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To: Whom It May Concern

Subject: *Project Associate Professor Opening*
Graduate Program in Sustainability Science Global Leadership Initiative in the Graduate School of
Frontier Sciences at The University of Tokyo

The 'Graduate Program in Sustainability Science - Global Leadership Initiative' (GPSS-GLI) is an initiative developed under MEXT's 'Program for Leading Graduate Schools'. It provides the training necessary for future global leaders to make a profound impact on sustainability science and sustainable development. Through intensely specialized studies and a general education foundation, as well as international and practical experience, students are expected to develop the skills necessary for global leadership, acquire a broad global perspective and problem solving capabilities, and learn to apply the concept of sustainability to design a future society.

As a part of its development, GPSS-GLI is now soliciting applications for a Project Associate Professor position:

Job Description

1. *Job Title*

Project Associate Professor

2. *Affiliation*

Graduate Program in Sustainability Science
Graduate School of Frontier Sciences
The University of Tokyo

3. *Academic Area of Research and Education*

Sustainability science: an academic discipline that seeks to holistically understand different subjects related to global and regional sustainability, to clarify the complex interactions between them, and to propose visions for a future sustainable society.

4. *Responsibilities*

- 1) coordinate educational activities on sustainability based on a wide range of academic disciplines related to sustainability science and interdisciplinary approaches that can bridge natural science/engineering and social science in the context of sustainability
- 2) develop independently or collaboratively participate in research projects in sustainability science including supervision of postgraduate students
- 3) contribute proactively to developing and improving GPSS-GLI curricula including field exercise courses and international internship schemes
- 4) coordinate and participate in activities organized to promote GPSS-GLI among international students
- 5) handle some administrative work that is needed to run GPSS-GLI on a regular basis

5. *Qualifications*

- 1) doctoral degree in an academic discipline relevant to sustainability
- 2) excellent achievements in research and/or education in a discipline or disciplines related to sustainability, and should be able to conduct research and education that can contribute to sustainability science
- 3) experience in teaching subjects related to sustainability in English, preferably, at graduate level.
- 4) it is preferable that the applicant has work experience for an educational program related to sustainability or an interdisciplinary program that bridges natural and social sciences, or involvement in international activities like international collaborative projects and organization of international conferences/workshops.

6. *Position Status*

full-time, continuing for 3 years, with a possible extension until March 31, 2018 after peer review.

7. *Working Location*

Kashiwa Campus
The University of Tokyo
5-1-5 Kashiwanoha, Kashiwa City, Chiba Japan

8. *Salary*

Competitive salary and benefits based on qualifications and experience

9. *Date of Appointment*

December 1, 2012 at the earliest

10. *Documents required for application:*

One (1) copy of each of the following documents should be sent by registered mail to the address given below. Documents 1 -7 and 10 may be either in Japanese or in English. Documents 8 and 9 must be written in English. No applications are accepted online.

- 1) curriculum vitae
- 2) list of publications (already published journal papers, conference papers, reviews and books)
- 3) list of experiences and achievements in education
- 4) list of off-campus activities describing social contributions (ex. services to local or national government or to academic societies)
- 5) list of applicant's funded projects over the past five (5) years
- 6) reprints or copies of five (5) major papers
- 7) statement or list of any additional achievements or appeals that should be taken into consideration
- 8) evaluation of applicant's past activities in research and education: describe efforts related to contributing to the field of sustainability or sustainable development through your own research and educational activities. (write in English on A4 paper size: 12-point font, single-spaced. Maximum 3 pages)
- 9) applicant's plan and aspirations in research and education after appointment: describe ideas related to contributing to the development and improvement of GPSS-GLI curricula. (write in English on A4 paper size: 12-point font, single-spaced. Maximum 3 pages)
- 10) three (3) confidential letters of recommendation from persons who are acquainted with the applicant's skills and capabilities in teaching and/or conducting research. The letters should be sealed in an envelope and signed across the seal by the persons who have written them, and submitted to the address given below together with the other documents

11. Deadline of Application

All application documents must arrive at the address below **by *September 21, 2012*** at the latest. Required confidential recommendation letters (Document No.10) may be received after the deadline provided GPSS-GLI is informed as to when to expect receipt.

12. Contact information & the address to which application documents should be sent:

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13. Other information

Please refer to the following websites for additional information on the present program, Division of Environmental Studies, and Graduate School of Frontier Sciences.

- Graduate Program in Sustainability Science
<http://www.sustainability.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp/index.html>
- Graduate Program in Sustainability Science-Global Leadership Initiative
<http://gli.sustainability.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp/?lang=en>
- Division of Environmental Studies
<http://www.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp/pros/shogen/aim.htm>
- Graduate School of Frontier Sciences
<http://www.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp/>