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Transition of UNU Rectorate Will be Marked by Several Major Events on 31 August

- Events:**
- **Sixth Michio Nagai Memorial Lecture** — delivered by outgoing UNU Rector Hans van Ginkel
 - **UNU Rectorate Handing-Over Ceremony**
 - **Press Conference**
 - **Reception**
- Date/Time:** 31 August 2007 (Friday), from 3:30 PM
- Venue:** UN House, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
- Organizers:** United Nations University (UNU)

Friday, 31 August, marks a major transition in the life of UNU. After a tenure of 10 years, Prof. Dr. Hans van Ginkel of The Netherlands, the fourth Rector of UNU, will hand over the Rectorate to Prof. Dr. Konrad Osterwalder of Switzerland.

Three following events will be held at UNU Centre in Tokyo on the afternoon and evening of 31 August to mark the occasion.

Michio Nagai Memorial Lecture

(3:30–4:30 PM, U Thant International Conference Hall)

- The outgoing UNU Rector Hans van Ginkel will deliver the Sixth Michio Nagai Memorial Lecture. This lecture series pays tribute to the important contributions made by the late Dr. Michio Nagai — a distinguished academic and journalist who served, inter alia, as Minister of Education, Science and Culture of Japan (1974–1976) and Senior Adviser to the UNU Rector (1979–1994) — to the establishment and development of UNU and to the internationalization of higher education in Japan.
- The topic of the Sixth Michio Nagai Memorial Lecture, which will be Prof. Dr. van Ginkel's final public presentation as UNU Rector, will be "From Dreams to Reality: UNU Up To and Beyond 2007." Rector van Ginkel will discuss his views on UNU, its evolution over the past decade, and its future.
- Rector van Ginkel's lecture will be followed by brief remarks given by experts from Japan and abroad who are familiar with UNU's work and achievements.
- Simultaneous Japanese–English interpretation will be provided.

UNU Rectorate Handing-Over Ceremony

(5:00–6:00 PM, U Thant International Conference Hall)

- Prof. Dr. Hans van Ginkel will officially hand over the Rectorate of United Nations University to Prof. Dr. Konrad Osterwalder.
- Also participating in the ceremony will be Mr. Koïchiro Matsuura, Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), senior representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, and senior-level representatives of the diplomatic corps, the academic world and others.

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Press Conference

(6:05–6:30 PM, 3F Meeting Room)

- The outgoing and incoming UNU Rectors will answer questions from media representatives.

Reception

(6:30–9:00 PM, 2F Reception Hall)

- The day's events will culminate with a reception hosted by the incoming Rector.

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend any or all of these Rectorate Transition events. For more information, or to confirm your attendance, please contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: media@unu.edu).

For those unable to attend, the Michio Nagai Memorial Lecture and the Handing Over Ceremony will be “webcast” live (and archived) at <http://c3.unu.edu/unuvideo/?133>.