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**South Asia Future Forum Public Reporting Session:  
"The Asians Connect: Portrayal of Japan from South Asian Perspectives"**

The South Asia Future Forum will hold a public reporting session on Saturday, December 15 at Scott-Hall, Waseda Hoshien. Co-sponsored by the Japan Foundation and the Waseda Hoshien Student Christian Center, the Forum began on November 19, when young journalists, artists, editors and researchers engaged in public interest activities in Japan and South Asia (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka) were invited to Japan to discuss Japanese politics, society, religion, media and the arts for four weeks. The program has included lectures, discussions, and field trips to Kumamoto, Fukuoka and Hiroshima.

At this final session, which is open to the public, the eight participants will speak from their own perspectives about issues shared in common by their societies. The purpose of the Forum is to foster a network among young leaders in various fields in Japan and South Asia, with the long-term goal of developing stable, long-term relationships in Asia.

**Date: Saturday, December 15, 2007, 10:00~16:30**

**Venue: Scott Hall, Waseda Hoshien** (10 minutes walk from Waseda station, Metro Tozai Line)

**Moderator:** Dr. Taeko Kurokawa, Secretary General, International Center for Literacy and Culture, Tokyo

**Speakers:**

Ms. Priyanka Kakodkar (India), Senior Special Correspondent, New Delhi Television

Mr. Siddhartha Das (India), Designer and Cultural Strategist

Mr. Harindra B. Dassanayake (Sri Lanka), Editor, Colombo Institute for Advanced Study of Society and Culture

Mr. Devraj Humagain (Nepal), Researcher, Martin Chautari

Ms. Shahina Hanif (Pakistan), Coordinator of Publications, Simorgh Women's Resource and Publication Centre

Ms. Abantee Harun (Bangladesh), Lecturer, Independent University, Bangladesh

Mr. Phurba Thinley Sherpa (Bhutan), Co-Founder/Tutor, VAST Bhutan

Mr. Naonori Kusakabe (Japan), Research Fellow, Center for South Asian Studies, Gifu Women's University

Language: Simultaneous interpretation will be available (Japanese/English).

Admission: Free. Advance reservations are required.

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