

14 April 2010
MR/E09/10



**UNITED NATIONS
UNIVERSITY**

Office of Communications
53-70, Jingumae 5-chome
Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 150-8925
Japan

Tel.: +81-3-5467-1212
Fax: +81-3-3499-2828
E-mail: media@unu.edu
Website: <http://www.unu.edu/>

**For use of the media –
not an official record**

Applications Invited for 2010 UNU Global Seminar Japan – Shonan Session

Event: UNU Global Seminar Japan – 26th Shonan Session
Theme: “Toward a Sustainable Global Society”
Date: 6 – 10 September 2010 (Monday–Friday)
Venue: Shonan Village Center, Hayama-machi, Kanagawa-ken
Organizers: United Nations University (UNU) and Kanagawa International Foundation (KIF)

Event Information

- The aim of the UNU Global Seminars is to enhance awareness about contemporary global issues and the role of the United Nations in addressing those issues.
- In the world of economic globalization, besides the problem of income gaps between countries, the disparity in wealth has become a serious domestic problem in both rich and poor nations. People in wealthy countries, including the Japanese, have suffered from severe industrial pollution problems and the consequences of natural environmental destruction. Now, many people in developing countries face not only domestic environmental problems but also global environmental issues such as climate change and the loss of biodiversity. The participants of this year’s UNU Global Seminar will learn about the future prospects for shaping a sustainable global society, through lectures by experts and practitioners in various fields.
- The Shonan Session will open on Monday, 6 September, with keynote lectures by Dennis Meadows, Emeritus Professor, Systems Policy and Social Science Research, University of New Hampshire, and Kazuhiko Takeuchi, Vice Rector, United Nations University.
- Media representatives are cordially invited to attend these keynote lectures. For more information, contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel.: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: media@unu.edu).

Information for Applicants

- Applications are now being accepted for the 26th annual UNU Global Seminar Japan – Shonan Session. The session is open to students enrolled in a Japanese university (undergraduate or graduate level) and young professionals residing in Japan. The deadline for applications is Friday, 28 May 2010.
- Participants must understand both English and Japanese, as lectures may be delivered in either language, without interpretation.
- Approximately 100 applicants will be selected to participate. A participation fee of ¥40,000 covers meals, accommodation and seminar documentation. Foreign students who do not receive a monthly scholarship of more than ¥125, 000 for their studies may apply for a 75 per cent waiver of the participation fee.
- The seminar will open on 6 September with two keynote lectures (see above). In the following days, participants will attend lecture/discussion sessions on “Economy and Society”, “Eco-Modernization and Renewable Energy” and “Strategies and Policies to Build a Sustainable Global Society”, as well as a dialogue with Prof. Meadows and a session on “Case Studies of Local Efforts”. The seminar will conclude on 10 September with group presentations, a closing ceremony and a farewell lunch.
- For more information and an application form, go to <http://isp.unu.edu/capacity/gs/> or contact the UN University Global Seminar Japan Shonan Session Secretariat (tel.: 03-5467-1212; fax: 03-3499-2828; e-mail: Shonan@unu.edu).