

2010 Annual Report

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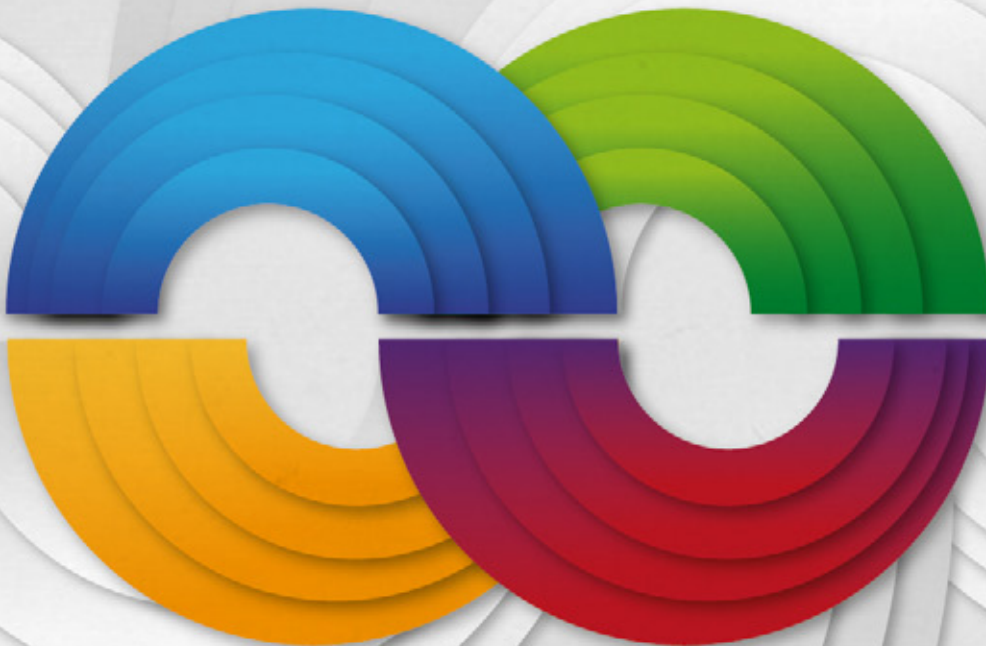


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2010 ASEF annual report cover concept

The cover design celebrates the vibrant sphere of possibilities produced when people from the European and Asian regions come together. The "∞" symbol depicts a colourful, dynamic synthesis, where infinite possibilities are generated through a continuous exchange of ideas between people from various countries.

The lines produce a ripple effect, symbolizing the ever widening reach and waves of influence that creative collaboration brings.

Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) promotes greater mutual understanding between Asia and Europe through intellectual, cultural and people-to-people exchanges. Through ASEF, civil society concerns are included as a vital component of deliberations of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM). ASEF was established in February 1997 by the participating governments of ASEM and has since implemented over 500 projects, engaging over 15,000 direct participants as well as reaching out to a much wider audience in Asia and Europe.

Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)

The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) was initiated in 1996 when the ASEM leaders met in Bangkok, Thailand. ASEM is an informal trans-regional platform for dialogue and co-operation between the two regions and has arisen out of a mutual recognition that the relationship between Asia and Europe needed to be strengthened in light of the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.

The ASEM process is based on an equal partnership and its activities are grouped into three pillars: political, economic and socio-cultural. ASEM now brings together 46 member states (Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Laos, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, United Kingdom, Vietnam) plus the European Commission and the ASEAN Secretariat

ASEM holds a Summit every two years, alternately in Asia and in Europe. This is the highest level of decision-making in the process. Besides the attendance of the Heads of State, the Summit also features accompanying Ministers, the Head of the European Commission and other stakeholders. Apart from the Summit meetings, the ASEM process is carried forward through a series of Ministerial and working-level meetings, as well as a number of activities arising from it.

Chairman's Message



The year 2010 will be remembered as a significant year in many aspects. We saw the fourth round of membership enlargement of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) during the 8th ASEM Leaders' Summit (ASEM 8) in Brussels. The formal entry of Australia, New Zealand and Russia can be regarded as a reflection of ASEM's growing relevance and value as an informal dialogue process. We look forward to actively engaging our new member countries and draw from their rich cultural backgrounds to make ASEF even more unique and vibrant in the years to come.

ASEF activities are a realisation of the spirit of equal partnership, mutual respect and benefit that ASEM espouses. Activities such as the 4th Connecting Civil Societies of Asia and Europe, held in conjunction with the ASEM 8 Summit in Brussels in October 2010, adopt an inclusive approach in facilitating dialogue and networking between the two regions. It is a unique platform where civil society can discuss and find solutions to the most pressing issues in Asia-Europe relations. Hence, one can confidently say that ASEF naturally complements the ASEM process.

2010 also witnessed some changes in the leadership of the Board of Governors. I would like to thank my predecessor, Ambassador Kim Sam-hoon, as well as Ambassador Dominique Perreau for their wisdom, integrity and commitment during their term as the board's Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.

For ASEF to effectively carry out its work in its seven key thematic areas, it would need sustained financial support. The current global economic crisis has definitely impacted on ASEF's fiscal capabilities. Despite this disadvantage, ASEF has managed to undertake the implementation of its core programmes in keeping with its objective of fostering dialogue and better understanding between the people of Asia and Europe. The Board of Governors will continue to navigate through these trying times, to ensure that ASEF's valuable work is carried forth well into this decade.

The foundation's success in 2010 would not have been possible without the support and commitment of its stakeholders – the ASEM governments, ASEF's partners and sponsors – as well as the tireless efforts of ASEF's dedicated staff. I wish to express my gratitude to them, especially for their enthusiasm and continuous belief in what ASEF stands for and hopes to achieve.

While ASEF's strategies may change over time, the values that guide the foundation will no doubt endure. These values have guided ASEF in its efforts to move forward in the face of increasingly complex challenges. All of us who serve on the Board of Governors are proud of what the foundation has achieved in 2010, and we look forward to building up on these successes in the years to come.

Professor W A L Stokhof
Chairman, Board of Governors

Board of Governors (as of 31st DEC 2010)

ASEF is governed by a Board of Governors appointed by the respective ASEM partners. The Governors are nominated for a renewable period of three years. The board meets thrice in a two year cycle and sets out policy directions for ASEF.

ASEAN Ambassador Sayakane Sisouvong	Finland Ms Eva Biaudet	Laos Mrs Phongsamouth Anlavan	Romania Ambassador Gheorghe Magheru
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China Ambassador Lü Yongshou	Ireland Dr Thomas P Hardiman (till Mar 2010)	Myanmar Ambassador U Win Myint	Thailand Ambassador Sawanit Kongsiri
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Czech Republic Ambassador Jan Fűr	Japan Ambassador Prof Takayuki Kimura	Pakistan High Commissioner Fauzia Mazhar Sana	The Philippines Ambassador Rosario G Manalo
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Estonia Ambassador Mait Martinson		Portugal Lieutenant-General Vasco Rocha Vieira	Vietnam Ambassador Nguyen Duc Hung
European Union Dr Horst Krenzler			



Governors at the 25th Board of Governors' Meeting in Luang Prabang, Lao PDR

Executive Director's Message



It has been a challenging and exciting 2010 for the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF). Countries in Asia and Europe, like the rest of the world, had to adapt and respond to the woes of the international financial crisis. Despite our financial limitations, ASEF carried out activities in a more creative and nimble way and continued our mission to promote Asia-Europe cooperation.

One of the key developments which will have long-term impact on ASEF's strategy in the future is the continued enlargement of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) membership. With the admission of Australia, New Zealand and Russia to ASEM during the 8th ASEM Leaders' Summit (ASEM 8) in October 2010, ASEF's work will now reach out to constituents of 46 member states. ASEF will continue its activities with a special focus on matters of global concerns, such as Economy and Society, Environment and Public Health. At the same time, projects in the Arts, Human Rights, Education and Intercommunal Dialogue remain as staples of ASEF's work.

In April 2010, ASEF successfully relaunched the Culture 360 portal. This was in response to the ASEM Culture Ministers' call for a digital platform to connect artists and culture practitioners from Asia and Europe. Later, in conjunction with the 2010 Shanghai Expo, the Asia-Europe Young Urban Leaders' Dialogue gathered young professionals from 26 ASEM countries to discuss key issues on urban sustainability at the Madrid Pavilion. During the ENVforum 2010 Conference in Munich in September, some 150 environmental experts were engaged in the topic "A Green Future: Asia and Europe Growing Sustainably". In October, ASEF's flagship conference "The 4th Connecting Civil Societies" was organised on the sidelines of the ASEM 8 Summit held in Brussels, Belgium. The 5th Asia-Europe Editors' Roundtable, "Asia and Europe: Engaging for a Post-Crisis World" was a flagship curtain-raiser event for the Summit and saw a high-level discussion among the 17 eminent editors from both regions.

In December, Professor W A L Stokhof (The Netherlands) and Ambassador Dato' Ramanathan Vengadesan (Malaysia) were elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively at the 26th Board of Governors Meeting in Luang Prabang. ASEF looks forward to their guidance to further bi-regional cooperation in 2011.

There are several flagship projects coming up in 2011. On the cultural front, ASEF will bring together young festival managers for the Asia-Europe Festivals Exchange Programme in May. This atelier will be held on the sidelines of the annual Singapore Arts Festival. ASEF will also organise the 6th ASEF Journalists' Seminar in Hungary in June on the role of media in support of climate change negotiations. This event will be held in conjunction with the 10th ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting. In July, the 17th ASEF University will be held in Malaysia, where ASEF will engage youths on the subject of cultural heritage. During the year, we will also raise awareness on public health related concerns at the community level using theatre as the means of communication, in our project "Health on Stage" in India.

The mileage of ASEF's work and the importance of its mission remain constant through changing times. We carry this shared vision of bridging the two regions and continue to work towards new horizons in promoting mutual understanding between Asia and Europe. ASEF's current status is due largely to the creativity, commitment and hard work demonstrated by the exceptional, albeit small, workforce. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our partners for their trust, and the Board of Governors for their unwavering support throughout the years. At ASEF, we look ahead to the future as we continue to find areas of convergence and reduce the areas of divergence between Asians and Europeans.

Ambassador Dominique ASEF
Executive Director

ASEF Team

Executive Office

The Executive Office (EO) supports the Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director. Management decisions based on the directions and policy guidelines set out by the ASEM governments and the ASEF Board of Governors are implemented through the EO. It is responsible for developing ASEF's overall capability including setting out strategic objectives as well as operational requirements. The EO also ensures efficient co-ordination within ASEF, as well as between ASEF and its stakeholders.



Front row (from right): **Amb Dominique Girard** (*Executive Director*) France; **Amb Nguyen Quoc Khanh** (*Deputy Executive Director*) Vietnam

Back row (from left): **Naoko Noda** (*Adviser: ASEF Public Health Network*) Japan; **Xue Linyan** (*Intern*) China; **Wendy Lee** (*Personal Assistant to ED*) Singapore; **Leonie Nagarajan** (*Chief of Staff to ED*) Germany; **Amelia Indradjaja** (*Executive Assistant to DED*) Indonesia

Finance & Administration

The Finance and Administration department (F&A) ensures sound financial management through appropriate financial planning, reporting and central support systems. Through the F&A support services, day-to-day operations and activities of ASEF are undertaken in an efficient, cost-effective and transparent manner.



Front row (from left): **Tien Yen Khoo** (*Accounts Assistant*) Singapore; **Irene Yap** (*Accounts Officer*) Singapore; **Georgina Leong** (*Administrator*) Singapore; **Frances Tay** (*Finance Manager*) Singapore; **S Vetrivelu** (*Driver*) Singapore

Back row (from left): **M. Basri Borhan** (*Driver*) Singapore; **Jimmy Singal** (*IT System Administrator*) Indonesia; **Sandie Fun** (*Director*) Singapore; **Crystal Koh** (*Accountant*) Singapore; **Michael Laserna** (*Administrative Officer*) The Philippines

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Cultural Exchange

The Cultural Exchange department (CE) provides young artists, cultural professionals and policymakers with a unique environment for dialogue with each other. CE encourages dialogue that evolves into positive artistic interventions, dynamic cultural networks and cultural policy development in and between Asia and Europe. CE projects cover young artists' exchanges, process-oriented platforms for exchange, and dialogue on arts and culture policy.

Front row (from left): Kalaivani Karunanathy (*Project Officer*) Singapore; Sasiwimon Wongjarin (*Project Officer*) Thailand; Sabina Santarossa (*Director*) Italy; Valentina Riccardi (*Project Executive*) Italy; Ramona Laczko David (*Project Officer*) Romania

Back row (from left): Katelijn Verstraete (*Assistant Director*) Belgium; Claire Rosslyn Wilson (*Project Officer*) Australia; Md Hatta Bin Hj Md Moktar (*Admin/Project Officer*) Singapore



Intellectual Exchange

The Intellectual Exchange department (IE) responds to topical issues and questions that beset policy dialogue in the international community. Through advisory mechanisms involving experts and stakeholders from both government institutions and civil societies, the IE department analyses developments in the two regions with the view to identifying areas where Asia and Europe can provide a common perspective. ASEF partners then design and implement programmes which respond to identified needs. Briefings, public events and publications focus on actionable recommendations that are then conveyed to decision-makers.

