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UN University to Hold UNU Press Book Launch: *Institutionalizing Northeast Asia*

Event: Book Launch
Book: *Institutionalizing Northeast Asia: Regional Steps towards Global Governance*
Date/Time: 31 October 2008 (Friday), 4:15–6:15 PM
Venue: Elizabeth Rose Conference Hall (5F), United Nations University Headquarters, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
Organizer: United Nations University (UNU)

- On 31 October, the United Nations University will launch publication of the book *Institutionalizing Northeast Asia: Regional Steps towards Global Governance* (edited by Martina Timmermann and Jitsuo Tsuchiyama).
- In the face of chronic and emerging threats to security, escalating environmental degradation and the increasing hazard of natural disasters, the old concept of “sovereign independence” no longer offers satisfactory solutions for Northeast Asia. Alternatives are needed — options that provide more plausible answers to the question of how lasting peace, stability, and prosperity can be achieved in the region. This UNU Press book explores the notion of regional institutionalism as a counterweight to the principle of sovereignty.
- Book co-editor Jitsuo Tsuchiyama (Vice President, Professor and former Dean of the School of International Politics, Economics and Communication, Aoyama Gakuin University) will serve as a panellist at the launch. Other panellists will include Keisuke Iida (Professor, Graduate School of Law and Politics, University of Tokyo); Hiroshi Ohta (Professor, School of International Liberal Studies, Waseda University); Seiichiro Takagi (Professor, School of International Politics, Economics and Communication, Aoyama Gakuin University); and Yoshinobu Yamamoto (Professor of International Politics, School of International Politics, Economics and Communication, Aoyama Gakuin University).
- After the panel discussion, Masashi Nishihara (President of the Research Institute for Peace and Security and former President of the National Defense Academy in Japan) will provide commentary. The launch ceremony will close with an open discussion session, followed by light refreshments.
- The book launch will be conducted in Japanese. For those unable to attend, it will be webcast live. Please visit <http://c3.unu.edu/unuvideo/?216> for details.
- This event is open to the public, but because of limited seating, advance registration is required.

For more information or to reserve a media space at the book launch, please contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03–5467–1311; e-mail: media@unu.edu).

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