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Investing in People for a Better World: UNU to Host AOTS 50th Anniversary “Success Story Convention” on 27 October

Event: The AOTS 50th Anniversary “Success Story Convention”
Theme: “The Significance and Importance of Human Resource Development for Technical Capacity Building in Developing Countries”
Date/Time: 27 October 2009 (Tuesday), 1:00–5:30 PM
Venue: U Thant International Conference Hall, United Nations University Headquarters, Tokyo
Organizer: The Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS)
Co-Sponsor: United Nations University (UNU)
Supporters: Japan Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI); Asian Development Bank (ADB); United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Investment and Technology Promotion Office, Tokyo; The World Bank (WB)

- The Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship, which has been committed to nurturing industrial human resources since 1959, will organize the “AOTS Success Story Convention” with the sponsorship of the United Nations University.
- The AOTS Success Story Convention will feature presentations by ten AOTS alumni representatives (from China, Ghana, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal and Thailand). These ten persons, who were selected from 198 candidates, will present their own success stories. The presentations will focus on three themes: technology transfer, cultural exchange and social contribution.
- These presentations will provide an opportunity to share best practices as well as to highlight the importance and significance of industrial human resource development for the sustainable growth of developing countries. The different experiences also will highlight the important role of public-private partnership and the positive impact that it may have on individuals, their organizations, and their communities. Inspiring lessons in their stories are definitely of great benefit to creating a better world.
- Following the presentations there will be a panel discussion moderated by AOTS Managing Director Mr. Shoji Kusuda. Panellists will include Mr. Kuniki Nakamori, Resident Director General, Japanese Representative Office, Asian Development Bank; Dr. Taizo Nishikawa, Head, United Nations Industrial Development Organization Investment and Technology Promotion Office (UNIDO ITPO), Tokyo; Prof. Kazuo Takahashi, Visiting Professor, UNU; and Mr. Kazushige Taniguchi, Special Representative for Japan, The World Bank.
- At the closing of the Convention, an award winner will be selected from among the presenters in each of the three themes to recognize their contributions.
- Simultaneous English–Japanese interpretation will be provided. The full programme and more information are available online at <http://www.aots.or.jp/50th/eng/events/events.html#sec01>.

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend. To reserve a media space at the AOTS 50th Anniversary Success Story Convention, please contact Naoko Tochibayashi Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: media@unu.edu).