

The Second Session of "The World Economy in English"

The World Economy Lecture Series is honored to present Mr. Joseph Kwadwo Asenso as a guest speaker. Mr. Asenso comes from Ghana and is actually a Ph.D candidate at Oita University in Japan. In his country, he works as an Economics Officer at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning. He has both theoretical and empirical experience with African economies spanning the Northern, Eastern and Western parts of the continent.. This lecture will be given in English, in order to develop students' English skills as well as promote the globalized perspective of the university. All students interested in development economics as well as other development issues are welcome.

Lecture Title

**Why is Africa Underdeveloped?
Perspectives from Ghana and Sierra Leone**

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Date: Friday, 4th December 2009, 13:00—14:30

Place: Building I (Human and Social Sciences) Room 201

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1. Introduction: General Introduction of the African Continent
2. Why is Africa Underdeveloped? The Cases of Ghana and Sierra Leone
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3. What can we all do?

Mr. Asenso has been working in the Economic Planning Division of Ghana's Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, where he has gained abundant experience working with national and multilateral institutions like the USAID, JICA, DANIDA, the World Bank, IMF, amongst others.

Coming Sessions of "The World Economy in English"

22nd January 2010 "Cluster based industrial development in Africa: The case of Ethiopia"

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