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Zero Emissions Forum 2006: “Contemplating on Sustainability”

- Event:** Zero Emissions Forum 2006 — “Contemplating on Sustainability”
- Date/Time:** 20 October 2006 (Friday; 9:30 AM – 5:45 PM)
- Venue:** U Thant International Conference Hall, UN House, Tokyo
- Organizers:** United Nations University, UNU Zero Emissions Forum
- Co-organizers:** 168th Committee on Zero Emission of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science; Toyohashi University of Technology 21st COE, Ecological Engineering for Homeostatic Human Activities
- Supporters:** American Embassy in Japan; Japan Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry; Japan Ministry of Environment; Japan Broadcasting Corporation (NHK); Nihon Keizai Shimbun; Yomiuri Shimbun; Asahi Shimbun; Mainichi Shimbun

Background:

- The concept of “sustainability” signifies that we have the obligation to share the earth’s natural resources fairly and equally with all, including future generations. Sustainability has become a key word for human life on this planet of limited resources.
- In order to achieve “sustainability”, it is critical that we: a) recognize that the earth’s resources are limited, b) conserve the global ecosystem to ensure its diversity and abundance, and c) give due consideration to the needs of future generations.
- To ensure “sustainability”, we must adopt a new philosophy, principles, and actions that extend beyond our present thinking, lifestyle, and business behaviour.

Event Description:

- The keynote speech will be “Finding Hope in the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment”, by Professor Richard B. Norgaard, Energy and Resources Group, University of California.
- Other speakers will include Prof. Ryoichi Yamamoto, Tokyo University; Prof. Terue Ohashi, Reitaku University; Prof. Tadahiro Mitsuhashi, Chiba University of Commerce; Prof. Kozo Horiuchi, Hosei University; Prof. Kazuhiro Ueda, Kyoto University; Justin Kitzes, Manager, National Accounts Program, Global Footprint Network; and Assistant Prof. Yoshihiko Wada, Doshisha University.
- The forum will be conducted in both Japanese and English; simultaneous interpretation will be provided.
- A programme is available online at http://www.unu.edu/zef/event_agendas/Symposium2006.pdf.
- For more information, please contact the UNU Zero Emissions Forum Secretariat Office (shimizu@hq.unu.edu; fax 03-3499-2878).

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend the Zero Emissions Forum 2006. Please contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: media@unu.edu) to reserve your space.