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“LEADERSHIP THROUGH UNCERTAINTY”
ASIA-EUROPE PROGRAMME FOR EMERGING PUBLIC SECTOR LEADERS
11 – 13 APRIL 2005

Singapore - The Asia-Europe Foundation and the Civil Service College of Singapore, with support from the Government of Japan, is organising the **first Asia-Europe Programme for Emerging Public Sector Leaders** in Singapore from 11 to 13 April 2005.

The event brings together young officials from Ministries of Foreign Affairs of 38 countries in Asia and Europe, as well as the European Commission.

Themed "Leadership Through Uncertainty", young diplomats from Asia and Europe are challenged to conceive fresh insights and new perspectives on good governance and public sector leadership amidst dynamic changes in Asia and Europe. The young diplomats will also be exploring further prospects in enhancing Asia-Europe partnership in a climate of fast growing mutual dependency.

The meeting combines an informal platform for communication and dialogue with opportunities for further professional enrichment. Sessions shall include new approaches to strategic communications and crisis management, as well as future studies.

Notable keynote speakers include **Simon Tay, Chairman of the Singapore Institute for International Affairs**, who will share his views on harnessing opportunities and responding to challenges amidst dynamic changes in Asia and Europe. **Kishore Mahbubani, Dean of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy**, shall speak on good governance and new imperatives for the Asia-Europe dialogue.

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