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

**Event:** UNU Global Seminars – 6<sup>th</sup> Tohoku Session  
**Theme:** “Harmonious Coexistence between Nature and Human Beings: Pooling Knowledge for Environmental Sustainability”  
**Date:** 19–22 August 2007 (Sunday–Wednesday)  
**Venue:** Yamagata University, Yamagata City  
**Organizers:** United Nations University (UNU) and Yamagata 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.
- We now face a range of environmental crises worldwide, including the loss of natural habitats, increasing pollution and waste, and diminished food and water security. Seminar participants will share knowledge and exchange opinions about how we can achieve environmental sustainability.

### Information for Applicants

- Applications are now being accepted for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual UNU Global Seminar – Tohoku 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.
- Approximately 50 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 waiver of the fee.
- The Tohoku Session will open on Sunday afternoon (19 August) with keynote lectures on “Development or Destruction?: A History of Human Development and the Environment” by Prof. Anne McDonald (Miyagi University) and “Seeking the Heart of *Somokuto*” by Prof. Fujiro Sendo (Yamagata University) and Mr. Sakae Chitose (Chitose Kensetsu Co. Ltd.).
- On 20 and 21 August, participants will attend lecture sessions focusing on “How Humans and Nature Interact”, “How to Achieve a Sustainable Society” and “How the International Community Has Responded to These Issues”. On 21 August, participants also will take a fieldtrip to inspect indigenous vegetation and ecosystems and to hear from local experts about how pollution is affecting nature in the Tohoku region. The Tohoku Session will conclude on 22 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 – Tohoku Session Secretariat (tel.: 03-3499-2811; fax: 03-3499-2828; e-mail: [gstohoku@hq.unu.edu](mailto:gstohoku@hq.unu.edu)).
- The deadline for applications is 30 June.

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