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# UNU to Host Annual Eisaku Sato Essay Contest Awards Ceremony

**EVENT:** Awards Ceremony for Winners of 28th Eisaku Sato Essay Contest

**DATE:** Tuesday, 17 July 2012, 3:00–3:45 PM

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

**ORGANIZERS:** The Eisaku Sato Memorial Foundation for Cooperation with the United Nations University

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- The Eisaku Sato Essay Contest is an international competition that was established in memory of the late Eisaku Sato, former Prime Minister of Japan, with the monetary award that he received with his 1974 Nobel Peace Prize. The contest was inaugurated in 1980, and has been held annually since 1990. For more information, see <http://unu.edu/esmf/index-eng.html>.
- The theme of the 2012 essay contest was “In a situation where a devastating natural disaster has occurred, and people remain apprehensive about a possible reoccurrence, prompt measures and efforts for prevention as well as restoration are indispensable. What are the role and potential efforts of the United Nations in such a case?” The submission deadline was 31 March 2012; 43 essays were submitted — 28 in Japanese and 15 in English.
- The winner of the 2012 contest’s 500,000-yen Award of Excellence is Mark Flanigan, Rotary International World Peace Fellow, International Christian University. Winners of the 50,000-yen Award of Effort are Tomomi Sato, Japan Ministry of Defense, and Hiroto Sawada, a Keio University student. (No winner was selected for the 200,000-yen Award of Brilliance this year.)
- The prizes will be presented at a 17 July award ceremony at UN University Headquarters in Tokyo. Media representatives are cordially invited to attend.

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