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Applications Invited for 2008 Kanazawa Session of UNU Global Seminars

- Event:** UNU Global Seminars – 8th Kanazawa Session
Theme: “Challenges to Sustainable Development: Working towards Poverty Reduction”
Date/Time: 21–24 November 2008 (Friday–Monday)
Venue: Kanazawa Bunka Hall; Kakuma no Sato, Kanazawa University; and Ishikawa Youth Training Center
Organizers: United Nations University Center (UNU), United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS), and UNU-IAS Operating Unit Ishikawa/Kanazawa

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.
- Participants in the 2008 UNU Global Seminars – Kanazawa Session will explore various facets of sustainable development issues and international development policies.
- The Kanazawa Session will open on Friday afternoon (21 November) with keynote lectures by Anne McDonald, Director of the UNU-IAS Operating Unit Ishikawa/Kanazawa, and Anantha Kumar Duraiappah, Chief of the Ecosystem Services Economics Unit, Division of Environmental Policy Implementation, United Nations Environment Programme.
- Media representatives are cordially invited to attend these keynote lectures, to be held at Kanazawa Bunka Hall. 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).

Information for Applicants:

- Applications are now being accepted for the 8th 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. The deadline for applications is Friday, 17 October 2008.
- 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 JPY30,000 covers meals, accommodation and seminar documentation. Foreign students who receive a monthly scholarship of less than ¥134,000 may apply for a partial waiver of the participation fee.
- The seminar will open with keynote lectures (see above) on 21 November. On 22 and 23 November, seminar participants will attend lecture/discussion sessions on “Sustainable Development Challenges in Developing Countries”, “Addressing Poverty Reduction and Sustainability”, “Global Environment and Economic Development”, and “Development Policies”, and take a field excursion to Kakuma Satoyama. The seminar will conclude on 24 November with group presentations and a closing ceremony.
- For more information and an application form, go to <http://www.unu.edu/gs/> or contact the UNU Global Seminar Secretariat the UNU Global Seminar Kanazawa Session Secretariat at UNU-IAS Operating Unit Ishikawa/Kanazawa (tel.: 076-224-2266; fax: 076-224-2271; e-mail: unu-iasouik@ias.unu.edu).

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