Front row (from left): Ronan J Lenihan (*Project Executive*) Ireland; Sol Iglesias (*Director*) The Philippines; Grace Foo (*Admin/Project Executive*) Singapore; Sunkyoung Lee (*Project Executive*) Korea; Rachmat Irwansjah (*Project Manager*) Indonesia

Back row (from left): Anjeli Narandran (*Project Manager*) Singapore; Grażyna Puławska (*Project Executive*) Poland; Ratna Tania Mathai Luke (*Project Officer*) India; Maria Iaitskaia (*Project Executive*) Sweden

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People-to-People Exchange

The activities of the People-to-People Exchange department (P2P) are aimed at building strong partnerships and supporting greater mobility and networking among the youth in ASEM countries. P2P does this by facilitating the development and exchanges of formal and non-formal educational policies and practices in Asia and Europe.

Front row (from left): **Rob van Leeuwen** (*Project Officer*) *The Netherlands*; **Zhang Hongtie** (*Director*) *China*; **Joel Bassig** (*Project Officer*) *The Philippines*

Back row (from left): **Nhu Quynh Do** (*Project Officer*) *Vietnam*; **Edwige Rozier** (*Assistant Director*) *France*; **Angie Toh** (*Executive Assistant to Director*) *Singapore*; **Helen Sophia Balderama** (*Project Executive*) *The Philippines*; **Dominika Jajkiewicz** (*Intern*) *Poland*



Public Affairs

The Public Affairs department (PA) multiplies knowledge about Asia-Europe co-operation by furthering awareness and understanding about ASEF, ASEM and key issues in Asia-Europe relations. Aimed at a diverse range of constituencies including the media and the general public, PA's activities foster greater mutual understanding between Asia and Europe.

Front row (from left): **Rafael Secades** (*Project Manager*) *Spain*; **Tan Lian Choo** (*Director*) *Singapore*; **Anneke Coppoolse** (*Intern*) *The Netherlands*

Back row (from left): **Debasmita Dasgupta** (*Project Executive*) *India*; **Theresa Ann Chung Cua** (*Project Officer*) *The Philippines*; **Kristine Joy Lucero** (*Project Officer*) *The Philippines*; **Nor Malini Mohamed** (*Admin/Project Officer*) *Singapore*

ASEF @ ASEM 8 Summit

Complementing the ASEM process through civil society engagement

October 2010



The 8th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM8) Summit was held in Brussels in October 2010 with the theme “Quality of life, achieving greater well-being and more dignity for all citizens”. During the Summit, ASEM Leaders discussed various regional issues, including measures to strengthen the efficiency of global economic mechanisms and to enhance the efficiency of ASEM cooperation. The ASEM 8 Chairman's Statement and the Brussels Declaration reaffirmed the strategic dialogue and cooperation between Asia and Europe, and called for more effective global economic governance.

Connecting Civil Societies: a more inclusive approach

In conjunction with the ASEM 8 Leaders' Summit, ASEF together with the Europe-Asia Policy Forum organised the 4th Connecting Civil Societies of Asia and Europe (CCS4) from 1 to 3 October 2010. CCS4 analysed some of the trends and issues that define and impact the Asia-Europe dialogue now and in the future. From these issues, the conference also identified the most constructive areas for civil society cooperation. The two-day conference concluded with the recommendation, “Eight points of action for ASEM”, which presented proposals to boost Asia-Europe ties, ranging from regional integration to higher education. These recommendations were channelled to the delegations that attended the ASEM 8 Summit.

In partnership with Belgian ASEM 8 Taskforce and Europe-Asia Policy Forum. With the support of the Federal Public Service, Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Kingdom of Belgium; the European Commission; and the Government of Japan



Mr Steven Vanackere, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Belgium receiving a token of appreciation from ASEF Executive Director Amb Dominique Girard. Mr Vanackere was the keynote speaker during the plenary session, which opened the Conference.



Participants of the 4th Connecting Civil Societies of Asia and Europe (CCS4) during the panel discussion, “Views from the ASEM community”. The panel discussion was moderated by Ms Shada Islam of the European Policy Centre (EPC).

ASEF @ ASEM 8 Summit



Participants were also taken on a guided tour of the exhibition, “A Passage to Asia: 25 centuries of exchange between Asia and Europe” at the Centre for Fine Arts (BOZAR) in Brussels. The exhibition drew on the treasures of 20 different countries to highlight 2,500 years of exchanges between Asia and Europe. The exhibition was supported in part by ASEF.



CCS4 was composed of seven workshops, each discussing a specific issue of relevance to the Asia-Europe dialogue. These included the financing of higher education; challenges in lifelong learning and the voluntary sector; the role of arts in globalized urban contexts; the role of youths in promoting public health; regional conflict management; best practices in effectuating the right to information; and the role of civil society in regional and inter-regional integration processes. There was also a roundtable discussion by senior editors of the European and Asian media who deliberated on “Asia and Europe: Engaging for a Post-Crisis World.”

Economy and Society

The effects of the international financial and economic crisis are being felt in Asia and Europe. Of the G-20 leading economies, 12 are ASEM countries. Reform of international economic governance will also affect relevant regional mechanisms.

In tandem with the on-going inter-governmental ASEM dialogue on the international financial and economic crisis, ASEF activities under the theme of “Economy and Society” focused on the impact of the crisis on society. These activities engaged representatives from government and civil society in a collective reflection. Participants gave inputs for innovative and integrated policy recommendations.

*12 January 2010
Singapore*

The EU's external relations with Asia are still guided by the 2001 European Commission Communication “Europe and Asia: A Strategic Framework for Enhanced Partnership”. This Communication was released just before the events of September 11. Tremendous changes have since taken place in Europe, Asia and globally. Since then, there has been the adoption of the Lisbon Treaty aimed at shoring up the EU's identity and capacity to act on the world stage. Hence it was timely that Mr Alain Ruche, Deputy Head of Unit, DG External Relations, European Commission was

able to share his thoughts for a more coherent EU strategy towards Asia, particularly for Southeast Asia. Mr Ruche reviewed the EU's engagement of Asia in the past, the broadening scope of EU instruments and policies towards Asia. He highlighted possible outlines of a future EU-Asia strategy in a new, multipolar world. Some 60 students, faculty staff, think tank representatives and the diplomats attended this talk.

*In partnership with the European Union
Centre, Singapore*

Economy and Society

25 – 26 March 2010
Makati City, Philippines

Public funding must remain a top priority of ASEM countries to ensure equitable access in the long-term. This was the unanimous conclusion by participants of the 1st Asia-Europe Education Workshop on “The Impact of the Financial Crisis to Higher Education”. All the participants emphasised that education is integral to development. The Workshop endorsed the commissioning of pilot studies and collection of commensurable data on higher education (HE) funding in ASEM countries to monitor the effects of the financial crisis to the HE sector. Other related topics tackled in the Workshop included the expansion and massification of higher education and the monitoring of quality and the efficiency of higher education institutions, regardless of public and private



Some of the participants of the 1st Asia-Europe Education Workshop in Makati City

funding sources. The highlights and recommendations from the 1st Workshop were elaborated during the 4th Connecting Civil Societies of Asia and Europe Conference held in Brussels and at the 2nd ASEM Rectors' Conference in Seoul.

In partnership with the Asian Institute for Management (AIM)

14 – 16 April 2010
Brussels, Belgium

The ASEM Outlook Workshop engaged 24 ASEM experts to examine the working methods of ASEM. With ASEM set to undergo its third round of enlargement at the time, the need to improve its working methods, coordination and efficiency had greatly intensified. The two-day meeting was a preparatory workshop for the ASEM 8 Summit, and benefited from a close partnership with the Summit organiser, the Belgian ASEM 8 Taskforce. The Workshop was designed as an open and informal dialogue among participants from very different professional and cultural backgrounds. This format proved a success as participants were enthusiastic and willing to speak freely over the two days. The public Roundtable Conference “The ASEM Process –



The 24 experts and practitioners who attended the ASEM Outlook Workshop in Brussels

From information-sharing to common policies between Europe and Asia? Overcoming the complexity of an enlarged inter-governmental forum” added an important public dimension to the closed-door Workshop.

In partnership with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, with the support of the Belgian ASEM 8 Taskforce and the Europe-Asia Policy Forum

Economy and Society



From left:
Prof Dr Luk Van Langenhove, Director,
United Nations University, Institute for Comparative Regional
Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS); Assoc Prof Barnard Turner,
Senior Fellow, EU Centre in Singapore;
and Assoc Prof Tan See Seng, Head of Research for IDSS,
S Rajaratnam School of International Studies



Prof Dr Van Langenhove, giving a lecture at Yonsei-SERI
EU Centre in Seoul, Korea



Dr Giovanni Capannelli, Principal Economist,
Office of Regional Economic Integration, Asian Development
Bank (ADB); and Prof Dr Luk Van Langenhove, Director,
United Nations University, Institute for Comparative Regional
Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS) (33rd Asia-Europe Lecture Tour
in Manila, The Philippines)

13 – 26 July 2010

Singapore; Bangkok, Thailand; Manila,
the Philippines; Seoul, Korea; Shanghai, China

Prof Dr Luk Van Langenhove, Director of the United Nations University Institute for Comparative Regional Integration Studies, visited five locations in Asia; Singapore, Bangkok, Manila, Seoul and Shanghai.

As a speaker for the 33rd Asia-Europe Lecture Tour, Prof Van Langenhove revisited the concept of regionalism. He presented the origin of the concept, its evolving elements and implications for both Europe and Asia. The lecture was an opportunity to assess the regional integration centred on the EU. This relationship between member states and the regional body was being tested with the economic downturn. Prof Van Langenhove's lecture also provided suggestions for Asia, in view of the growing ties among Asian states forging ahead with regional integration.

In partnership with the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies; EU Centre in Singapore; Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University (Bangkok, Thailand); Office of Regional Economic Integration, Asian Development Bank (Manila, The Philippines); Yonsei-SERI EU Centre (Seoul, Korea); Fudan Institute of Advanced Studies in Social Sciences; and the Centre for European Studies in Fudan University (Shanghai, China)

Economy and Society



The 5th Asia-Europe Editors' Roundtable in Brussels



*From left:
Belgian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister
Steven Vanackere with AEF Executive Director
Amb Dominique Girard and Le Monde's Sylvie Kaufmann*

2 – 3 October 2010

Brussels, Belgium

Held within the framework of the 4th Connecting Civil Societies of Asia and Europe Conference (CCS4), the 5th Asia-Europe Editors' Roundtable was a curtain-raiser event for the ASEM 8 Summit. This Roundtable of 17 eminent Editors from Asia and Europe focused its discussion on the necessary international mechanisms and institutions for credible and effective global governance. Participants underscored that the "issue-based leadership" approach was relevant to a dialogue between Asian and European countries. They also highlighted the need for European leaders to articulate a longer-term vision which took into account the increasingly fast-paced evolution of the global economy.

In partnership with Chatham House, with support from the Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Belgium, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan

Environment & Sustainable Development

Statements on climate change and sustainable development by Leaders of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) at their 6th, 7th and 8th Summits (in Helsinki, Beijing and Brussels respectively) as well as at the ASEM Environment Ministers' meetings underscored priority given to sustainable development in the conduct of international relations. Non-state actors including the media, NGOs, the business sector and the research community can also have an impact on official discussions. "Environment and Sustainable Development" has therefore developed as an area of mutual interest and concern for Asia and Europe, as evidenced by dialogue and cooperation on the ground over the past year. Through education, and with a broadening of programmes in the arts and culture sector, ASEF has also maintained a sustained outreach to youth and the artistic community in this field of activities.

26 – 29 July 2010
Shanghai, China

This event was organised by ASEF, in partnership with Madrid Global, Shanghai People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (SPAFFC) and Casa Asia. It was held at the Madrid Pavilion on 26-28 July 2010 during the Shanghai World Expo. "Transforming Lifestyles, Designing Sustainable Cities" was the theme of the 2nd Asia-Europe Young Urban Leaders' Dialogue (AEYULD). About 30 young professionals from 26 ASEM countries gathered to discuss key issues of urban sustainability.

In partnership with Madrid Global, Madrid City Hall Office for International Strategy and Action, Shanghai People's Association For Friendship with Foreign Countries (SPAFFC) and Casa Asia



Participants of the 2nd Asia-Europe Young Urban Leaders Dialogue



During one of the workshop sessions

Environment & Sustainable Development

1 – 3 September 2010

Munich, Germany

With the perspectives of a green economy and a respect for biodiversity, ecosystem services and environmental governance, the Asia Europe Environment Forum (ENVForum) Conference “A Green Future: Asia and Europe Growing Sustainably” was designed to take a multi-sectoral view of the sustainable management of natural resources. It provided insights to current development approaches, filling gaps in current development trends and contributed towards a sustainable future.

Bringing together 150 environmental experts representing different sectors, the conference comprised 12 workshops jointly hosted by partner organisations in Asia and Europe. The format provided a platform for in-depth discussions including implications of resource scarcity in present and future planning settings.

The Conference proceedings distilled conclusions from the workshop discussions. This led to a set of action-oriented recommendations, including concrete proposals for joint action. These could be useful for ASEM governments to adopt at the local, national, regional and bi-regional levels. It was disseminated through various channels, contributing to the 8th ASEM Summit in October 2010 in Brussels, Belgium; the UNFCCC COP 16 in Mexico City, Mexico; and to the Rio+20 Earth Summit 2012 at which ASEM has been asked to facilitate the development of a bi-regional dialogue component.

Two ENVForum Steering Committee meetings were also organised around the ENVForum 2010 Conference. The 11th Asia-Europe ENVForum Steering Committee Meeting, which preceded the conference and was held in Bali in Feb 2010, helped to refine the conference format and directed its agenda for the substantive discussion. The 12th meeting, held post-conference, reviewed its outcomes and the future of the ENVForum, especially with regard to its involvement in the Rio+20 Earth Summit to be held in 2012.

