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Open Lecture by Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: Enhancing Refugee Protection – Exploring the role of Education

A UN Career Seminar will be held for those interested in working opportunities with International Organisations

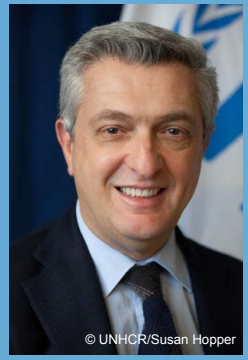
Date: Sunday 19 November 2017 **Time:** 15:00-17:00 (Doors open 14:30)

Venue: Sophia Tower 1F (Room 101), Sophia University

Time Schedule:

- 15:00 – 15:05 Opening Remarks (President Yoshiaki Terumichi, Sophia University)
- 15:05 – 15:35 Lecture (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi)
- 15:35 – 16:05 Sharing of experiences by RHEP Students and Graduates
- 16:05 – 16:25 Discussion / Questions and Answers
- 16:30 – 17:00 UN Career seminar

Language: Japanese and English (Simultaneous interpretation available)



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The number of people who have been forcibly displaced from their homes has again reached a record-high number, with discussions of the need for international response drawing global attention. The New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in September 2016 calls for the implementation of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF), designed to provide a more systematic and sustainable response, and long-term planning of durable solutions for refugees; and one of the key focuses in the framework is education. Meanwhile, in Japan, universities have taken the lead and started to implement the UNHCR Refugee Higher Education Programme (RHEP) which provides higher education opportunities to refugees. Since its inception in 2007, the programme has continued to grow and is now being implemented by eight universities. In addition, in 2016, the Government announced that Japan will be accepting 150 Syrian students in response to the humanitarian crisis in Syria. To explore the role education can play in the context of refugee protection and integration, and any other actions we can take, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi will engage in dialogue with the audience at this open lecture.



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UNHCR Refugee Higher Education Programme (RHEP) partner universities



UNHCR Refugee Higher Education Programme (RHEP) aims to provide access to higher education for refugees in Japan, through the scholarships provided by the universities. The programme is facilitated by UNHCR and Japan for UNHCR, in cooperation with the partner universities.