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UNU CONVERSATION SERIES:

“The Past and the Future of the United Nations”

DATE + TIME: Thursday, 24 April 2014, 6:30–7:30 PM – a reception & buffet will follow

VENUE: 2F Reception Hall, United Nations University Headquarters, Tokyo

ORGANIZER: The United Nations University (UNU)

The United Nations University cordially invites you to attend “The Past and the Future of the United Nations”, a conversation with **Dr. Danilo Türk**, former President of Slovenia (2007–2012), distinguished lawyer, diplomat, and human rights expert. This event will start from 6:30 PM on 24 April at UNU Headquarters in Tokyo.

Dr. Türk and UNU Rector David M. Malone will focus their discussion on the UN's past and future in three main areas: security, development, and human rights.

Dr. Türk has worked intensely in these areas for over 40 years, beginning in his days as a student and continuing from his position on the teaching faculty at the University of Ljubljana in the late 1970s and 1980s. In this period, which he has described as the “Golden Age of Human Rights”, Dr. Türk worked with various non-governmental organizations, providing him with his first opportunity to engage with the United Nations.

For the next twenty years (1986 to 2005) he was directly involved in many aspects of international diplomacy and worked at the highest levels of the United Nations system. In this conversation, Dr. Türk will reflect on his experience as a political leader as well as a senior diplomat and UN official, and share his insider's perspective on these important themes.

For anyone interested in candid and practical insights on the United Nations landscape and outlook, this event should not be missed.

The UNU Conversation Series aims to foster audience participation: you are encouraged to engage with the speakers during the conversation and at the reception that will follow, where all audience members are invited to enjoy the food and drinks that will be served while exchanging ideas and making new contacts.

Please note that this event will be in English only; Japanese interpretation will not be provided. Advance registration (by 23 April) is required.

For further details, or to register to attend, please see the event announcement on the UNU website or contact Aska Maki, UNU Office of Communications (media@unu.edu; 03-5467-1212).

<http://unu.edu/events/upcoming/the-past-and-the-future-of-the-united-nations.html>