In partnership with the Hanns Seidel Foundation, Swedish Environmental Secretariat for Asia (Sweden), Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (Japan) and United Nations Environment Programme.

Hosted by the Hanns Seidel Foundation and with the support of the European Commission and the Asian Development Bank



Participants of “A Green Future: Asia and Europe Growing Sustainably” conference in Munich, Germany on the last day of the event



Attendees at the special presentation during “A Green Future: Asia and Europe Growing Sustainably” conference in Munich, Germany

LIST OF ACTIVITIES:

- **11th Asia-Europe ENVforum Steering Committee Meeting**
25 February 2010; Bali, Indonesia
- **ENVforum 2010 Conference
A Green Future: Asia and Europe Growing Sustainably**
1 – 3 September 2010;
Munich, Germany
- **12th Asia-Europe ENVforum Steering Committee Meeting**
4 September 2010; Munich, Germany

Environment & Sustainable Development

9 – 15 November 2010
Paju, Korea



A group of participants working together in one of the training exercises

Together with the Council of Europe's Directorate of Youth and Sport and the International Workcamp Organization (IWO) Korea, ASEF's People-to-People Department organised an Asia-Europe Training Course on Environmental Human Rights from 9 to 15 November 2010 in Paju, Korea. There were 29 representatives from international environmental and/or human rights NGOs, universities, international voluntary service organisations and human rights institutes from Asia and Europe. They shared youth work practices and non-formal education approaches toward environment human rights education, in their countries and organisations. The outcome of the training was a set of project proposals to improve such education in the field of environmental human rights.

In partnership with the Council of Europe and International Workcamp Organization Korea

12 – 16 November 2010
Gurgaon, NCR of Delhi, India



Participants brainstorming during the feedback session

The 9th Asia-Europe Classroom Network (AEC-NET) Conference took place in Gurgaon, NCR of Delhi, India from 12 to 16 November 2010. The conference was attended by 84 participants, including six student representatives and three observers.

Given that 2010 was the International Year of Biodiversity, the 9th AEC-NET Conference was organised under the theme "Climate Change and Biodiversity: How They are Connected and the Impact of Biodiversity Loss in the Community in Asia and Europe". The Conference promoted understanding on the value of biodiversity and the role played by educators and students in Asia and Europe for raising awareness of conserving biodiversity in their communities.

In partnership with St Mark's Senior Secondary Public School, Meera Bagh. With the support of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) (India)

Public Health

The ASEF Public Health Network is a unique participatory platform which encourages public health dialogue in Asia and Europe. The Network provides space for an array of actors from health and non-health sectors to share their knowledge and experience. This exchange helps in facilitating partnerships between multi-level stakeholders including representatives of governments, international organisations, business corporations and non-government organisations.

Cooperation between Asia and Europe has been strengthened through the Network, in particular for dealing with infectious diseases and preparedness for tackling pandemics. Projects engage young people and specific vulnerable groups, such as migrants, sexual and ethnic minority groups, through creative and participatory formats. Public communications to improve broad awareness on public health issues is also a core activity of the Network.

Public Health Network *Scenario Building Workshop Series*

ASEF Public Health Scenario Building workshops engaged an array of participants from the health and non-health sectors. They included representatives of international, national and local authorities, the private sector and civil society organisations. The workshops were facilitated by scenario-building experts and supported by resource persons from various fields. Participants worked on the formulation and finalisation of logical scenarios and subsequently analysed their implications or potential consequences. These scenarios were developed to address the uncertainties surrounding future pandemics and to assist in the development of adequate responses to them.

The workshops were held at the following dates and venues:



Participants at the 2nd Scenario-building Workshop in Shanghai, China



Group discussion session at the 3rd Scenario-building Workshop in Brussels, Belgium, with the resource person, Prof. Dirk De Bièvre, International Relations and International Political Economy, University of Antwerp (sitting in the centre)

The output of this series of workshops will be developed into multi-sector strategy and communication tools. These will be disseminated through strategy development workshops. A public announcement of these scenarios was scheduled for June 2011.

Public Health

18 – 20 May 2010
Luxembourg

The ASEF Public Health Network organised the Expert Meeting on Regional Integration and Infectious Diseases from 18 to 20 May 2010 in Luxembourg. The meeting was held at the premises of the Directorate-General for Health and Consumers of the European Commission. It was co-organised with the European Commission and the ASEAN Secretariat.

Participants were able to better understand the EU and ASEAN activities in controlling infectious diseases. It was an opportunity to exchange experiences and information on working mechanisms. Priorities and possible synergies for Asia-Europe cooperation in regional integration and infectious diseases were identified. Participants highlighted common challenges and concerns in various areas including



Participants at the Expert Meeting on Regional Integration and Infectious Diseases in Luxembourg

communication, regulation, vaccine coverage and effectiveness as well as access to vaccines. They also demonstrated their desire to promote greater bi-regional collaboration on the surveillance and control of infectious diseases.

The proceedings of this meeting will be published in 2011, alongside the research study on 'Regional Mechanisms of Communicable Diseases Control in Europe and Asia'.

29 June – 10 July 2010
Łódź, Poland

The theme for the 16th ASEF University was "Public Health and Vulnerable Groups: Access to Quality Health Care Services". This two-week enrichment programme promoted discussions on how barriers to quality healthcare can be reduced. It also raised awareness on public health issues by serving as a platform to encourage young people to play an active role in promoting better health. Asian and European perspectives on key global health challenges were explored.

Jointly organised by ASEF and the Medical University of Łódź (UMED), the programme took place from 29 June to 10 July 2010 in Łódź, Poland.

*In partnership with The Medical University
of Łódź (UMED)*



16th ASEF University participants in Łódź, Poland

Arts and Culture

Arts and culture play an important role in reinforcing understanding between Asia and Europe. ASEF undertakes innovative programmes in cultural cooperation, opening doors for dialogues and sharing best practices in the field of arts, culture and new media. Programmes allow peers from diverse backgrounds to explore creativity, art and artistic practices in different contexts. The Internet is also a useful tool for cultural cooperation. ASEF engages various cultural practitioners, including photographers, dancers, museum professionals, choreographers and musicians as well as policy makers and journalists through its workshops, seminars and conferences on cultural management and cultural policies.



During the ASEM Workshop on Enhancing ASEM Visibility through Cultural Activities in Halong Bay, Vietnam

*28 – 29 April 2010
Halong Bay, Vietnam*

In partnership with the Vietnamese Foreign Ministry (Department of Cultural Relations and UNESCO), Vietnam, and with the co-sponsorship of the Government of Hungary, ASEF organised the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Workshop on Enhancing ASEM Visibility through Cultural Activities. This workshop explored the role of culture in enhancing public awareness of the ASEM process. Over 86 participants from 24 ASEM countries, including senior government officials, NGO representatives and civil experts from cultural organisations attended the meeting.

Findings and recommendations from the workshop were submitted to the 4th ASEM Culture Ministers Meeting (Poznan, September 2010) and the 8th ASEM Summit (Brussels, October 2010)

*In partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(Department of Cultural Relations and
UNESCO), Vietnam*

Arts and Culture

23 May 2010
Singapore

The Forum Discussion – Trends in Experimental Cinema in Singapore was organised under the Asia-Europe Cultural Partnership Initiatives: Film. This was part of the 1st Experimental Film Forum: Experiments in Progress. It gathered over 20 emerging film makers, curators and film critics from Asia and Europe to discuss relevant issues and trends in the experimental film movements in the two regions.

The Forum was organised by independent art space The Substation (Singapore) and independent film label Lowave (France) as part of their Human Frames film project which explored the human condition.

In partnership with The Substation (Singapore) and Lowave (France)

14 – 20 June 2010
Jakarta and Jogjakarta, Indonesia

The Creative Producers Initiative Network Meeting was one of the three projects selected by a jury of experts from Asia and Europe under the Asia-Europe Cultural Partnership Initiatives: Performing Arts. The event, which took place alongside the 10th Indonesian Dance Festival, was attended by over 50 Asian and European creative producers and choreographers in contemporary performing arts.

This initiative responded to the desire of Asian producers, choreographers and performing artists to form collaborative alliances within Asia, as well as between Asia and Europe, developing new activities of 'creative producing' in contemporary dance and theatre.

In partnership with the International Network for Contemporary Performing Arts (IETM) (Belgium) and Indonesian Dance Festival (Indonesia)



Performers from the Creative Producers Initiative Network



One of the performances at the 10th Indonesian Dance Festival

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*25 June – 10 October 2010
Brussels, Belgium*

The exhibition, “A Passage to Asia – 25 Centuries of Exchange between Asia and Europe”, served as a concrete illustration of sustainable bi-regional cooperation between museums from Asia and Europe. This cooperation was forged within the framework of the Asia-Europe Museum Network (ASEMUS), a cross-cultural network of museums from the ASEM countries.

Drawing on the treasures of ASEMUS member museums in 16 Asian countries, the exhibition highlighted the 2,500-year history of bi-regional exchanges in trade, politics, religion, philosophy and arts and culture. The four-month show attracted over 18,000 visitors, leading to more awareness of the common heritage shared by Asia and Europe.



Some of the participants of CCS4 during their visit to Bozar for the exhibition “A Passage to Asia”

In support of the exhibition, ASEF organised special visits to the exhibition for the 30 museum directors participating in the ASEMUS General Conference 2010 in Paris, France, as well as for the 140 participants of the 4th Connecting Civil Societies conference (CCS4) held in Brussels, Belgium. The CCS4 was an official side-event of the 8th ASEM Summit.

In partnership with Centre for Fine Arts (BOZAR) (Belgium); and members of the Asia-Europe Museum Network (ASEMUS)

*8 – 11 July 2010
Shanghai, China*

The Expert Meeting on New Media Workers across Asia and Europe in Shanghai brought together 23 new media professionals from 10 ASEM countries for a dialogue on the status of the new media sector in Asia and Europe. The Meeting was organised as part of a larger, on-going research programme on labour conditions among new media workers in the Asia-Pacific and Europe supported by the Australian Research Council.

The Meeting focused on the new media sector in the two regions and analysed relevant issues and transformations in the web-based industries. The four-day programme also included sessions of practice and fieldwork and a series of public film screenings.

In partnership with Institute for Comparative Cultural Studies Ningbo (China)-University of Nottingham; and Academy of Fine Arts Saar (Germany), with the support of the Goethe-Institut (Shanghai) and the Australian Research Council

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19 – 24 July 2010
Bandung, Indonesia



Gustaff H Iskandar (standing) from Indonesia giving his opening remarks

The Expert Meeting on New Media, Civil Society and Environmental Sustainability in Bandung, Indonesia, was organised in conjunction with the Nu-Substance Festival of Open Culture, Technology and Urban Ecology. It brought together new media experts and professionals from Asia and Europe who were invited to discuss issues related to environmental sustainability and empowerment of civil society actors in the field of new media. The five-day programme also included site visits and public presentations at leading cultural centres in Bandung.

The Meeting encouraged the exchange of knowledge and experiences between new media experts and organisations in the two regions.

In partnership with the Common Room Networks Foundation (Indonesia) with the support of the Goethe Institut (Indonesia), the French Cultural Centre in Bandung (Indonesia) and HIVOS: Humanist Institute for Cooperation with Developing Countries (The Netherlands).

27 August – 7 September 2010
Shanghai, China



One of the art presentations of the 7th Asia-Europe Art Camp - Art Workshop for Visual Arts 2009 / 2010 held in Shanghai, 2010

The last phase of the 7th Asia-Europe Art Camp: Art Workshop for Visual Arts brought together 10 visual artists from eight ASEM countries. They were selected by a jury of curators and art critics from among the group of 18 artists who took part in the first phase in Luxembourg in 2009.

ASEF presented over 30 artworks by all the artists, who worked on the theme, "Moved, Mutated and Disturbed Identities", at the Luxembourg Pavilion at the 2010 World Expo in Shanghai, China. The pavilion received over 25,000 visitors. Additionally, during the Shanghai Art Fair, an exhibition of 10 collaborative artworks created during the 2010 residency was shown at the DDM Warehouse gallery. This gallery is situated in one of the city's most renowned art districts.

In partnership with Casino Luxembourg - Forum d'art contemporain (Luxembourg); the University of Luxembourg; and DDM Warehouse (China)

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The roundtable discussion on cultural heritages of Asia and Europe in Amsterdam, The Netherlands

*2 – 3 September 2010
Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

The roundtable on "The Cultural Heritages of Asia and Europe – Global Challenges and Local Initiatives" was organised in support of the 4th ASEM Culture Ministers' Meeting in Poland. The ministers discussed "Heritage and the Challenges of the Present".

The 19 scholars and experts from 12 ASEM countries who attended the Amsterdam meeting developed recommendations that were later presented at the Culture Ministers' Meeting. Relevant recommendations such as "the need for a participatory and bottom-up approach to heritage, and the role of multiple stakeholders in heritage management" were reflected in the Chairman's Statement issued on 10 September.

*In partnership with International Institute of Asian Studies
(The Netherlands)*



Delegates at the ASEMUS 2010 General Conference in Paris, France, at the musée du quai Branly

*8 – 11 September 2010
Paris, France*

The Asia-Europe Museum Network (ASEMUS) marked its 10th anniversary at the General Conference held in Paris, France, at the musée du quai Branly. Over 80 museum professionals from Asia and Europe attended. Former French President Jacques Chirac gave a keynote address. The participants gathered to discuss a new ASEMUS action plan for the coming years. The plan includes a mapping project, which will catalogue the collections, resources and expertise, as well as on-going museum engagements across Asia and Europe. Delegates agreed that the ASEMUS Secretariat will be transferred to an Asian member, the Asian Civilisations Museum in Singapore, from 2011.

