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Applications Invited for 2007 Shimane-Yamaguchi Session of UNU Global Seminars

Event: UNU Global Seminar – Third Shimane-Yamaguchi Session
Theme: “Global Health Crises: How Can We Cope?”
Date: 4–7 August 2007 (Saturday–Tuesday)
Venue: Yamaguchi Prefectural University and Akiyoshidai International Art Village
Organizers: United Nations University (UNU), Yamaguchi Prefectural University, the University of Shimane

Event Information

- UNU Global Seminars are designed to enhance awareness among university students and young professionals about issues of global concern. In 2007, a series of seven sessions will be held in locations throughout Japan.
- Participants in the 2007 UNU Global Seminar – Shimane-Yamaguchi Session will explore a variety of issues related to global health crises and activities aimed at promoting health, and will discuss how we — both individually and collectively — can cope with modern health problems.
- The session will open on Saturday afternoon (August 4) with keynote lectures on “Health and Civilization” (by Dr. Shigeru Omi, Regional Director, World Health Organization Regional Office for the Western Pacific) and “Food Safety, Food Security and Agriculture” (by Dr. Vandana Shiva, founder of the Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology, India). The keynote lectures are open to the public; media representatives are cordially invited to attend.

For more information, contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: media@unu.edu).

Information for Applicants

- Applications are now being accepted for the 3rd annual UNU Global Seminar – Shimane-Yamaguchi Session. The session is open to students enrolled in a Japanese university (undergraduate or graduate level) and young professionals residing in Japan.
- Participants are required to understand both English and Japanese, as lectures may be delivered in either language, without interpretation.
- The deadline for applications is 21 May.
- Approximately 50 applicants will be selected to participate. A participation fee of ¥30,000 covers meals, accommodation, and seminar documentation. Foreign students who do not receive a full scholarship for their study in Japan may apply for a waiver of the participation fee.
- The session will open with public keynote lectures (see above) on 4 August.
- On 5 and 6 August, participants will attend lecture sessions focusing on “Life and Health”, “Global Health Threats” and “Development and Health”, and participate in group discussions. The Seminar will conclude on 7 August with group presentations, a closing ceremony and a farewell lunch.
- For more information and an application form, go to <http://www.unu.edu/gs> or contact the UNU Global Seminar – Shimane-Yamaguchi Session Secretariat (tel.: 03-3499-2811; fax: 03-3499-2828; e-mail: shimane-yamaguchi07@hq.unu.edu).