

**Library Talk: Japan`s Development Assistance: Foreign Aid and the Post-2015 Agenda**

**Date / Time: Friday, 29 January 2016 18:00 – 19:30**

**Venue: Ground Floor Hall, United Nations University HQ**

On 29 January 2016, the UNU Library is hosting the launch of the book *Japan`s Development Assistance: Foreign Aid and the Post-2015* edited by Hiroshi Kato, John Page and Yasutami Shimomura (Palgrave Macmillan, 2016).

Japan has been engaged in providing official development assistance (ODA) since 1954, and thus 2014 marked its 60th anniversary as an aid donor. This book represents the results of the research “Japan and the Developing World: 60 Years of Japan`s ODA and the Post-2015 Development Agenda.” The 21 chapters in this volume are the work of experts and development practitioners drawn from Japan and around the world. They present a critical review of Japan`s past bilateral development assistance and its role in multilateral development institutions.

Leading thinkers on international development and experienced practitioners both from Japan and worldwide look into the origins, major characteristics and historical changes of Japan`s development cooperation, investigating its interactions with major partners including its Asian neighbours and international organizations. This edited collection demonstrates that Japan, with its own aid philosophy, experiences, and models of aid, has ample lessons to offer to the international community as the latter seeks new paradigms of development cooperation. It contains a chapter on how Japan has made use of the United Nations aimed at achieving its strategic goal.

**Registration**

This Library Talk is open to the public. It will be in English only; Japanese interpretation will not be provided. Advanced registration is required (by 4:00 PM on 28 January 2016). *Online registration page will soon be available.* The [book is available](#) at the UNU Library.

You may also register by contacting the UNU Library by email ([library@unu.edu](mailto:library@unu.edu)), phone (03-5467-1359) or fax (03-5467-1360).

**Speakers**

**Dr. Hiroshi Kato** is Vice President of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and co-editor of the book. He will introduce overview of the book and Japan`s ODA from 1954 to 2014; changes and continuities in a central instrument in Japan`s foreign policy.

**Prof. Sukehiro Hasegawa**, former Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Timor-Leste, is currently a Liaison Officer of the Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) in Tokyo. He will present a chapter he wrote on “Japan and the United Nations: Its Past, Present and Future”.