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## Applications Invited for 2008 Shimane-Yamaguchi Session of UNU Global Seminars

**Event:** UNU Global Seminar – Fourth Shimane-Yamaguchi Session  
**Theme:** “Towards a New Paradigm for Education”  
**Date:** 7–10 August 2008 (Thursday–Sunday)  
**Venue:** The University of Shimane, Hamada City, Shimane Prefecture  
**Organizers:** United Nations University (UNU), The University of Shimane and Yamaguchi Prefectural University

### Event Information

- UNU Global Seminars are designed to enhance awareness among university students and young professionals about issues of global concern. In 2008, a series of seven sessions will be held in locations throughout Japan.
- In order to live with human dignity in today’s world, not only the accumulation of knowledge through traditional schooling but also proactive learning that empowers individuals to participate in the emerging phenomenon of social networking — egalitarian relations among individuals — are essential. Seminar participants will explore a variety of issues related to current educational issues and to explore the question of “What is a desirable education?” (what, and how we should learn).
- The session will open on Thursday afternoon (7 August) with keynote lectures on “Human Resources Development for Tomorrow: Teaching and Learning” (by Dr. Hideki Shirakawa, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry) and “Culture, Teaching and Learning with Specific References to Oceania” (by Prof. Konai H.Thaman, University of the South Pacific). The keynote lectures are open to the public; simultaneous Japanese–English interpretation will be provided. Media representatives are cordially invited to attend.

For more information, media representatives may contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: [media@unu.edu](mailto:media@unu.edu)).

### Information for Applicants

- Applications are now being accepted for the 4th annual UNU Global Seminar – Shimane-Yamaguchi 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.
- The deadline for applications is 25 May.
- 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 participation fee.
- The session will open with public keynote lectures (see above) on 7 August.
- On 8 and 9 August, participants will attend lecture sessions focusing on “Social Needs and Education”, “Current Issues and Challenges in Human Capacity Development” and “Perspectives on Education: Past, Present and Future”, and participate in group discussions. The Global Seminar will conclude on 10 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 – Shimane-Yamaguchi Session Secretariat (tel.: 03-5467-1212; fax: 03-3499-2828; e-mail: [shimane-yamaguchi08@hq.unu.edu](mailto:shimane-yamaguchi08@hq.unu.edu)).

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