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## **UNU to Host Four Public Seminars with Shibuya Ward**

**Event:** 2009 UNU Public Seminars on “The Role of Education to Achieve a Sustainable Society”  
**Dates/Time:** 2, 16, 23 and 30 July 2009, 7:00–8:30 PM  
**Venue:** Elizabeth Rose Conference Hall, United Nations University Headquarters, Tokyo  
**Organizers:** United Nations University and Shibuya Ward

### **Background information**

- The UNU has organized public seminars with the Shibuya City Office since 2003. The seminars are intended to provide opportunities for lifelong learning to the residents of Shibuya as well as those who work and study in the ward. Since their inauguration, the seminars have been attended by more than a hundred people per session. This year’s seminars will be held on four Thursday evenings in July at United Nations University Headquarters.
- “The UNU Public Seminars to be held by the United Nations University, which is an international academic organization, and Shibuya Ward will be on the theme of ‘The Role of Education to Achieve a Sustainable Society.’ These sessions will provide valuable opportunities, especially for the citizens of Shibuya, to gain a better understanding of advanced educational situations in the world at the United Nations University, which is located in Shibuya,” said Mr. Mitsunori Otaka, Chairperson of the Shibuya City Office Board of Education.
- “We are very pleased to continue our cooperation with Shibuya Ward for the annual UNU Shibuya Seminar Series,” said UNU Rector Konrad Osterwalder. “We hope that the citizens of Shibuya will find the seminars of interest. Our goal is to ensure that the presentations at the seminars will assist participants in coming to a fuller understanding of the complex global problems that are confronting all of us. It is a privilege for the UNU to share its work with the government and people of Shibuya.”

### **Seminar Themes and Lecturers**

#### **2 July: “A Science for Global Sustainability”**

*Lecturer:* Prof. Kazuhiko Takeuchi, Vice-Rector, UNU; Director, UNU Institute for Sustainability and Peace

#### **16 July: “Japan’s Contribution to the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development”**

*Lecturer:* Ms. Sonoko Watanabe, Director, Planning and Coordination, International Affairs Division, Minister's Secretariat (Deputy Secretary-General, Japanese National Commission for UNESCO), Japan Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

#### **23 July: “Progress of ESD at the Local Level”**

*Lecturer:* Mr. Yoshihiro Natori, Senior Fellow, UNU Institute of Advanced Studies

#### **30 July: “Lessons from My Experiences with *Satoyama* and *Satoumi*”**

*Lecturer:* Ms. Anne McDonald, Director, Operating Unit Ishikawa/Kanazawa, UNU Institute of Advanced Studies

\* *Note: Simultaneous English-Japanese interpretation will be provided for the 30 July lecture; the other lectures will be presented in Japanese only.*

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend these public seminars. For more information, or to confirm your attendance, please contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: [media@unu.edu](mailto:media@unu.edu)).

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