommendation.

### About the Conference

- This is the 5th in a series of annual conferences on globalization-related issues jointly organized by UNU and UNESCO.
- Day One will feature keynote presentations and a panel discussion by eminent experts from around the world. The scheduled keynote speakers are:
  - **Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn** (Thailand);
  - **Nagia Essayed** (Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union);
  - **Koji Omi** (Member, House of Representatives, Japan);
  - **Goverdhan Mehta** (President, International Council for Science); and
  - **Hama Arba Diallo** (Executive Secretary, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification).

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\* An access map to the venue is available online at <http://www.pacifico.co.jp/english/accessmap.html>.

- Day Two is a workshop of four parallel working group meetings; panellists will discuss how the interaction between globalization and science & technology links with, and contributes to, social and economic development in four areas:
  - Knowledge-Sharing,
  - Trade and Technology Transfer,
  - Society and Policy-Making, and
  - Science and Technology Education for Sustainable Development.
- Simultaneous Japanese-English interpretation will be provided on Day One (23 August). The workshop on Day Two (24 August) will be in English only.
- A full programme, profiles of the speakers and panellists, and other information are available online (in English) at <http://www.unu.edu/globalization/>. This UNU/UNESCO Globalization website will remain online after the conference as a repository of conference materials and other relevant information.
- For those unable to attend, the conference will be “webcast” live (and archived) at <http://c3.unu.edu/unuvideo/?91>.

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend the 2006 UNU/UNESCO International Conference. Please contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: [media@unu.edu](mailto:media@unu.edu)) to confirm your attendance.



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