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## Applications Invited for 2008 Okinawa Session of UNU Global Seminars

**Event:** UNU Global Seminar – 10th Okinawa Session  
**Theme:** “Science and Technology: The Human Security Perspective”  
**Date:** 18–21 December 2008 (Thursday–Sunday)  
**Venue:** Okinawa Prefectural Government Hall (Naha City) and Culture Resort Festone (Ginowan City)  
**Organizers:** United Nations University (UNU) and Okinawa Prefectural Government

### 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.
- While science and technology have made our lives richer and more convenient, the benefits have not been spread equitably among the world’s population. Participants in the 2008 UNU Global Seminar – Okinawa Session will explore existing and potential relationships and interactions between science and technology, society and the individual, focusing on the question: What role should science and technology play in the quest to achieve better lives for all of humankind?
- The Okinawa Session will open on Thursday afternoon (18 December) with two public keynote lectures: “Building a Society Based on Respect for Life” by Dr. Keiko Nakamura, Director General, JT Biohistory Research Hall, and “Degradation of Global Ecosystems and Options to Save Them” by Prof. A. H. Zakri, Director, UNU Institute of Advanced Studies.
- Media representatives are cordially invited to attend the keynote lectures, to be held at Okinawa Prefectural Government Hall in Naha. Simultaneous Japanese-English interpretation will be provided.

For more information, 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 10th UNU Global Seminar Okinawa 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 Monday, 20 October 2008.
- Approximately 50 applicants will be selected to participate. A participation fee of JPY30,000 covers meals, accommodation and seminar documentation. Foreign students who do not receive a full scholarship for their studies in Japan may apply for a partial waiver of the fee.
- The seminar will open with keynote lectures (see above) on 18 December. On 19 and 20 December, seminar participants will attend lecture sessions on “Security and Science & Technology”, “Life and Medical Science” and “Development and Science & Technology”, and a group discussion session. The seminar will conclude on Sunday, 21 December, 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 Okinawa Session Secretariat (tel.: 03-5467-1212; fax: 03-3499-2828; E-mail: [okinawa2008@hq.unu.edu](mailto:okinawa2008@hq.unu.edu)).

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