*In partnership with musée du quai Branly (ASEMUS Chair)
(France); and Museum of World Culture (ASEMUS Secretariat) (Sweden)*

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Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Khanh, ASEF Deputy Executive Director (second from right) with staff and delegates in Poznan, Poland

9 – 10 September
Poznan, Poland

At the 4th Asia-Europe Culture Ministers' Meeting organised in Poznan, Poland, participating ministers commended ASEF for its work on increasing cultural understanding between the two regions. They emphasised the significant role played by ASEF and its flagship programmes in reinforcing the political priorities as set by the ASEM governments.

They noted in particular ASEF's efforts in spearheading the development of the portal culture360.org. The portal, an initiative of the 2nd ASEM Culture Ministers Meeting and entrusted to ASEF since 2005, aims to connect cultural communities in the two regions.

In partnership with the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage, Poland



Participants in action during the 'Access to Success – Film Mentoring Session'

5 – 8 October 2010
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

The East Meets West Film Forum and Festival was the first event of its kind in Mongolia. It brought together filmmakers and film industry professionals from Asia and Europe to Ulaanbaatar and screened over 11 Asian and European films, including Mongolian productions. The Forum covered topics such as co-producing, the role of film festivals and on-going challenges in independent filmmaking.

This event provided Mongolian audiences with access to international films that are normally not available in local cinemas. It also highlighted opportunities for Mongolian filmmakers to gain access to international funding and distribution channels.

In partnership with the Arts Council of Mongolia

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Participants collaborating for a performance during the Mobile Artistic Platform residency



One of the presentations during the residency in Bangalore, India

*15 October – 15 November 2010
Bangalore, India*

In the month-long M.A.P. Mobile Artistic Platform residency, 12 Asian and European new media artists explored issues relating to sustainable tourism, cross-cultural exchanges, community-based practices and notions of hospitality while they worked and travelled together to different locations in South India.

The programme kicked off in Bangalore at local independent arts space 1 Shanthi Road. After a series of orientation workshops, the group took to the road, visiting 4 locations. They converged again in Bangalore where they presented their findings over a two-day session of public talks, screenings and performances.

In partnership with Reloading Images (Germany); Maraa Media Collective (India); and Cityspinning (India)



Photo credit: The Gati Dance Forum, New Delhi

10 – 13 November 2010

The Ignite! Festival of Contemporary Dance, organised by the Gati Dance Forum in New Delhi, India, brought together more than 40 dance practitioners from different ASEM countries for a dialogue on contemporary dance practices as experienced in different parts of the world.

The programme included performances by renowned Indian choreographers as well as by choreographers from Belgium, Norway and the United Kingdom. Over a thousand people attended the four-day festival.

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ASEF shared its experiences in supporting capacity building and networking in the field of contemporary dance through its programme "Pointe-to-Point: Asia-Europe Dance Forum" during the seminar Conceiving Connections.

*In partnership with The Gati Forum (India);
and Goethe-Institut Max Mueller Bhavan (India)*



Participants at the workshop by Chris Lechner during the Ignite! Festival of Contemporary Dance



Participants during a session of the Monsoon residency programme in Leuven, Belgium

*18 – 23 December 2010
Leuven, Belgium*

A group of 8 Asian and European dancers, choreographers, academics and a policy advisor were brought together at the residency Monsoon. Under the guidance of well-known German choreographer Arco Renz, the group explored the nature of dance and its practice.

The artists were first paired off online and met for the first time at the residency in Belgium. Each Asian-European pair experimented in the fields of contemporary dance, performance art and sound. The performances of their work and collaborations were seen by over 200 people at the STUK Arts Centre.

*In partnership with Kobalt Works (Belgium);
and STUK Arts Centre (Belgium)*

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Education is central to the development of the individual and the progress of society at large. Improvements in national education programmes are often linked to the development of countries. Several programmes that strengthen collaboration between education networks and academic institutions in Asia and Europe have been initiated by ASEF. Following academic discourse and intercultural exchanges at ASEF workshops, seminars and conferences, these institutions often adopt best practices. Other ASEF projects such as web portals, newsletters and publications have also arisen from Asia-Europe cooperation in education.

The eighth cycle of the Asia-Europe Workshop series saw the largest number of workshop proposals submitted. The series aims to foster dialogue and collaboration between Asia and Europe by providing support for academic institutions that intend to organise workshops focus on issues affecting the two regions.

In 2010, the following workshops were selected:

- **“The Baltic Sea and South China Sea Regions: Incomparable Models of Regional Integration?”**
18 – 20 February 2010; Singapore
Partners: EU Centre in Singapore and University of Greifswald (Germany)
- **“Asian and European Regional Integration Process in the New Context of Development Challenges”**
17 – 18 May 2010; Paris, France
Partners: Sciences PO CERI and Center for International Economics Chulalongkorn University
- **“Economic/Social Exclusion and Collective Action – Asia and Europe Compared”**
27 May 2010; Limerick, Ireland
Partner: Euro-Asia Centre/Department of Languages and Cultural Studies, University of Limerick and Irish Institute of Chinese Studies

- **“Young People and New Media in Asia and Europe – Continents Apart, Concerns Converged”**
20 – 21 June 2010; Singapore
Partners: National University of Singapore and University of Amsterdam
- **“Urban Management for An Urban Future”**
15 – 16 October 2010; Ljubljana, Slovenia
Partner: University of Ljubljana, Hong Kong Baptist University
- **“Changing Intergenerational Relationships as Europe and Asia Age”**
9 – 10 December 2010; Oxford, United Kingdom
Partners: Oxford Institute of Ageing and Asia-Pacific Institute of Ageing Studies (APIAS)

In partnership with the European Alliance for Asian Studies, a co-operative framework of European institutes specialising in Asian Studies. Members include: The International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), The Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS), The Institute of Asian Studies (IAS), German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA), The Centre for International Studies and Research (CERI-Sciences-PO), The Centro de Estudios de Asia Oriental (CEAO), The School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), The Swedish School of Advanced Asia-Pacific Studies (SSAAPS), European Institute for Asian Studies (EIAS)

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Audiences at the ASEFUAN/IGIR Dialogue in Brussels



*Mr Till Mueller-Ibold from Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP
addressing the audience*



*Participants of the 2nd ASEFUAN Dialogue
networking during lunch break*

*28 – 30 June 2010
Brussels, Belgium*

The Asia-Europe Foundation University Alumni Network (ASEFUAN) with the Institute for Globalization and International Regulation (IGIR) co-organised the ASEFUAN/IGIR Dialogues on Trade and Sustainable Development on 11 June 2010 at the University of Maastricht, Brussels Campus. Participants interacted with high-profile trade law and policy experts on significant trade issues between Asia and Europe. The Dialogues focused on the topic “Trade Between Asia and Europe: Conflict and Convergence.” The event was organised with the support of the University of Maastricht; International Law Association (ILA) Belgium, Association for International Arbitration, and sponsored by Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP. The event received financial support from ASEF.

*In partnership with ASEFUAN and the Institute for
Globalization and International Regulation (IGIR)
of The University of Maastricht and the International
Law Association (ILA) of Belgium*

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The participants of the 9th ASEFUAN Annual General Meeting and Academic Conference

2 – 6 August 2010
Tokyo, Japan

E C O [logical] was the slogan of the 9th ASEFUAN Annual General Meeting and Annual Conference, which focused on the topic “Creative Innovations for Future Sustainable Societies.” The conference explored opportunities and innovative ideas for young professionals and emerging leaders to participate in future discussions related to climate change issues and sustainable societies. ASEF was ASEFUAN’s main partner. Additionally, the Japan Foundation, British Council, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Keio University, and the European Studies Institute

of Japan, also worked together in making the event possible. The Annual Conference was followed by the one-day General Meeting and the very popular post-AGM activities.

Organised by ASEFUAN in partnership with the Japan Foundation, British Council, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Keio University, European Studies Institute of Japan, European Environmental Agency

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Group picture of participants, organisers and trainers of the 9th Asia-Europe Young Volunteers Exchange



Mr Jinsu YOM (President of CCIVS) giving a speech during official opening ceremony



During the evaluation of the assessment results session

*10 August – 7 September 2010
Ha Long Bay, Vietnam*

The 17 participants of the 9th Asia-Europe Young Volunteers Exchange (AEYVE) were tasked to evaluate the achievements of Asia-Europe projects in the field of International Voluntary Service (IVS). The project consisted of three phases:

- 1 an intensive training on intercultural learning and impact assessment;
- 2 field work in 9 ASEM countries to gather data to assess the most significant developments of participants, organisations and local communities that are active in the field on international volunteering; and
- 3 evaluation of the field work results and presentation of the recommendations, learning points and challenges.

The impact assessment results of the 9th AEYVE were used to draw up a list of competencies that can be gained through international volunteering and non-formal education. This was presented at the 4th Connecting Civil Societies (CCS4) in Brussels, at the workshop co-organised with the Coordinating Committee of International Voluntary Service (CCIVS) and the ASEM Education and Research Hub for Lifelong Learning (ASEM LLL Hub). The workshop was entitled "Creating Skills and Competences for Living and Working in the ASEM Area."

In partnership with the Coordinating Committee of International Voluntary Service (CCIVS)

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The 'Asia in the Eyes of Europe' research project offers a very timely and unique opportunity for Asia and Europe to reflect on the relationship between the two regions. This project evolved from the on going ASEF initiative, 'The EU through the Eyes of Asia,' which has carried out research on perceptions of the EU in Asia across 12 research locations since 2005. The 'Asia in the Eyes of Europe' research project will provide valued comparability to the findings of the 'EU through the Eyes of Asia.'

2010 saw the launch of this two-year research project. It examines perceptions of Asia in Europe in 8 countries: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Romania and United Kingdom. In each European research location, the project systematically assesses daily representations of Asia in reputable local news media, as well as the perception of Asia among the general European public, European stakeholders and decision-makers.

The following activities were held throughout 2010:

- **Asia in the Eyes of Europe – Partners' Meeting**
April 2010; Brussels, Belgium
- **Asia in the Eyes of Europe – Methodology Workshop**
23 – 27 August 2010; Berlin, Germany

In partnership with the National Centre for Research on Europe (NCRE) – University of Canterbury (New Zealand); German Council for Foreign Relations (DGAP); Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS); Tsinghua University; Austrian Institute of International Affairs – University of Vienna; Brussels Institute for Contemporary Chinese Studies – Vrije Universiteit Brussel; Copenhagen Business School; Centre Asie – Institut Français des Relations Internationales; University of Siena; Romanian Institute for European - Asian Studies; London School of Economics.

26 – 27 October 2010
Seoul, Korea

The 2nd ASEM Rectors' Conference themed "Asia-Europe University Cooperation: Contributing to the Global Knowledge Society" was organised at Korea University in Seoul on 26 – 27 October 2010 through the joint efforts of ASEF, Korea University and the ASEAN University Network.

The Conference gathered university leaders and high-level representatives of ASEM higher education institutions, networks, organisations and a select number of student participants. The discussions



Group photo of the Asia-Europe Universities Leaders gathered on the occasion of the 2nd ASEM Rectors' Conference

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in Seoul focused on the role of universities in building knowledge societies. The Conference called upon the ASEM governments and university leaders to:

- 1 recognise and support universities as motors for economic growth and for the creation of knowledge societies;
- 2 foster effective knowledge transfer and knowledge sharing;
- 3 support curricula reforms and education for global citizenship;
- 4 widen perspectives for mobility; and
- 5 support student involvement in the programming of the ASEM Education Process.

The aforementioned Recommendations will be presented to the 3rd Asia-Europe Meeting of Ministers for Education (ASEMME3) in May 2011 (Copenhagen).

In partnership with Korea University (KU) and ASEAN University Network (AUN) Bhavan (India)



The rapporteurs of the six working groups presents the outcomes of their respective group discussions.



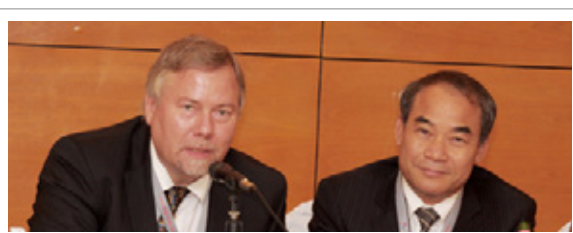
From left: Dr Byung-Kook Kim, President of Korea Foundation; Ambassador Dominique Girard, Executive Director of AEF; Prof Dr Ki-Su Lee, President of Korea University and Prof Dr Pinit Ratananukul, Vice Chairman of the AUN Board of Trustees

6-8 December 2010
Hanoi, Vietnam

The ASEM LLL Hub international Conference 2010 themed "Vietnam Forum on Lifelong Learning: Building a Learning Society" was organised by the Ministry of Education and Training of Vietnam (MOET) (6 – 8 December 2010) in Hanoi. This event was organised in partnership with UNESCO Hanoi office and the ASEM LLL Hub.

The Forum was attended by 395 participants. It included presentations on:

- 1 'Lifelong Learning Research Results and Practices'; and
- 2 'Inter-sectoral Approaches to Lifelong learning' by the ASEM LLL Hub's partner universities, selected UNESCO specialists, stakeholders from



From left: Dr Arne Carlsen, Chairman of the ASEM LLL Hub, and Vietnamese Vice-Minister of Education Nguyen Vinh Hien

community learning centres and managers of cultural and national heritage authority, science and technology and public libraries.

