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United Nations University Zero Emissions Forum

– The Green New Deal to Promote Environment and Economy –

Date/Time: 27 May 2009 (15:00~18:00)
Venue: U Thant International Conference Hall (3rd floor, UN University, Tokyo)
Organizer: United Nations University Zero Emissions Forum (UNU-ZEF)

Background

In recent years, as many scientists predicted, evidence of a global warming trend has been increasing. Furthermore, unusual climatic conditions have caused serious localized damage in many parts of the world through such weather-related events as massive hurricanes and typhoons, torrential rains, droughts, progressive desertification, and prolonged heat waves.

As this is happening against the backdrop of a large-scale global economic downturn, the need for a new policy in which both environment and economy can coexist, and “green” employment opportunities will increase, is urgently required.

Participants in this symposium will explore the prospects for a “Green New Deal” in both the USA and Japan. The discussion will go beyond the topic of last year’s symposium, which focused on “global warming and a low-carbon society”, to consider Japan’s roles regarding zero emissions, the environment, the economy, and employment measures. (Simultaneous Japanese-English interpretation will be provided.)

Programme

- 15:00 ● Opening Remarks:**
Hiroyuki Fujimura (Chairman, United Nations University-ZEF)
- 15:10 ● Keynote Speech: “Green New Deal to Promote American Environment and Economy”**
Robert F. Cekuta (Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs,
Embassy of the United States of America)
– questions and answers –
- 16:10 ● Lecture 1: “Green Economy and Social Reform – Japanese Version Green New Deal”**
Hidetoshi Kimura (Director, Policy Coordination/Evaluation and Public
Relations Division, Minister’s Secretariat,
Ministry of the Environment)
- 16:50 ● Lecture 2: “Measures for Spread and Promotion of New Energy”**
Shoji Watanabe (Director, New and Renewable Energy Division,
Agency for Natural Resource and Energy)
- 17:30 ● Round-up: “Scenario for the Rebirth of Japan – Green Recovery”**
Tadahiro Mitsuhashi (ZEF Representative, Local Government NW,
Professor, Chiba University of Commerce)
- 18:00 Closing**