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**"Shibuya Symposium: International City of Peace" —
Working Towards International Peace-Building: How You
and I Can Contribute — to be Held on 17 December**

Event: "Shibuya Symposium: International City of Peace"
Theme: Working Towards International Peace-Building: How You and I Can Contribute
Date: 17 December 2007 (Monday), 3:00 PM –
Venue: UN House, U Thant International Conference Hall (Shibuya-ku, Tokyo)
Co-organizers: United Nations University (UNU) and Shibuya Ward

- UNU has been organizing a series of public seminars with Shibuya City Office since 2003. This year's public seminars are focused on "People Building Peace", a successful theme that has drawn much public attention. This symposium attempts to further convey the importance of peace-building efforts to the general public.
- In 2002, to mark the beginning of the 21st century, Shibuya adopted an ordinance designating October 1 — the anniversary date of the city's establishment — as "Shibuya, International City of Peace Day". Through this ordinance, Shibuya declared its intention to become an International City of Peace and Culture, with the support of all city residents and imbued with a strong sense of the value of local government initiatives. This symposium is one of the efforts by Shibuya Ward to promote its vision of being a city of peace and culture.
- <Moderator>
Mr. Hatsuhisa Takashima, Special Advisor to the Rector, UNU, and Visiting-Professor, Gakushuin University
- <Panellists>
 - Mr. Yozo Yokota, Special Advisor to the Rector, UNU; Professor, Chuo University Law School; and Member of ILO Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations.
 - Mr. Martin Laflamme, Second Secretary (Political), Embassy of Canada,
 - Ms. Megumi Kuwana, Chief, Operation Unit, Japan Platform (NGO)
 - Ms. Nahoko Asai, former UN Volunteer and former Researcher for International Peace Cooperation, MOFA
- Simultaneous English–Japanese interpretation will be provided

To reserve a space at this symposium, media representatives may contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: media@unu.edu).

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