Five research seminars were also organised within the overall programme of the Forum. The recommendations from the Forum will be submitted to the Government of Vietnam and the 3rd Asia-Europe Meeting of Ministers for Education (ASEMME3) in May 2011 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

In partnership with the Vietnam Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) and UNESCO Hanoi Office

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EU Through The Eyes of Asia – Phase IV



Natalia Chaban and Sol Iglesias launch "The EU through the Eyes of Asia: New Cases, New Findings" publication during the EUforAsia Stakeholders Roundtable in Brussels

The European Studies in Asia (ESiA) Network research project "The EU through the Eyes of Asia" is a unique transnational study which provides comparative and scientifically valid feedback of attitudes and citizens' perceptions of the EU in Asia. In the fourth research phase, the study added India, Macau SAR (as part of the wider China study) and Malaysia to the previous nine research locations: China (Shanghai and Hong Kong SAR), Indonesia, Japan, Korea, The Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. In each location, the project systematically assessed daily representations of the EU in reputable local

news media, as well as the perception of the EU among the general public, national stakeholders and decision-makers.

The following activities were held throughout 2010:

5 – 7 January 2010; Delhi, India

9 April 2010; Brussels, Belgium

8 – 10 December 2010; Macau SAR, China

Edited by Martin Holland and Natalia Chaban

In partnership with the National Centre for Research on Europe (NCRE) – University of Canterbury; University of Macau; Centre for European Studies – Jawaharlal Nehru University; Asia Europe Institute – University of Malaya; and the Europe-Asia Policy Forum

*15 – 17 December 2010
Kunming, China*

The 5th Advisory Committee (AC) Meeting was attended by experts in higher education (HE) cooperation. They represented leading academic networks and institutions in ASEM countries as well as a selected number of government institutions in Yunnan Province (Ministry of Education and Foreign Affairs) and local media.

The Kunming Meeting provided strategic advice on ASEF's higher education action plan for 2011. Topics for the 2nd Asia-Europe Education Workshop and 3rd ASEM Rectors' Conference were discussed and



The 5th ASEM Education Hub Advisory Committee Meeting participants in Kunming, China

outlined. Furthermore, the AEH Advisory Committee members emphasised the necessary channelling of information on ASEF's higher education activities through a strategic partnership with the media.

In partnership with Kunming University of Science and Technology (KUST)

Human Rights and Governance

Asia and Europe can gain knowledge and insight from each other on good governance. This is particularly useful for countries that are building democratic institutions and norms based on public accountability. Governance issues are furthermore at the core of conflict management. ASEF encourages informal, open and non-confrontational dialogue among representatives of governments and civil society from Asia and Europe in the field of “Human Rights and Governance”. Since 2000, ASEF has acted as the secretariat for the Informal Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Seminar on Human Rights.

The Asia-Europe Democratisation and Justice series (AEDJ) provides a platform for dialogue between civil society and policymakers from Asia and Europe.

“New Trends in Political Financing Regulation in Asia and Europe - The New Role of Monitoring & Enforcement Bodies”, a two-day workshop, was held in Lisbon, Portugal (18 – 19 Feb 2010). It examined existing regulating mechanisms for monitoring the financing of political parties. Country case studies and practitioner experiences were used by Asian and European experts to analyse existing practices. They also explored the common practices and challenges faced from political financing. There was also an exchange of views on new media and citizen monitoring with official regulation channels. Four key themes of setting standards in countries undergoing political transition were discussed. These were institutional innovation, performance and capacity building; the Watchdog role of civil society (its potential, application and limits); and comparative and regional regulatory reforms. The 18 experts included high-level civil society practitioners, academics, and representatives from international and regional institutions and from relevant official bodies in ASEM countries.

Subsequently, the 3rd Advisory Group Meeting was held on 20 and 21 February 2010 in Sofia, Bulgaria. The Advisory Group developed ideas for a report on major issues in the area of democratisation & justice to be published in 2012. The meeting also identified a niche for the series to contribute to the Asia-Europe policy dialogue in the field of democratisation and justice. The meeting was co-organised by ASEF in partnership with the Hanns Seidel Foundation Indonesia and hosted by the Center for the Study of Democracy in Sofia, Bulgaria.

In partnership with Instituto de Ciências Sociais, University of Lisbon and the Hanns Seidel Foundation (Indonesia)

With the support of the Council of Europe/GRECO – Group of States against Corruption; Assembleia da República Portuguesa; Transparency International; the Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia; and the Center for the Study of Democracy (Bulgaria)

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7th Asia-Europe Roundtable Workshop: Early Warning Systems in Minority Conflicts

20 – 21 May 2010
Singapore



The 7th Asia-Europe Roundtable workshop discussion in progress

The 7th Asia-Europe Roundtable workshop aimed to develop an early warning framework for predicting and preventing minority conflict that could be applied at the regional level. Using current best practices, Asian and European experts in the field of early warning systems and minority conflict explored issues at the heart of the topic, drawing out relevant lessons for a set of regional policy options for preventing intrastate ethnic conflict.

The outcome of the workshop was jointly presented by ASEF and FES at the Oxfam Early Warning for Protection' Conference on technologies and practice for the prevention of Mass Atrocity Crimes. The workshop publication 'Early Warning Systems in Minority Conflicts – A Framework for Developing Regional Responses' was presented at a briefing in Brussels on 10 February 2011.

In partnership with Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung, Singapore Institute for International Affairs and Europe-Asia Policy Forum

7 – 9 July 2010
Manila, The Philippines



Group Photo of the participants of the 10th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights "Human Rights and Gender Equality", held in Manila, Philippines on 7 – 9 July 2010

About 100 Asian and European participants, including diplomats from ASEM partners, experts and civil society representatives from the field of Human Rights, met in Manila to deliberate on human rights and gender equality issues.

Under the broad heading of "Human Rights and Gender Equality", the Seminar focused on four themes: political rights and political empowerment; civil status and economic empowerment; cultural practices and social empowerment; and gender-related violence. The thematic discussions addressed cross-cutting issues common to all themes and focused on theme-specific questions. Many participants emphasised the continued need for national legislative reforms and specific gender equality policies. There was a strong will to share each other's experiences and explore areas for collaboration.

The Seminar was timed to coincide with major international developments in the women's rights protection system. As such, the topic was seen

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as highly relevant, particularly in the context of the recent formation of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights, the creation of the ASEAN Commission on Women and Children and UN acceptance of gay rights representation.

The Special Panel on Trafficking organised by the Ateneo Center for Human Rights explored the capacity of existing regional mechanisms to address the trafficking of women in ASEAN. It also assessed challenges faced by regional human rights organisations in protecting and promoting women's rights.

The active representation of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transexual (LGBT) groups in this international forum made the sub-themes of gender identity and the rights of the LGBT groups particularly relevant.

LIST OF ACTIVITIES:

- **Rapporteurs' Meeting**
15 March 2010
- **10th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights: "Human Rights and Gender Equality"**
7 – 9 July 2010
- **Steering Committee Meeting**
10 July 2010

In partnership with Raoul Wallenberg Institute (Sweden) and the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (France). Hosted by the government of the Philippines with the Ateneo Human Rights Center and the Ateneo de Manila Law School of the Ateneo University

22 – 29 November 2010
Bangkok, Hanoi, Phnom Penh, Vientiane

The speaker for the 34th Asia-Europe Lecture Tour in Asia was Professor Manfred Nowak, Director of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, Vienna, and former UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment. He spoke on human rights in criminal justice systems through a series of public lectures and briefings. These were held at 5 venues in 3 cities in Southeast Asia: Bangkok, Phnom Penh and Vientiane.

In his lectures, Professor Nowak presented a reference book co-authored with Dato' Param Cumaraswamy, the first United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Lawyers and Judges. The reference book "Human Rights in Criminal Justice Systems", was based on the Background Paper they had prepared for the 9th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights, held in Strasbourg from 6 to 7 March 2009.



Professor Nowak at the Lecture co-organized with Center for Human Rights Studies and Social Development at Mahidol University, Bangkok on 22 November 2010

In partnership with Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA); Centre for Human Rights Studies and Social Developments at Mahidol University; Department of Criminal Law and Criminology, Faculty of Law at Thammasat University; United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR); Cambodian Defenders Project; Faculty of Law and Public Affairs at Pannasastra University of Cambodia; and Faculty of Law and Political Science at National University of Laos.

Intercommunal Dialogue

Religion and belonging to ethnic or cultural groups or communities remain a powerful societal force in many parts of the world. Dialogue between religious or communal groups often aim at reconciliation of the main players in a given conflict. However, intercommunal dialogue can also be a helpful social, or even political, instrument for the prevention of such conflicts. Recognising the need for inclusive, multi-stakeholder action, ASEF activities aim at promoting mutual understanding and exploring opportunities for collaboration and innovation among all stakeholders. This includes the representatives from both religious and secular groups.



Participants of the Journalists' Colloquium during one of the breakout sessions

*5 – 6 April 2010
Madrid, Spain*

A group of 15 young journalists and religious leaders from Asia and Europe were brought together in a dialogue on the key issues related to reporting on religion. This colloquium focussed especially on education and professional training. Among the topics discussed were media literacy for religious leaders and religious knowledge for journalists, terminology used in media and professional training for both media and religious leaders. The Colloquium's recommendations were considered by the 6th ASEM Interfaith Dialogue in Madrid/Toledo (7-9 April 2010) then incorporated entirely in the Madrid Statement on ASEM Interfaith Dialogue. The 6th ASEM IFD also acknowledged "the active participation and support given by the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)" to the ASEM interfaith process. This colloquium concludes six consecutive years of ASEF Journalists' Colloquia organised in conjunction with the ASEM Interfaith Dialogue.



Participants of the 8th ASEF Journalists' Colloquium

In partnership with Casa Asia of Spain and with the support of Paramadina University of Indonesia



From left: Ms Karnjariya Sukrung, Ms Laura Schuurmans, and Mr Martin Horalek

Publications



Human Rights in Criminal Justice Systems

Proceedings of the 9th Informal Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Seminar on Human Rights

Publisher: Asia-Europe Foundation

The conference proceedings of the 9th Informal Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Seminar on Human Rights serve as a reference on the state of play of the debate on human rights in criminal justice systems in ASEM countries. The 9th Seminar was co-organised by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Raoul Wallenberg Institute (delegated by the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and the Asia-Europe Foundation.



Connecting Civil Societies III: Conference Proceedings

An Asia-Europe Dialogue on Economy and Society

Editor: Ronan Lenihan and Sol Iglesias

This conference proceedings publication features a selection of keynote presentations from the Connecting Civil Societies III conference, which was organised in October 2008. The conference report and recommendations were submitted to the ASEM leaders prior to the 7th ASEM Summit in Beijing, China.

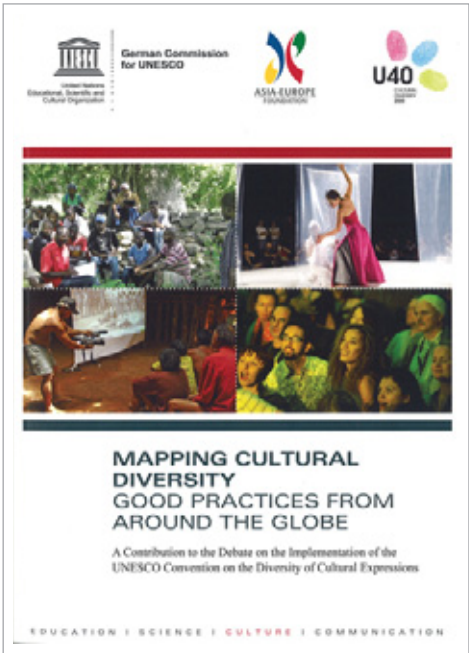
Publications



The Impact of the Financial Crisis to Higher Education

Editor: Chripa Schneller and Sean Golden

This publication is the first in a series of Asia-Europe Education Reports which provided inputs to two of ASEF's initiatives organised in October 2010 – 4th Connecting Civil Societies of Asia and Europe (on the eve of the ASEM VIII Heads of State Summit) and the 2nd ASEM Rectors' Conference (Korea). It features analysis from experts in the fields of education and economics on lessons learnt, issues to be further addressed at the ASEM level, and best practices of handling the recent global financial crisis.



Mapping Cultural Diversity: Good Practices from Around the Globe

Editor: Anupama Sekhar and Anna Steinkamp

This publication is the first to document good practices related to the UNESCO Convention on the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (2005). Therefore, it responds to the ASEM Culture Ministers emphasis on the ratification and implementation of the UNESCO Convention by all member countries, as stated in the Chairman's Statement of the Fourth ASEM Culture Ministers' Meeting (September 2010, Poland).

The publication was launched at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris (November 2010) and features 39 case studies, including 17 from ASEM countries. It was a collaboration between ASEF, the German Commission for UNESCO and the U40-programme "Cultural Diversity 2030".

Publications



Asia-Europe Journal (AEJ) – Volume 8, Issues 1-4

Volume 8 Number 1:

Migration in Asia and Europe

Editor-in-Chief:

Dr. Albrecht Rothacher (European Commission)

Volume 8 Number 2:

The Baltic Sea and the South China Sea Regions:
Incomparable Models of Regional Integration?

