The United Nations University cordially invites you to attend “New Challenges for Humanitarian Action in Fast-moving Times”, a conversation with Peter Maurer, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross. This event will start from 6:30 PM on 23 June at UNU Headquarters in Tokyo.

Short-term humanitarian responses and long-term development goals have become increasingly intertwined as the thematic challenges of humanitarian crises have become much more transnational and persistent. Mr. Maurer will join UNU Rector David M. Malone to discuss the rapidly changing outlook of humanitarian action and how it can respond to current and future challenges, as well as some of the hurdles that have been introduced as humanitarianism has grown into a multi-billion dollar industry of assistance.

As the leader of the world’s most respected humanitarian organization, Mr. Maurer will offer his perspectives on modern humanitarian action with a focus on protecting the lives and dignity of victims of war and internal violence while building long-term resilience.

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 22 June) 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).