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## UN General Assembly President Joseph Deiss to Speak at UNU on Friday

**Event:** Seminar with Dr. Joseph Deiss, President of the 65<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly  
**Lecture Title:** “Reaffirming the Central Role of the United Nations in Global Governance”  
**Date/Time:** 29 October 2010 (Fri.), from 4:30 PM  
**Venue:** U Thant International Conference Hall, United Nations University Headquarters, Tokyo  
**Organizer:** United Nations University

- Dr. Joseph Deiss of Switzerland, President of the sixty-fifth session of the United Nations General Assembly, will deliver a lecture at the United Nations University on Friday, entitled “Reaffirming the Central Role of the United Nations in Global Governance”. The aim of the seminar is to provide UN General Assembly President Deiss with an opportunity to share his views and analysis of the central role that the United Nations plays in global governance, and to further enhance awareness among the Japanese public of the opportunities and challenges facing the UN system.
- The presentation by Dr. Deiss will be followed by a question and answer session moderated by Rector Osterwalder. Simultaneous Japanese– English interpretation will be provided.
- Media representatives are cordially invited to attend; please register at <http://www.unu.edu/reg/deiss/>. Questions or requests for further information can be addressed to [media@unu.edu](mailto:media@unu.edu).
- This public lecture will be webcast live (and archived) at <http://videoportal.unu.edu/event/159>.

### About the speaker

*Dr. Deiss holds a doctorate in economics and social sciences from the University of Fribourg (Switzerland). He has lectured in economics at the University of Fribourg and served as a visiting professor at a number of Swiss universities. From 1993 to 1996, He was National Price Supervisor, and then served as Dean of the University of Fribourg’s Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences. From 1999 to 2006, he was a member of the Swiss Federal Council, heading first the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (1999–2002) and then the Federal Department of Economic Affairs (2003–2006). He served as the President of Switzerland in 2004. He was elected President of the UN General Assembly in January 2010.*