Guest Editor:

Associate Professor Barnard Turner (National University
of Singapore and EU Centre in Singapore)

Volume 8 Number 3:

Perspectives from Asia and Europe:
How do we perceive each other

Guest Editors:

Prof. Martin Holland and Dr. Natalia Chaban
(National Centre for Research on Europe (NCRE), New Zealand)

Volume 8 Number 4:

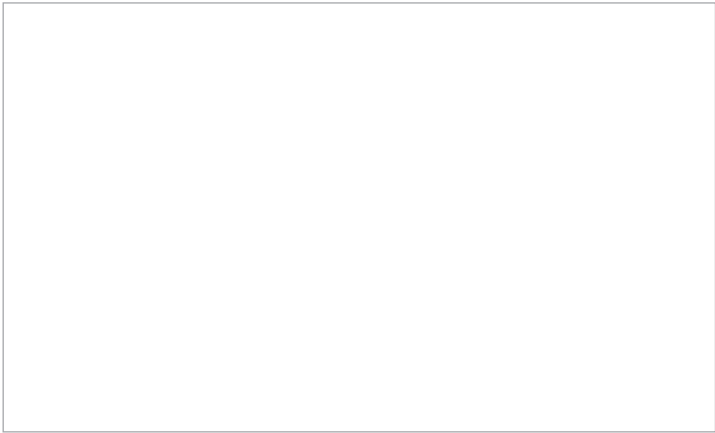
Public Health and Vulnerable Groups

Guest Editors :

Dr. Manish Kakkar (Public Health Foundation, India)
Prof. Tomasz Kostka (Medical University of Łódź, Poland)
Dr. Trinidad S. Osteria (Yuchengco Center,
De La Salle University, Manila)

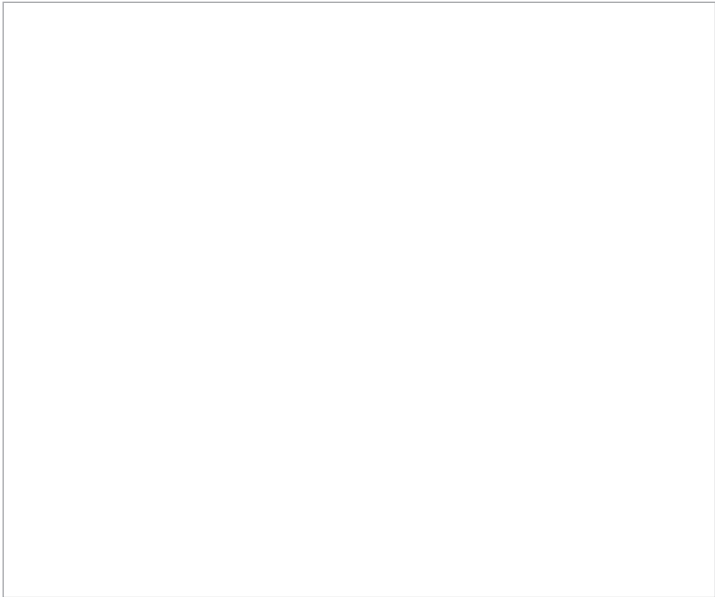
The Journal is devoted to publishing interdisciplinary and intercultural studies and research between Asia and Europe in the social sciences and humanities. Fields of interest include various aspects of bilateral relationships, comparative studies as well as Asian area studies from an European perspective and vice versa. Each volume is intended to focus on one major subject such as security, historical experiences, cultural perceptions, civic rights, gender issues, regional integration, development, media or other areas of bi-regional interest.

Websites



ASEF Corporate Website

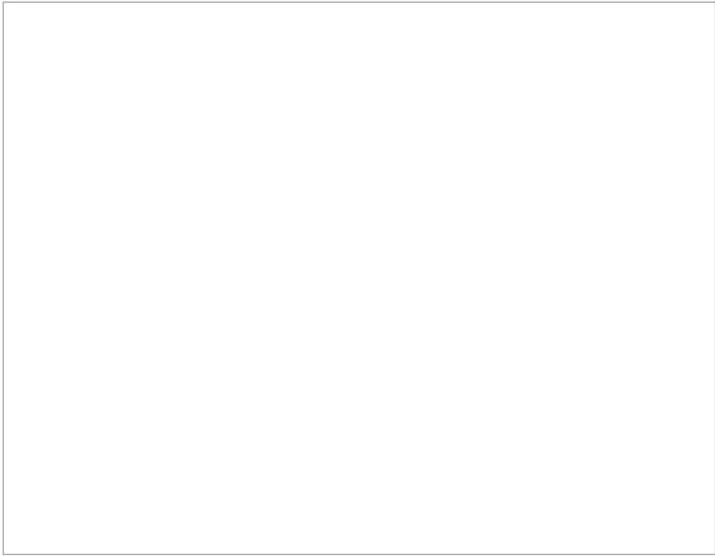
ASEF’s primary website serves as a portal to current projects and announcements, while also maintaining archive of completed activities and projects. Visitors to the website find comprehensive information about ASEF as an organisation and its funding, coupled with calls for applications for upcoming projects, information about ASEF publications, news articles and links to partner organisations.



ASEM InfoBoard

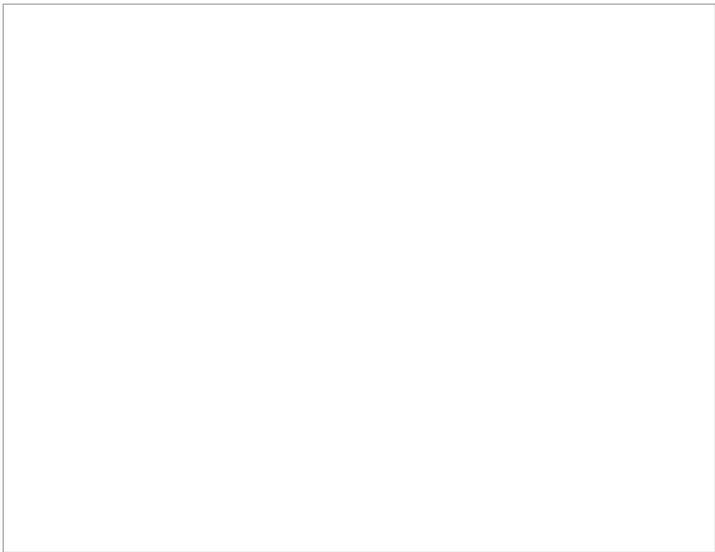
ASEF is mandated by the ASEM partners to maintain the ASEM InfoBoard, a one-stop information service for ASEM affairs and other matters regarding Asia-Europe relations. It has served as a primary source of information on the ASEM process, and helped to increase the visibility of ASEM to external public.

Websites



Asia-Europe Classroom Network (AEC-NET)

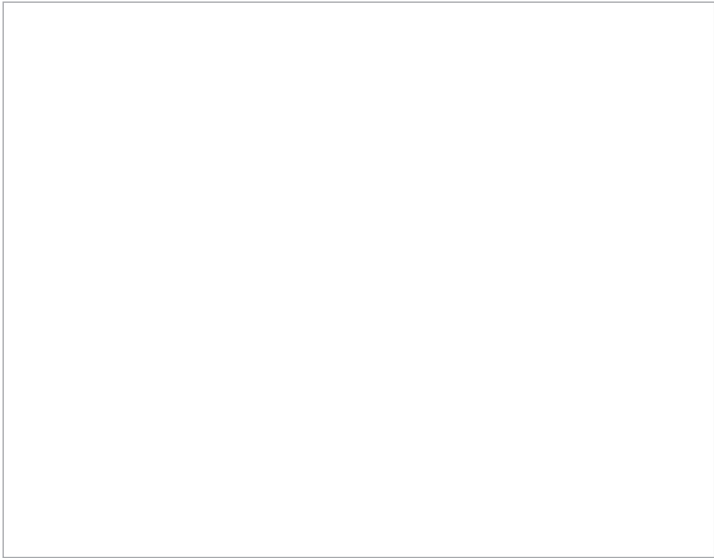
Launched in December 1998, the Asia-Europe Classroom Network (AEC-NET) is ASEF's main platform to forge contacts among secondary and high schools, educators and students in Asia and Europe. Through its activities, the AEC-NET provides opportunities for collaborative learning and intercultural exchanges. It is a cyber-classroom shared by students and educators to build stronger bi-regional networks and partnerships in the course of implementing common online projects and participating in face-to-face exchanges.



Asia-Europe Museum Network: ASEMUS

The Asia-Europe Museum Network (ASEMUS) aims to promote mutual understanding through exchange and collaborations between museums from Asia and Europe. The ASEMUS website provides news and events relating to museums in the two regions as well as information on member museums, selected professionals and projects. It also highlights opportunities for professional development. The new website was launched in May 2011 and is hosted as part of the culture360.org portal.

Websites

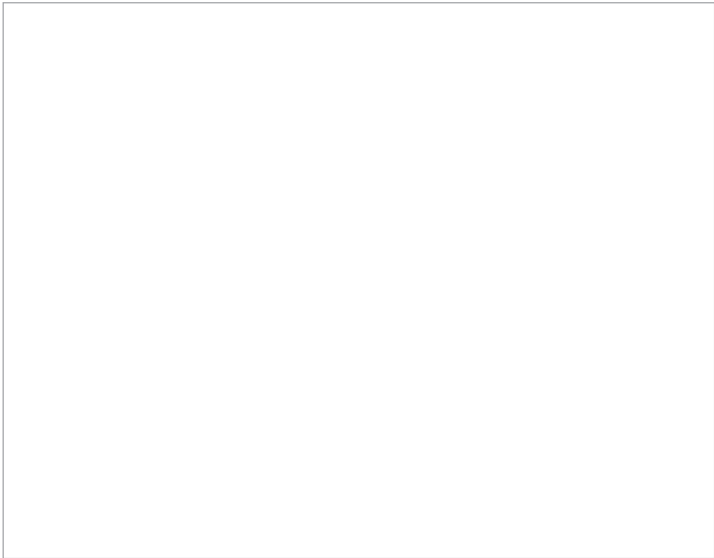


Database on Education Exchange Programmes (DEEP)

The Database on Education Exchange Programme (DEEP) is ASEM's comprehensive online portal on universities, student exchanges and scholarships in Asia and Europe. DEEP provides information about:

- Universities and their academic programmes in 38 ASEM countries;
- Cross-regional exchange programmes and scholarships for university students and lecturers; and
- General entry requirements and country profiles

DEEP Portal is currently under maintenance.



European Studies in Asia (ESiA)

The ESiA website is an interactive website for European studies academics, institutions and network to share information and collaborate online. This unique platform is a resource of information, debate and research for European studies scholars in Asia and Europe. It contains papers, articles, conference and publication announcements, vacancies and an extensive database of leading European studies institutions and networks in the two regions.

The eMonitor is the electronic newsletter of the ESiA network with a readership of 8,000 in Asia, Europe and internationally.

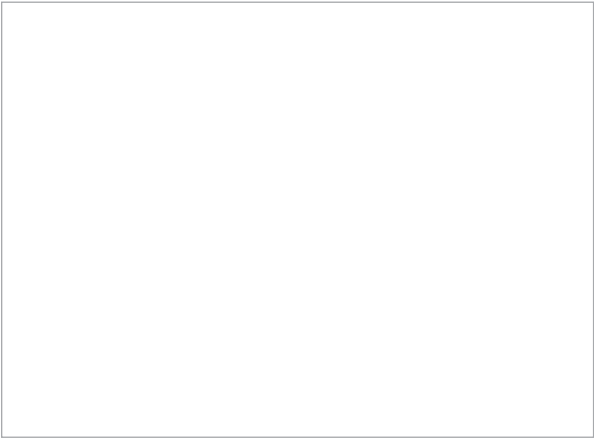
Websites

culture360.org

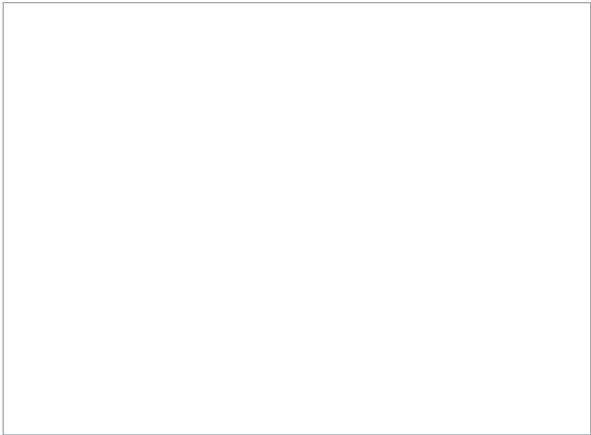
The culture360.org is a unique online platform that connects the people of Asia and Europe through a dialogue on arts and culture. The portal was re-launched in April 2010 with a new design, new features and social media tools to provide information, facilitate dialogue and stimulate reflection on different disciplines in arts and culture.

It provides information on the latest news, events and opportunities as well as a magazine section with in-depth articles, features and profiles on individuals and organisations. Individual visitors and organisations can become members of the culture360.org community and create their own dialogue platforms through blogs, groups and forums.

The culture360.org platform also includes a new sub-site on film called film.culture360.org (<http://film.culture360.org/>). It provides information



on the film sectors in Asia and Europe with a special focus on independent cinema. The film.culture360.org site continues the mission of the former online platform, SEA-Images (Synergy Europe-Asia in the field of cinema), which was initiated during the 1st Asia-Europe Film Development Plan Meeting (Manila, August 2002).



Asia Europe Journal (AEJ)

The Asia Europe Journal is devoted to publishing interdisciplinary and intercultural studies and research between Asia and Europe in the social sciences and humanities. This website serves as an online archive of the journal with abstracts of all articles and biographies of the authors and editors.

