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MOFA, HPC, and UNU Will Organize a Joint International Seminar on Civilian Peacebuilders in Asia

- Event:** International Seminar on “Japan’s Contribution to Peace and Human Resource Development”
- Theme:** “Looking Back at the Past Two Years of the ‘Pilot Program for Human Resource Development in Asia for Peacebuilding’, and the Challenges and Prospects for the Future”
- Date/Time:** 24 March 2009 (Tuesday), 1:30–5:00 PM
- Venue:** Elizabeth Rose Conference Hall (5F), United Nations University Headquarters, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
- Organizer:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
- Co-organizer:** Hiroshima Peacebuilders Center, and United Nations University

- In 2007, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA) launched a “Pilot Program for Human Resource Development in Asia for Peacebuilding”. The purpose of this programme, which has been implemented by the Hiroshima Peacebuilders Center (HPC) under the commission of MOFA, is to train civilian peacebuilders in Asia. Building on the progress of the past two years, the programme will be enlarged and enhanced from April 2009.
- At this turning point in the programme’s evolution, MOFA, HPC, and the United Nations University (UNU) will hold an international seminar at UNU Headquarters in Tokyo on 24 March.
- This seminar will review the achievements of and lessons learned from the pilot programme over the past two years. Participants will identify, approach, and discuss the challenges and prospects for future human resources development in peacebuilding from various viewpoints, also with the aim of further building and strengthening the ability of Asian peacebuilders to contribute to UN peace missions the world over.
- Simultaneous Japanese–English interpretation will be provided.
- For more information about the pilot programme or seminar, please contact Fumio Yamazaki, International Peace Cooperation Division, Foreign Policy Bureau, MOFA (tel: 03-5501-8000 (ext.2347); fax: 03-5501-8212; e-mail: fumio.yamazaki@mofa.go.jp). For registration and programme, see <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/un/pko/seminar0903.html>
- The seminar is open to the public, but because of limited seating, advance registration is required.

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

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