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## **Prof. Dennis Meadows to Speak at UNU-ISP Postgraduate Programme Inaugural Ceremony and Symposium: 3 Sept.**

**Event:** UNU-ISP Postgraduate Programme Inaugural Ceremony and Symposium  
**Theme:** “Sustainability and Peace”  
**Date:** 3 September 2010 (Fri.), 1:30 – 6:00 PM  
**Venue:** United Nations University Headquarters, Tokyo (U Thant International Conference Hall)  
**Organizers:** United Nations University (UNU) and Japan Foundation for UNU (jfUNU)

- On 21 December 2009, the 64th session of the UN General Assembly approved two amendments to the Charter of the United Nations University, explicitly authorizing the UNU to confer Master’s and Ph.D. degrees (A/RES/64/225).
- In September 2010, the first of the new UNU postgraduate-degree programmes, the UNU Institute for Sustainability and Peace (UNU-ISP) Postgraduate Programme, will be launched at the UNU Headquarters Building in Tokyo. This practically oriented, user-focused programme, leading to a Master of Science in Sustainability, Development, and Peace, will address pressing global issues of sustainability, climate change, development, peacebuilding, and human rights through an innovative, interdisciplinary approach that integrates the natural sciences, social sciences and humanities.
- Nearly four decades have passed since publication of the book *The Limits to Growth*, which modeled the consequences of a rapidly growing world population faced with finite supplies of resources and drew attention to the concept of sustainable development. Today, sustainability is a key component of many major international discussions and negotiations.
- To mark the launch of the first UNU postgraduate programme, and to highlight the vital importance of sustainability and its role in achieving peace, UNU-ISP and jfUNU will host a UNU-ISP Postgraduate Programme Inaugural Ceremony and Symposium on 3 September.
- The event will begin with speeches by Konrad Osterwalder, Rector of UNU, and Koichiro Matsuura, former UNESCO Director-General.
- These will be followed with a keynote lecture by Prof. Dennis Meadows, Professor Emeritus of Systems Policy, University of New Hampshire, and President, Laboratory for Interactive Learning. Prof. Meadows, a co-author of *The Limits to Growth* and a pioneer in the field of sustainability research, will discuss “Implications of Limits to Growth for Peace” as well as give his thoughts on priorities for the future.
- After Prof. Meadows’ lecture, an open forum on “Implications of *The Limits to Growth* for the Future of Humanity” will give audience members an opportunity to discuss the predictions of that book, the current situation of humanity and the Earth, and future prospects.
- Simultaneous English–Japanese interpretation will be provided. For those unable to attend, the event will be webcast live (and archived) at <http://videoportal.unu.edu/event/128>.

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend. To reserve your seat, please register your attendance at [http://isp.unu.edu/events/2010/jfunu\\_symposium.html](http://isp.unu.edu/events/2010/jfunu_symposium.html).

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