Contributions by ASEM Partners

Receipts have been converted to SGD at transaction date rates

CULMULATIVE FIGURES FROM 1997 – 2010					
MEMBERS	Year 2010	Total Receipts	Operating Fund	Project Fund (incl Trust Fund)	Reserve Fund
AUSTRIA	90,798	1,611,256	1,611,256	-	-
BELGIUM	180,315	2,271,053	864,375	-	1,406,678
BRUNEI	84,280	1,904,602	1,904,602	-	-
BULGARIA		121,012	121,012	-	-
CAMBODIA	13,785	89,212	89,212	-	-
CHINA	323,489	4,707,248	4,707,248	-	-
CYPRUS	36,304	36,304	36,304	-	-
CZECH REPUBLIC		467,763	467,763	-	-
DENMARK	359,235	3,036,794	3,036,794	-	-
ESTONIA	17,256	100,993	100,993	-	-
FINLAND	104,784	3,287,459	3,287,459		
FRANCE	797,706	5,864,730	1,940,320	2,910,010	1,014,400
GERMANY	381,613	5,921,830	5,921,830	-	-
GREECE		403,401	377,871	-	25,530
HUNGARY	61,996	299,592	299,592	-	-
INDIA	138,138	565,546	565,546	-	-
INDONESIA	69,802	1,177,754	1,177,754	-	-
IRELAND	181,660	1,763,328	1,763,328	-	-
ITALY		2,037,431	2,037,431	-	-
JAPAN	1,302,940	9,603,901	3,451,788	6,152,114	-
KOREA	274,449	4,576,749	2,888,811	345,900	1,342,038
LAOS	6,825	45,383	45,383	-	-
LATVIA	40,421	134,050	134,050	-	-
LITHUANIA	34,741	115,193	115,193	-	-
LUXEMBOURG	362,534	5,283,916	4,230,062	-	1,053,854
MALAYSIA	82,542	1,085,387	519,476	-	565,911
MALTA	25,988	25,988	25,988	-	-
MONGOLIA		-	-	-	-
MYANMAR	26,767	150,498	150,498	-	-
THE NETHERLANDS	130,668	2,607,281	2,607,281	-	-
NEW ZEALAND	100,000	100,000	100,000		
PAKISTAN	41,718	158,029	158,029	-	-
PHILIPPINES	88,598	681,086	681,086	-	-
POLAND	87,456	599,969	599,969	-	-
PORTUGAL	144,291	1,460,105	582,792	-	877,313
ROMANIA	33,808	135,084	135,084	-	-
SINGAPORE	270,221	6,307,063	2,877,763	-	3,429,300
SLOVAKIA		42,883	42,883	-	-
SLOVENIA	34,230	178,006	178,006	-	-
SPAIN		2,713,593	2,713,593	-	-
SWEDEN	203,104	1,831,837	1,831,837	-	-
THAILAND	107,323	1,720,475	322,360	-	1,398,115
UNITED KINGDOM		1,898,844	1,017,077	881,767	-
VIETNAM	32,980	477,686	477,686	-	-
EUROPEAN COMMISSION	2,589,134	17,027,551	1,846,343	13,327,808	1,853,400
TOTAL SGD	8,861,896	94,627,863	58,043,726	23,617,598	12,966,539

The contributions received from ASEM partners are placed under the following funds in accordance with the declarations made by the contributors:

- Operating Fund:** Contributions received are utilised for the operating requirements of the Foundation
- Project Fund:** Contributions received are utilised for the funding of projects. In the case of trust funds, contributions received are ear-marked for specific projects, the utilisation of which requires prior approval from the contributing member
- Reserve Fund:** Contributions received are invested, with income generated being used to finance activities of the Foundation if necessary

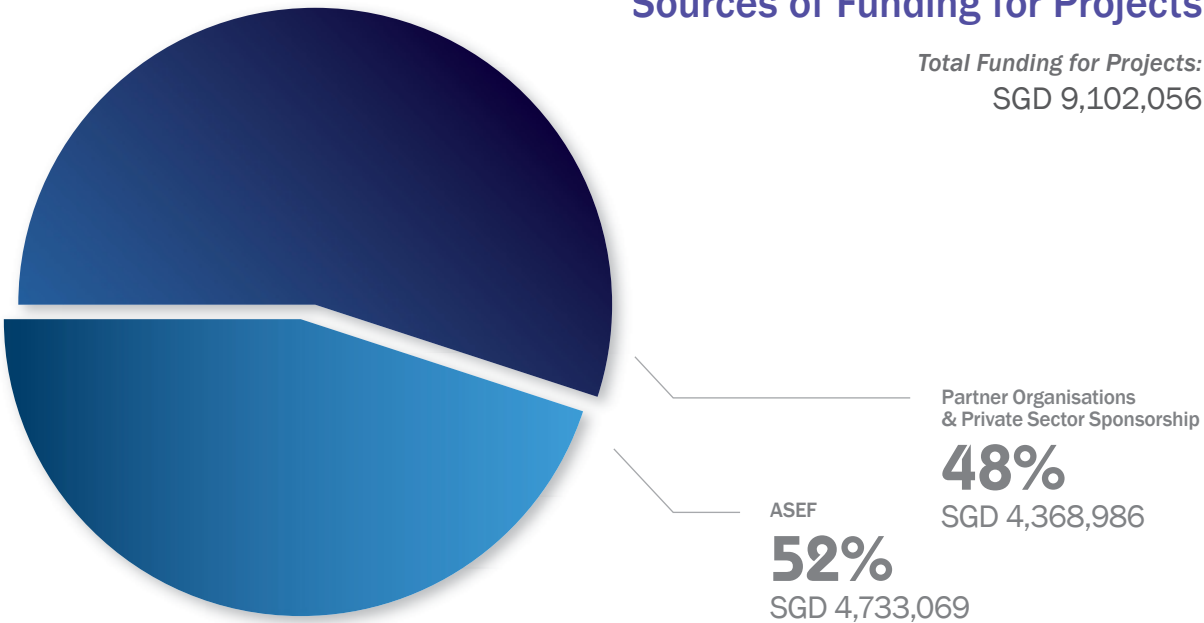
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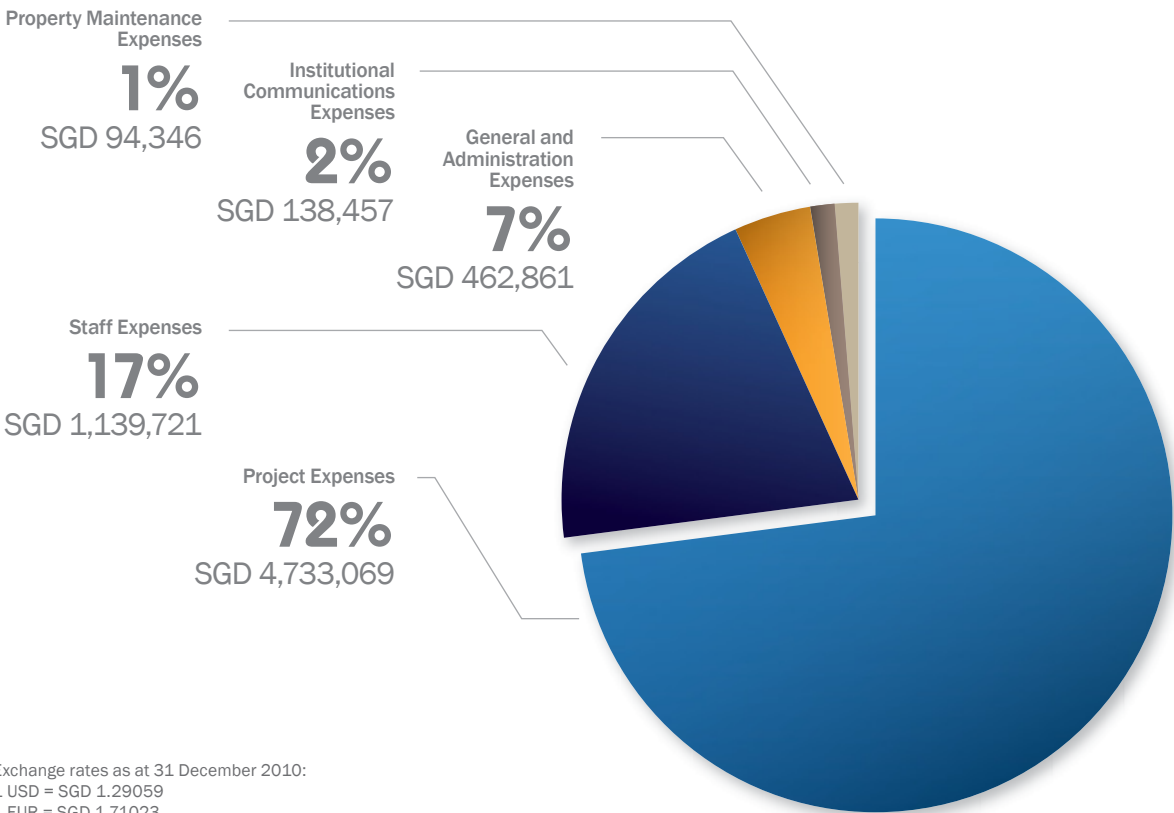
Sources of Funding for Projects

Total Funding for Projects:
SGD 9,102,056



Summary of Expenditure

Total Expenditure for Projects:
SGD 6,568,455



Exchange rates as at 31 December 2010:
1 USD = SGD 1.29059
1 EUR = SGD 1.71023

* Unaudited figures as at 31 March 2011

Partners

Partners	Projects
Academy of Fine Arts Saar (Germany)	Asia-Europe Culture Partnership Initiative: New Media (Expert Meeting on New Media Workers across Asia and Europe)
Arts Council of Mongolia	Asia-Europe Culture Partnership Initiative: Film (East Meets West: Film Forum and Festival)
ASEAN University Network	2nd ASEM Rectors' Conference
ASEF University Alumni Network	2nd ASEFUAN Dialogue
Asia Europe Institute – University of Malaya	EU Through The Eyes of Asia – Phase IV
Asian Development Bank, Office of Regional Economic Integration (Manila, The Philippines)	33rd Asia-Europe Lecture Tour
Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development	34th Asia-Europe Lecture Tour
Asian Institute for Management	1st Asia-Europe Education Workshop
Asia-Pacific Institute of Ageing Studies, Oxford	Asia-Europe Workshop Series 2010 – “Changing Intergenerational Relationships as Europe and Asia Age”
Austrian Institute of International Affairs – University of Vienna	Asia in the Eyes of Europe
Belgian ASEM 8 Taskforce	4th Connecting Civil Societies of Asia and Europe ASEM Outlook Workshop
British Council	9th ASEFUAN Annual General Meeting and Annual Conference
Brussels Institute for Contemporary Chinese Studies – Vrije Universiteit Brussel	Asia in the Eyes of Europe
Cambodian Defenders Project	34th Asia-Europe Lecture Tour
Casa Asia (Spain)	8th ASEF Journalists' Colloquium Asia-Europe Young Leaders Symposia
Casino Luxembourg - Forum d'art contemporain (Luxembourg)	7th Asia-Europe Art Camp – Art Workshop For Visual Arts
Centre Asie – Institut Francais des Relations Internationales	Asia in the Eyes of Europe
Centre for European Studies - Jawaharlal Nehru University	EU Through The Eyes of Asia – Phase IV
Centre for European Studies in Fudan University (Shanghai, China)	33rd Asia-Europe Lecture Tour
Chatham House	5th Asia-Europe Editors' Roundtable
Chulalongkorn University	Asia-Europe Workshop Series 2010 – “Europeanisation and Aseanisation in a comparative perspective”
Chulalongkorn University, Faculty of Political Science (Bangkok, Thailand)	33rd Asia-Europe Lecture Tour

Partners

Partners	Projects
Cityspinning (India)	Asia-Europe Culture Partnership Initiative: New Media (Residency: M.A.P. Mobile Artistic Platform)
Common Room Networks Foundation (Indonesia)	Asia-Europe Culture Partnership Initiative: New Media (Expert Meeting on New Media, Civil Society and Environmental Sustainability)
Coordinating Committee of International Voluntary Service	Asia-Europe Co-operation in Voluntary Service
Copenhagen Business School	Asia in the Eyes of Europe
Council of Europe	Asia-Europe Partnership in the Field of Trainings
DDM Warehouse (China)	7th Asia-Europe Art Camp - Art Workshop For Visual Arts
EU Centre in Singapore	33rd Asia-Europe Lecture Tour
European Alliance for Asian Studies	Asia-Europe Workshop Series 2010
European Environmental Agency	9th ASEFUAN Annual General Meeting and Annual Conference
European Studies Institute of Japan	9th ASEFUAN Annual General Meeting and Annual Conference
European Union Centre Singapore	Public Talk “Does the EU need a New Asia Strategy?” by Mr Alain Ruche
Europe-Asia Policy Forum	Early Warning Systems in Minority Conflicts Briefing EU for Asia Stakeholders’ Roundtable 4th Connecting Civil Societies of Asia and Europe
Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung (Singapore and Brussels offices)	Early Warning Systems in Minority Conflicts Briefing
Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung (Singapore office)	7th Asia-Europe Roundtable Workshop
Fudan Institute of Advanced Studies in Social Sciences	33rd Asia-Europe Lecture Tour
German Commission for UNESCO	Mapping Cultural Diversity: Good Practices from Around the Globe
German Council for Foreign Relations	Asia in the Eyes of Europe
Goethe-Institut Max Mueller Bhavan (India)	Asia-Europe Culture Partnership Initiative: Performing Arts (Ignite! Festival of Contemporary Dance)
Hanns Seidel Foundation	ENVforum 2010 Conference
Hong Kong Baptist University	Asia-Europe Workshop Series 2010 – “Urban management for an urban future”
Indonesian Dance Festival (Indonesia)	Asia-Europe Culture Partnership Initiative: Performing Arts (IETM Asia Satellite Meeting 2010)
Institute for Comparative Cultural Studies Ningbo (China) - University of Nottingham	Asia-Europe Culture Partnership Initiative: New Media (Expert Meeting on New Media Workers across Asia and Europe)
Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (Japan)	ENVforum 2010 Conference

