

## **The Role of Youth in Bridging the Global Divides for a More Peaceful and Secure World**

This keynote speech aims to explore the role of leadership in addressing global challenges and bridging divides for a sustainable future. Reflecting on his experiences in conflict-prone countries such as Cambodia, Somalia, Rwanda, and Timor-Leste, as well as current global challenges on which the leaders of nations are divided, Dr. Hasegawa will highlight the need to transition from a focus on national sovereignty to human security. Dr. Hasegawa emphasizes the significance of the UN's *Pact for the Future* as a roadmap for peace, sustainability, and technological equity, calling on youth to lead transformational change. Drawing on historical revolutions, Einstein and Freud's insights, and Sun Tzu's strategies from the Art of War, Dr. Hasegawa calls on individuals to bridge divides in understanding, creativity, and governance to create a unified and peaceful world.

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