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Mohammad Khatami, Former President of Iran, Will Lecture on “Dialogue Among Civilization” at UNU

Event: 13th U Thant Distinguished Lecture
Speaker: H.E. Mohammad Khatami, former President of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Date/Time: Friday, 25 August 2006 (9:30–11:00 AM)
Venue: U Thant International Conference Hall, 5F, UN House (Shibuya-ku, Tokyo)
Organizers: Jointly organized by United Nations University (UNU) Centre, UNU Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS), and the Science Council of Japan (SCJ)

Event overview

- The topic of the 13th U Thant Distinguished Lecture will be “Dialogue Among Civilizations: A Necessity for Living in Peace and Non-Violence, Bridging the Development Gap Among Nations, and Building a Global Citizenship”.
- It was President Khatami's appeal to the fifty-third session of the United Nations General Assembly, in September 1998, that led to the General Assembly's proclamation of 2001 as the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations. Throughout his career, he has been active in exploring ways to promote such dialogue and thereby foster a “culture of understanding”.
- Former President Khatami will speak in Persian. English and Japanese simultaneous interpretation will be provided.
- The lecture will be followed by a brief questions and answer session.
- For those unable to attend, the lecture will be “webcast” live and archived. For more information, see <http://c3.unu.edu/unuvideo/>.
- The U Thant Distinguished Lecture series is a forum through which eminent thinkers and world leaders speak on the challenges and opportunities facing the world's peoples and nations in the twenty-first century. Additional information about the series and its lecturers is available online at http://www.unu.edu/uthant_lectures/.

Lecturer's profile

- Mohammad Khatami served as the fifth President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, for two terms, from August 1997 through August 2005.
- After studying theology in the holy city of Qom, he obtained a BA degree from University of Isfahan and an MA degree in education from Tehran University. He thereafter returned to Qom to resume his philosophical studies.
- Following the Islamic Revolution in 1979, he was elected as a member of parliament; from 1982 to 1992, he served as Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance.
- He was appointed as Advisor to then-President Rafsanjani in 1992, and in 1996 became a member of the Iranian High Council for Cultural Revolution (and later, as President, served as head of that council).

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend. Please contact Ms. Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: media@unu.edu) by 24 August.

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