Partners

Partners	Projects
Instituto de Ciencias Sociais, University of Lisbon	Asia-Europe Democratisation & Justice Series Workshop
International Institute of Asian Studies (The Netherlands)	Roundtable: The Cultural Heritages of Asia and Europe – Global Challenges and Local Initiatives
International Law Association of Belgium	2nd ASEFUAN Dialogue
International Network for Contemporary Performing Arts (Belgium)	Asia-Europe Culture Partnership Initiative: Performing Arts (IETM Asia Satellite Meeting 2010)
International Workcamp Organization Korea	Asia-Europe Partnership in the Field of Trainings
Ireland and Irish Institute of Chinese Studies	Asia-Europe Workshop Series 2010 – “Economic/Social Exclusion and Collective Action – Asia and Europe Compared”
Japan Foundation	9th ASEFUAN Annual General Meeting and Annual Conference
Keio University	9th ASEFUAN Annual General Meeting and Annual Conference
Kobalt Works (Belgium)	Asia-Europe Culture Partnership Initiative: Performing Arts (Residency: Monsoon)
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (Brussels office)	ASEM Outlook Workshop and Roundtable Conference
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (Singapore office)	Asia in the Eyes of Europe
Korea University	2nd ASEM Rectors’ Conference
Kunming University of Science and Technology	5th ASEM Education Hub Advisory Committee Meeting
London School of Economics	Asia in the Eyes of Europe
Lowave (France)	Asia-Europe Culture Partnership Initiative: Film (Forum Discussion – Trends in Experimental Cinema)
Madrid Global	Asia-Europe Young Urban Leaders Dialogue
Mahidol University - Centre for Human Rights Studies and Social Developments	34th Asia-Europe Lecture Tour
Maraa Media Collective (India)	Asia-Europe Culture Partnership Initiative: New Media (Residency: M A P Mobile Artistic Platform)
Ministry of Culture and National Heritage, Poland	4th ASEM Culture Ministers’ Meeting
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Department of Cultural Relations and UNESCO), Vietnam	ASEM Workshop on Enhancing ASEM Visibility through Cultural Activities
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan	9th ASEFUAN Annual General Meeting and Annual Conference
Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (France)	10th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights
Musée du Quai Branly (ASEMUS Chair) (France)	ASEMUS General Conference
Museum of World Culture (ASEMUS Secretariat) (Sweden)	ASEMUS General Conference

Partners

Partners	Projects
National Centre for Research on Europe – University of Canterbury (New Zealand)	EU Through The Eyes of Asia – Phase IV Asia in the Eyes of Europe
National University of Laos - Faculty of Law and Political Science	34th Asia-Europe Lecture Tour
National University of Singapore	Asia-Europe Workshop Series 2010 – “Young People and New Media in Asia and Europe – Continents Apart, Concerns Converged”
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Cambodia)	34th Asia-Europe Lecture Tour
Pannasastra University of Cambodia - Faculty of Law and Public Affairs	34th Asia-Europe Lecture Tour
Raoul Wallenberg Institute (Sweden)	10th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights
Reloading Images (Germany)	Asia-Europe Culture Partnership Initiative: New Media (Residency: M A P Mobile Artistic Platform)
Romanian Institute for European - Asian Studies	Asia in the Eyes of Europe
S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies	33rd Asia-Europe Lecture Tour
Sciences Po	Asia-Europe Workshop Series 2010 – “Europeanisation and Aseanisation in a comparative perspective”
Shanghai People's Association For Friendship with Foreign Countries	Asia-Europe Young Leaders Symposia
Singapore Institute for International Affairs	7th Asia-Europe Roundtable Workshop: Early Warning Systems in Minority Conflicts
St. Mark's Senior Secondary Public School, Meera Bagh	9th Asia-Europe Classroom Network
STUK Arts Centre (Belgium)	Asia-Europe Culture Partnership Initiative: Performing Arts (Residency: Monsoon)
Swedish Environmental Secretariat for Asia (Sweden)	ENVforum 2010 Conference
Thammasat University - Department of Criminal Law and Criminology, Faculty of Law	34th Asia-Europe Lecture Tour
The Amsterdam School of Communications Research ASCoR University of Amsterdam	Asia-Europe Workshop Series 2010 – “Young People and New Media in Asia and Europe – Continents Apart, Concerns Converged”
The European Union Centre in Singapore	Asia-Europe Workshop Series 2010 – “The Baltic Sea and South China Sea Regions: Incomparable Models of Regional Integration?”
The Gati Forum (India)	Asia-Europe Culture Partnership Initiative: Performing Arts (Ignite! Festival of Contemporary Dance)

Partners

Partners	Projects
The Medical University of Łódź	16th ASEF University
The Substation (Singapore)	Asia-Europe Culture Partnership Initiative: Film (Forum Discussion - Trends in Experimental Cinema)
The University of Maastricht – Institute for Globalization and International Regulation	2nd ASEFUAN Dialogue
Tsinghua University	Asia in the Eyes of Europe
U40 (Under 40ies) Network for Cultural Diversity	Mapping Cultural Diversity: Good Practices from Around the Globe
UNESCO Hanoi Office	ASEM Education and Research Hub for Lifelong Learning (ASEM LLL Hub)
United Nations Environment Programme	ENVforum 2010 Conference
University College Cork, Ireland	Asia-Europe Workshop Series 2010 – “Economic/Social Exclusion and Collective Action – Asia and Europe Compared”
University of Greifswald (Germany) - Department of History	Asia-Europe Workshop Series 2010 – “The Baltic Sea and South China Sea Regions: Incomparable Models of Regional Integration?”
University of Limerick – Euro-Asia Centre/Department of Languages and Cultural Studies	Asia-Europe Workshop Series 2010 – “Economic/Social Exclusion and Collective Action – Asia and Europe Compared”
University of Ljubljana	Asia-Europe Workshop Series 2010 – “Urban management for an urban future”
University of Luxembourg	7th Asia-Europe Art Camp – Art Workshop For Visual Arts
University of Macau	EU Through The Eyes of Asia – Phase IV
University of Oxford – Oxford Institute of Ageing	Asia-Europe Workshop Series 2010 – “Changing Intergenerational Relationships as Europe and Asia Age”
University of Siena	Asia in the Eyes of Europe
Vietnam Ministry of Education and Training	ASEM Education and Research Hub for Lifelong Learning (ASEM LLL Hub)
Yonsei-SERI EU Centre (Seoul, Korea)	33rd Asia-Europe Lecture Tour

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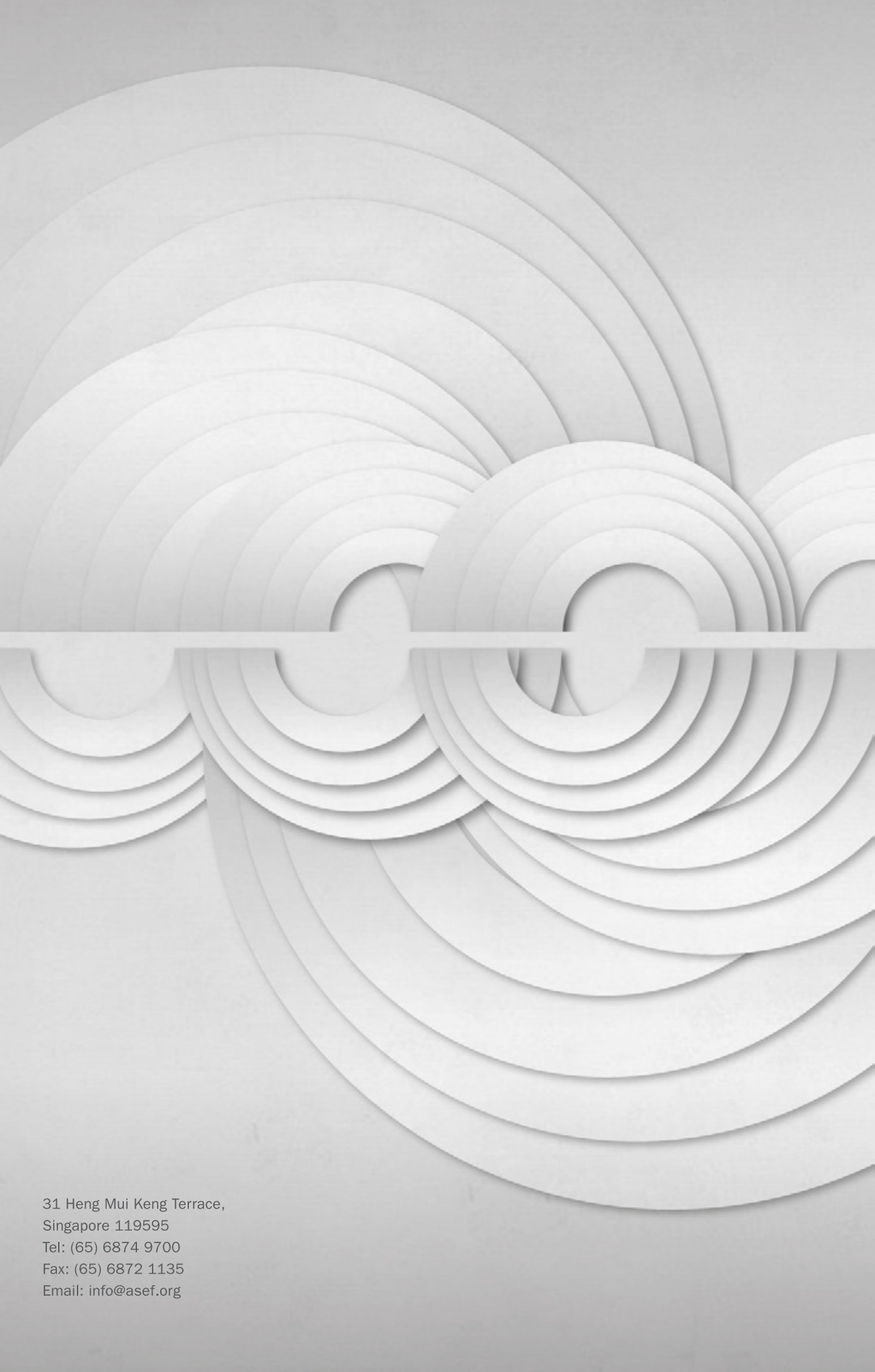
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APC Books	9th Asia-Europe Classroom Network (AEC-NET) Conference
Asian Development Bank	ENVforum 2010 Conference
Assembleia da República Portuguesa	Asia-Europe Democratisation & Justice Series Workshop
Ateneo University – Ateneo de Manila Law School	10th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights
Ateneo University – Ateneo Human Rights Center	10th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights
Australian Research Council	Asia-Europe Culture Partnership Initiative: New Media (Expert Meeting on New Media Workers across Asia and Europe)
Belgian ASEM 8 Taskforce	ASEM Outlook Workshop and Roundtable Conference
Chopra Audio Visual (P) Ltd	9th Asia-Europe Classroom Network (AEC-NET) Conference
Corporate Alliances	9th Asia-Europe Classroom Network (AEC-NET) Conference
Council of Europe/GRECO – Group of States against Corruption	Asia-Europe Democratisation & Justice Series Workshop
European Commission	Asia-Europe Workshop Series 2010 9th Asia-Europe Classroom Network (AEC-NET) Conference ASEM Rectors’ Conference ASEM Education and Research Hub on Lifelong Learning ASEM Education Hub: Advisory Committee and Secretariat Asia in the Eyes of Europe (ASiE) - Trans-national Study Asia in the Eyes of Europe (ASiE) - Partners’ Meeting Asia in the Eyes of Europe (ASiE): Media Analysis Methodology Workshop ESiA Expansion of “EU through the Eyes of Asia” (Phase IV) Trans-national Study Connect to Culture: Arts, Culture and Sustainability ENVForum 2010 Conference 10th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights Rapporteur’s Meeting 10th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights (Preparatory Meetings and Seminar) Culture360.org VolunAet Asia-Europe Youth Co-operation in Voluntary Service 2010 8th ASEF Journalists’ Colloquium ASEM Infoboard

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Europe-Asia Policy Forum	ASEM Outlook Workshop and Roundtable Conference
Federal Public Service, Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation (Belgium)	5th Asia-Europe Editors' Roundtable 4th Connecting Civil Societies of Asia and Europe
French Cultural Centre in Bandung (Indonesia)	Asia-Europe Culture Partnership Initiative: New Media (Expert Meeting on New Media, Civil Society and Environmental Sustainability)
Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia (Portugal)	Asia-Europe Democratisation & Justice Series Workshop
Goethe Institut (Indonesia)	Asia-Europe Culture Partnership Initiative: New Media (Expert Meeting on New Media, Civil Society and Environmental Sustainability)
Goethe-Institut (Shanghai)	Asia-Europe Culture Partnership Initiative: New Media (Expert Meeting on New Media Workers across Asia and Europe)
Government Japan	4th Connecting Civil Societies of Asia and Europe
Government of The Philippines	10th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights
Goyal Brothers Prakashan	9th Asia-Europe Classroom Network (AEC-NET) Conference
Hanns Seidel Foundation Germany	ENVforum 2010 Conference
Himani	9th Asia-Europe Classroom Network (AEC-NET) Conference
HIVOS (Humanist Institute for Cooperation with Developing Countries) (The Netherlands)	Asia-Europe Culture Partnership Initiative: New Media (Expert Meeting on New Media, Civil Society and Environmental Sustainability)
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