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UN University to Hold Global Issues Seminar on “Sustainable Development Governance”

Event: 6th UNU Interactive Seminar on Global Issues

Theme: “Business–Society Interaction towards Sustainable Development”

Date/Time: 27 November 2008 (Thursday), 4:15–6:45 PM

Venue: Elizabeth Rose Conference Hall (5F), United Nations University Headquarters,
Shibuya-ku, Tokyo

Organizer: United Nations University (UNU)

- On 27 November, the United Nations University will hold its sixth Interactive Seminar on Global Issues. This series of seminars, which presents topics drawn from recent or forthcoming UNU Press scholarly publications, provides a forum for informed discussion among Japanese academia, civil society and the public on contemporary issues.
- For the governance of sustainable development to be effective and legitimate, participation by a diverse set of actors is required. Given the enormous power that the business sector can exercise in influencing sustainable development governance, the challenge for this group is to envision ways of credibly and effectively collaborating with others.
- The sixth seminar in the series will focus on the UNU Press book *The Politics of Participation in Sustainable Development Governance* (edited by Green and Chambers), which explores this and other issues relating to the current system of sustainable development governance.
- The speaker will be Mikoto Usui, Professor Emeritus, Tsukuba University (a contributor to that book), who will examine the main hurdles in forging a more legitimate relationship between the business sector and civil society in sustainable development governance processes.
- After Prof. Usui’s presentation, Makoto Teranaka, Secretary General of Amnesty International Japan will provide commentary.
- The seminar will conclude with an open discussion session, followed by an informal coffee-and-tea reception.
- The seminar will be conducted in Japanese (no interpretation will be provided). For those unable to attend, the seminar will be webcast live. Please visit <http://www.unu.edu/isgi/> for details.
- The seminar is open to the public, but because of limited seating, advance registration is required.

To reserve a media space at the seminar, please contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03–5467–1311; e-mail: media@unu.edu).

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