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## Applications Invited for 2007 Hokkaido Session of UNU Global Seminars

**Event:** UNU Global Seminars – 7<sup>th</sup> Hokkaido Session  
**Theme:** “Forests and the Environment in the Era of Globalization: Considering Global Sustainability in Hokkaido”  
**Date:** 22–25 August 2007 (Wednesday–Saturday)  
**Venue:** Hokkaido University Sapporo Campus and Tomakomai Experimental Forest  
**Organizers:** United Nations University (UNU) and Hokkaido University

### Event Information

- UNU Global Seminars are designed to enhance awareness among university students and young professionals about contemporary global issues and the role of the United Nations in addressing them. In 2007, a series of seven sessions will be held in locations throughout Japan.
- Seminar participants will consider what we must do to preserve a healthy environment for the next generation and, through fieldwork, observe sites where local residents are actively working on environmental conservation and energy issues.

### Information for Applicants

- Applications are now being accepted for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual UNU Global Seminar – Hokkaido 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.
- Thirty-six applicants will be selected to participate. A participation fee of ¥25,000 covers meals, accommodation and seminar documentation. Foreign students who do not receive a scholarship of more than ¥134,000 for their study in Japan may apply for a partial waiver of the fee.
- On 22 August (Wednesday), participants will attend a lecture on “The Future of Forests and Our Society in Local Perspective” and participate in a site survey at Tomakomai Experimental Forest. On 23 August, participants will undertake field work in one of three courses: “Harmonious Coexistence of Humans and Forests”, “Community-based Forest Management and Resource Recycling” and “Conservation of the Environment”. On 24 August, participants will attend lectures on “Tropical Forest and Climate Change” and “Building on Indigenous Practices for Sustainable Forest Management” and complete their field work.
- The Hokkaido Session will conclude on Saturday morning, 25 August, with a public lecture on “The Present and Future of Forest Deterioration” by Prof. Hiroyuki Ishi (Hokkaido University), followed by 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 – Hokkaido Session Secretariat (tel.: 03-3499-2811; fax: 03-3499-2828; e-mail: [gshokkaido@hq.unu.edu](mailto:gshokkaido@hq.unu.edu)).
- The deadline for applications is 3 July.

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend the public lecture and group presentations. For more information, contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: [media@unu.edu](mailto:media@unu.edu)).