Sadako Ogata to Speak at Yale Center for International and Area Studies

February 22, 2002. New Haven, CT Sadako Ogata, former U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, and currently a Resident Scholar at the Ford Foundation, will be the speaker at the 2002 Coca-Cola World Fund at Yale Lecture on Wednesday, February 27. Her talk, entitled "Human Security in the 21st Century," will be held at 4pm in Luce Hall Auditorium, 34 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven. A reception will follow.

Ogata was in the news recently for declining the Japanese Foreign Minister position. Prior to becoming a Resident Scholar at the Ford Foundation, Ogata had been the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees for ten years. Before her election to that post, she was Japan's representative on the U.N. Commission on Human Rights from 1982 to 1985, and in 1990 served as its Independent Expert in Myanmar. She has chaired the executive board of UNICEF and served as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations.

Ogata's academic positions include Dean of the Faculty of Foreign Studies at Sophia University in Tokyo, and Director of the University's Institute of International Relations. She has written extensively on diplomatic history and international relations and has won numerous prizes honoring her work. The Coca-Cola World Fund at Yale was established in 1992 to support endeavors among specialists in the fields of international relations, international law, and the management of international enterprises and organizations. The annual lecture is co-sponsored by the Yale Center for International and Area Studies, the Yale Law School and the Yale School of Management.

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