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## **Applications Invited for 2006 Kanazawa Session of UNU Global Seminar**

- Event:** UNU Global Seminar – 6<sup>th</sup> Kanazawa Session  
**Theme:** “Global Environment and Human Society: The Role of the UN, Governments and Civil Society”  
**Date/Time:** 23–26 November 2006 (Thursday–Sunday)  
**Venue:** Kanazawa Bunka Hall (keynote speeches) and Ishikawa Youth Training Center  
**Organizers:** United Nations University (UNU) Centre, United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS), and Ishikawa International Cooperation Research Centre  
**Supporters:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology; Ishikawa Prefectural Government; and City of Kanazawa

We humans have considerably and increasingly changed the environment and ecosystem services (the benefits that we obtain) to meet our demands for food, water, and other resources. While these changes have had positive effects (advances in economic development and human well-being), there have been serious negative consequences (such as significant degradation of some ecosystems and increased risks of nonlinear changes). The alarming and serious threat posed by these negative consequences necessitates changes in policies, institutions, and practices, requiring prompt action by all actors — including the United Nations, national and local governments, industry, civil society, research and academic institutions, and the public — both individually and collectively. Participants in the UNU Global Seminar – Kanazawa Session will explore current conditions and trends, and discuss what each of us can do to make a difference.

### **Event Information:**

- UNU Global Seminars are a series of annual sessions held at locations in Japan and abroad. The aim is to enhance awareness among young adults about issues of global concern.
- The UNU Global Seminar – Kanazawa Session will open at 1:30 PM on Thursday, 23 November, with two keynote lectures: “Ecosystems and Human Well-Being” by A.H. Zakri, Director of UNU-IAS, and “*Satoyama* Problems in Japan” by Prof. Koji Nakamura of Kanazawa University.
- Media representatives are cordially invited to attend the keynote lectures on 23 November. Contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: [media@unu.edu](mailto:media@unu.edu)), to confirm your attendance.

### **Information for Applicants:**

- Applications are now being accepted for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual UNU Global Seminar – Kanazawa Session. Undergraduate and graduate students and recent graduates who understand both English and Japanese are invited to apply; the deadline for applications is 16 October.
- Approximately 50 applicants will be selected to participate. A fee of ¥30,000 covers meals, accommodation, and seminar documentation. Foreign students who do not receive a scholarship of more than ¥135,000 for their study in Japan may apply for a waiver of the participation fee.
- On 24 and 25 November, participants will attend lecture/group discussion sessions on “Global Environmental Change and Governance”, “Nature Conservation: The Roles of Local Communities”, and “The Role of Governments and Corporations”. The seminar will conclude on 26 November with group presentations and a closing ceremony.
- For more information and an application form, go to <http://www.unu.edu/globseminar> or contact the UNU Global Seminar Desk, Ishikawa International Cooperation Research Centre (tel. 076-224-0044; fax 076-224-0468; e-mail: [iicrc-info@iicrc.jp](mailto:iicrc-info@iicrc.jp); URL: <http://www.iicrc.jp>).

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