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Young scholars meet at UNU to discuss sustainable solutions

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Andante Hadi, seminar participant, and Amb. Mutsuyoshi Nishimara, keynote speaker. Photo: Curtis Christophersen/UNU

Friday, 12 August, was [International Youth Day](#). To mark the occasion, young scholars from around the world gathered at UNU Headquarters in Tokyo to share solutions to some of the pressing challenges to global sustainability.

Co-organized by the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS), Hosei University and the German-based NGO iuventum, the seminar aimed to inspire students to consider careers in research and sustainability.

More than 40 budding researchers from Germany and 16 from throughout Asia joined UNU-IAS postdoctoral students to reflect upon how they may develop practical initiatives within their own spheres of influence and help build a more sustainable world.

Led "by youth speaking to youth," the highlight of the seminar was the "3-Minute Thesis" competition where finalists presented their Ph.D. research to the audience in under three minutes.

UNU's Stephan Schmit attended the event and reports from the scene in the podcast below:



For more information, visit the [International Youth Day event website](#).