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Coexistence Beyond Ethnicity: Now and Future of the former Yugoslavia Annual Symposium in Tokyo, Japan (24th, November, 2006)

Yoyogi, Tokyo, 13th, Oct. --- Japanese college students will hold a symposium titled 'Coexistence Beyond Ethnicity: Now and Future of the former Yugoslavia' at National Olympics Memorial Youth Center in Tokyo on 24th, November. Experts on the former Yugoslavia, Serb-Croatian translator and Japanese university students will discuss the prospect for the region. The symposium is free and open to public.

The symposium will take place in cooperation with Mitsui Sumitomo Smile Heart Club (SMBC: Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation), ADRA Japan, JEN, Sarajevo Football Club, JNIV and Bunkyo Volunteers. Charity shops will also open, and the profit from the sales will be used for people in the former Yugoslavia through humanitarian projects by individual organisations.

The symposium is mainly organised by Japanese college students who experienced volunteer work in the Balkans. They have been making efforts to encourage people in the region who are getting forgotten in the international community. SMBC, Professor Shiba (Tokyo University), Mr. Kawahara (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and other Japanese humanitarian organisations cooperate with the students' social action.

Please contact us for further information and inquiry by emailing us at **link2yugoslavia@yahoo.co.jp**.Both English and Japanese are acceptable.

## + Detail Information +

Annual Symposium 2006: Coexistence Beyond Ethnicity: Now and Future of the former Yugoslavia

Day and Time: 26th (Friday), November, 2006. 19.00- 22.00 pm

Venue: National Olympics Memorial Youth Center, 311 Room in Central Building

Website: http://nyc.niye.go.jp/e/

Transportation: The detailed transportation guide is available in the following website in English.

http://nyc.niye.go.jp/e/02informations/cont05.html

\*Registration: All the audiences are required to register beforehand. Please let us know your

name and the number of your companies by emailing us at

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Language: The symposium will take place only in Japanese. But, we have English speakers

and a Serb-Croatian translator will be a panellist. We welcome non-Japanese

speakers from the bottom of our heart.