

# INU Student seminar on Global Citizenship – Peace

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Dear Participants of INU Student Seminar 2009,

The INU Student Seminar 2009 is just around the corner!

**Please read this letter very carefully** as it contains a lot of information that you need to know before the commencement of the seminar.

## WORKSHOP GROUPS

As you will have seen from the program, there are three workshops to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> of August. For these workshops you will remain in your Workshop Group (A, B, or C) and complete a different workshop each day. Please see attached for your group assignment.

## COUNTRY GROUPS

Another list attached is the Country Groups for the INU Student Seminar 2009 Role Play. Please have a look at the list and see what Country Group you have been assigned to. You should note that in the context of the seminar, whenever reference is made to “your country group” this is referring to this group that you are allocated and not your country of residence.

## RESEARCH

The title of this year’s Role Play is “Does the free movement of people promote Peace? Is this different for skilled, unskilled, and refugees?” Before the seminar starts, **you are requested to do some preliminary research on the position taken with regard to migration issues by the country that you have been assigned to represent.** Again, please be aware that you are not required to do any research on your home country/country of residence – only the Country Group you are joining. During the seminar, you will be given time to conduct further research and undertake preparation for the Role Play with the other members of your country group and your facilitator.

## READINGS

As has been advised by the INU Secretary via e-mails sent to you, reading materials are available to you for downloading at the INU website: <http://www.inunis.net/students/readings.htm>  
Please note that you are required to read all of the materials under “General Readings” and a minimum of one of the readings under “Aspects of Migration” prior to the seminar. **Please also ensure that you bring hard copies of these readings as they will not be distributed during the seminar.**

## CLOTHING

The **weather can get extremely warm in Hiroshima** in August. You can expect temperatures of around 35 degrees Celsius, with high humidity. Please ensure that you come prepared for this e.g. bring sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses, and appropriate clothing. At the same time, as it can get very cold inside the buildings and trains with the air conditioner, it is recommended to bring some layers of clothing for adjustment.

On the last day, students are expected to wear clothing that is a little more formal than usual, to bring a more authentic atmosphere to the Role Play.

## ACCOMMODATION

For two nights (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> August) during the cultural program, all staff and students attending will be staying in Hiroshima City (Mielparque Hiroshima or Comfort Otemachi Hotel), close to the main shopping districts and a short walk from the Peace Memorial Park. In the afternoon of the 6<sup>th</sup> August, everyone will relocate to accommodation near Hiroshima University (Green Hotel Morris). Transport from the city to the accommodation for the seminar will be provided. Whether you are funded by Hiroshima, your university, or yourself, **everyone is responsible for making the payment to the hotels directly** – for Mielparque and Comfort at the time of check-out, and for Green Hotel Morris at the time of check-in. For those of you funded by Hiroshima, this means that you will receive a cash payment on August 5 and you will personally pay each hotel out of this money. If you are funded by your university you will need to be quite clear about payment arrangements before you arrive.

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

Some local directions (from the airport to the hotel, hotel to the university, etc.) will be uploaded on the INU website in due course, and the INU Secretariat shall send an e-mail notification as is done.

With any other travel plans in Japan, the website below will assist you:

<http://www.japantravelinfo.com/top/index.php>.

## MONEY

You are strongly advised to **exchange some money to Japanese Yen on or before your arrival in Japan**, so that you have some money immediately available in case of emergencies. Credit cards and debit cards are not as popular as they are in many other countries, so some stores or trains do not accept them. For students funded by Hiroshima, you will not receive your cash packets until the morning of August 5, so please ensure that you have enough money at least to cover the costs for transportation to the hotel, food, etc.

## PRIVACY PROTECTION

We will be taking photographs and video-recording most of the events throughout the seminar, and these materials, as well as some participant information may be incorporated in the reports, websites, and other publication materials in the future. If you do not want your name or your material to be used in these, **you must notify the INU Secretariat**. If the Secretariat does not hear from you by August 4<sup>th</sup>, we will assume that you give your permission for this material to be used in the websites of the INU and Hiroshima University and in the promotional publications.

Lastly, I would like to remind you that the INU Student Seminar website ([www.inunis.net/students/09seminar.htm](http://www.inunis.net/students/09seminar.htm)) is your point of resources for preparations. The INU Secretariat has also created a group on Facebook, which can be found at:

<http://www.facebook.com/inbox/?ref=mb#/group.php?gid=102214283529>

I would encourage you all to register with the group so that you can begin to communicate with one another before the beginning of the seminar.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the INU Secretariat or me.

Looking forward to meeting you all in Hiroshima soon!

Best wishes,  
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