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

**Event:** UNU Global Seminars – 7<sup>th</sup> Kanazawa Session  
**Theme:** “Globalization and Cultural Diversity”  
**Date:** 22–25 November 2007 (Thursday–Sunday)  
**Venue:** Kanazawa Bunka Hall and Ishikawa Youth Training Center  
**Organizers:** United Nations University (UNU), United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS) and Ishikawa International Cooperation Research Centre

### 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.
- Globalization is a complicated process — one that fosters the global spread of common systems and shared standards, but at the same time promotes compartmentalization as a means to preserve unique local and regional cultures. Seminar participants will explore various aspects of cultural diversity in a globalizing world and discuss how each of us can help to maintain and promote each culture.

### Information for Applicants

- Applications are now being accepted for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual UNU Global Seminar – Kanazawa 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 ¥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 fee.
- The Kanazawa Session will open on Thursday afternoon (22 November) with keynote lectures on “The Significance of Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage” by Prof. Junzo Kawada (Kanagawa University) and “Culture Wars: A Global Perspective” by Prof. Lisa Yoneyama (University of California, San Diego).
- On 23 and 24 November, participants will attend lecture sessions and group discussions focusing on “Conflicts and Dialogue among Civilizations”, “Internet and Mass Media” and “Safeguarding the Transmission of Cultural Heritage”. The Kanazawa Session will conclude on Sunday, 25 November, 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 Secretariat Desk at the Ishikawa International Cooperation Research Centre (tel.: 076-224-0044; fax: 076-224-0468; e-mail: [iicrc-info@iicrc.jp](mailto:iicrc-info@iicrc.jp)).
- The deadline for applications is 12 October.

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