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United Nations Conference on Disarmament Issues in Ishikawa-Kanazawa

The United Nations Conference on Disarmament Issues in Ishikawa-Kanazawa will be held in Kanazawa in Ishikawa, Japan from the 28th of August and will last four days. The theme of this year's conference is "the Asian Pacific Region: Evolution of the Scope of Security and Disarmament in the 21st Century." Government officials throughout the world and disarmament specialists among others will join their individual qualifications in the meeting.

In the conference, the points of the issues of disarmament will be ascertained by active discussions. While deepening understanding, the conference aims to contribute to the promotion of international opinions surrounding disarmament as well as the United Nations and the Geneva Conference on Disarmament.

The Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Jayantha Dhanapala, and the Governor of Ishikawa, Masanori Tanimoto, will be among the people in attendance. The conference as a whole will deal with: 1) "Stability and Prosperity in Northeast Asia;" 2) "Multifaceted Dimension of Security;" 3) "Weapons of Mass Destruction;" 4) "Institutions and Actors for the Promotion of Peace and Disarmament;" and 5) "the United Nations Conference on Illicit Trafficking in Small Arms Light Weapons in All Its Aspects." In addition, a citizen's symposium, which Ishikawa residents can participate in, will include an exchange of opinions between the participants of the UN conference and the young people.

The United Nation's disarmament conference was proposed by the late former Prime Minister Takeshita. The inaugural conference was

held in Kyoto in 1989 and since then, the conference has been held yearly throughout Japan in various locations such as Sendai, Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This year's conference marks the 13th of its kind.

It is necessary for the general public to apply in order to audit the conference. For details regarding the United Nations conference on Disarmament issues in Ishikawa-Kanazawa, contact Secretariat of Receiving Committee of the United Nations Conference on Disarmament Issues in Ishikawa-Kanazawa in Hirosaka, Kanazawa City.

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