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‘New Era’ for Asian-European relations to be addressed by ASEF panel

On the occasion of its 20th anniversary, the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), in partnership with the Foreign Correspondents Association (FCA) of Singapore and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), will organise a panel discussion on Asian-European relations under the changing international circumstances on 8 June 2017 in Singapore.

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Established in 1997 as the only permanent institution of the [Asia-Europe Meeting \(ASEM\)](#) process, ASEF has been playing a pivotal role in fostering better understanding and closer cooperation between Asia and Europe through its projects and activities in various thematic areas.

Part of celebrating ASEF's 20th year in 2017, the panel discussion titled “*Asia & Europe: The Dawning of a New Era?*” will gather representatives from different sectors from both regions. It will address how, in view of recent changes in US foreign policy, Asia and Europe reconsider their own global positions and roles, and how both regions will readjust the relationship between themselves.

The panel discussion is also a side event of ASEF's 36th Board of Governors' Meeting.

Moderated by Ms Sharanjit LEYL, BBC Presenter & Producer and President of the FCA of Singapore, the diverse panel features a balanced representation of Asians and Europeans, public and private sectors, as well as the youth perspective:

- Prof Tommy KOH, Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore
- Prof Dr Helmut HAUSSMANN, ASEF Governor from Germany;

Vice President, Capgemini Deutschland Holding GmbH; Former German Federal Minister of Economics

- Dr KIM Gwang-jo, Director, UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education
- Prof Beatrice WEDER DI MAURO, Professor of Economics, University of Mainz, Germany; Distinguished Fellow-in-Residence, Emerging Markets Institute, INSEAD Singapore
- Ms Hillary BRIFFA, Doctoral Candidate & Graduate Teaching Assistant, King's College, London

Professor Kishore MAHBUBANI, Dean of LKYSPP, will deliver the keynote speech.

Over 200 people are expected to attend the panel discussion, including ASEF Governors, Heads of Missions and senior diplomats of [ASEM Partners](#), representatives of international organisations, universities and think tanks, as well as the business sector.

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About the Organisers

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The **Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)** promotes understanding, strengthens relationships and facilitates cooperation among the people, institutions and organisations of Asia and Europe. ASEF enhances dialogue, enables exchanges and encourages collaboration across the thematic areas of culture, education, governance, sustainable development, economy and public health.

ASEF is an intergovernmental not-for-profit organisation located in Singapore. Founded in 1997, it is the only institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM).

ASEF runs more than 25 projects a year, consisting of around 100 activities, mainly conferences, seminars, workshops, lectures, publications, and online platforms, together with about 125 partner organisations. Each year over 3,000 Asians and Europeans participate in ASEF's activities, and much wider audiences are reached through its various events, networks and web-portals.

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The **Foreign Correspondents Association (FCA) of Singapore** is one of the oldest and largest foreign journalist organizations in Asia.

The group was founded in April 1956 as the Foreign Correspondents Association of Southeast Asia. Among its early members were famous Observer correspondent Dennis Bloodworth and Wee Kim Wee, the one-time United Press International (UPI) bureau chief, and later President of Singapore.

The FCA seeks to be the voice of a new generation of journalists and members who are deeply interested in Singapore and the world around them. To that end, the FCA offers informative and thought-provoking programs and also try to have some fun.

They are committed to serving traditional media and are also reaching out to 21st century forms of news dissemination.

For more information, please visit www.fcasingapore.com



Part of the National University of Singapore, the **Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP)** was established in 2004 with the mission of being the leading global public policy school in Asia. Their strategic location in Singapore – a city-state widely known for its strong governance and efficient civil service – enables students to study in one of the best public policy laboratories in the world, while accessing the wider Asia-Pacific region in a distinctively global environment.

The school enrolls some 400 students from over 70 countries in its four Masters and Ph.D. programmes annually. Its curriculum spans across multiple disciplines and is complemented with case studies and a problem-based learning approach. Students from the LKYSPP can expect to extend their learning well beyond the walls of the classroom, and to benefit from strong empirical evidence and contextual narratives that emphasise Asian and international dimensions. The School boasts a pool of research-active faculty who addressed many vital global challenges. It has also cultivated an extensive network of international partners. In 2007, LKYSPP became the first Asian school to join the Global Public Policy Network (GPPN), which was established by the Columbia School of International and Public Affairs in the United States, the London School of Economics and Sciences Po. By providing opportunities for the education and training of the next generation of Asian policymakers and leaders, the LKYSPP aims to raise the standards of governance throughout the region, improve the lives of the people in the region and, in so doing, contribute to the transformation of Asia.

For more information, please visit <http://lkyspp.nus.edu.sg>
