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## Asia-Europe Forum To End Today

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[Bandar Seri Begawan](#) - An Asia-Europe Emerging Economic Forum, "Internalisation of SMEs", which began on September 20, will end today at the Empire Hotel and Country Club.

Co-organised by the Young Entrepreneurs Association Brunei (YEB) and Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), Wednesday's forum saw talks presented by guests speakers such as Sanjay Natarajan on the role of small and medium-sized enterprises in economic and social development; managing director of Islamic Bank of Brunei Berhad Haji Mohd Roselan bin Haji Mohd Daud on Islamic banking and SMEs; secretary general of the European Investment Fund Robert Wagener on European investment fund; Asiatrust Bank's Dionisio C. Ong on access to finance for SMEs in Asia, and head of Equity and Venture Capital Investment. Services in Dublin Denis Marnane on "Role of the States to Stimulate Access to Finance for SMEs: The Irish Model".

Meanwhile, on Thursday, talks included "Thriving in Internalisation" by Alfred Lye; "Encouraging Value Creation in Thailand" by Nussati Khaneekul; "National SME Policies, Programmes and Enterprise Development Policies in Hungary" by regional adviser of United Nation's Economic Commission for Europe Dr Antal Szabo; and "Local Business Development Framework: The Brunei Shell Experience" by Pg Duraman bin PgAhmad from Brunei Shell's Local Business Development and Tender Board Support. -- **Courtesy of Borneo Bulletin**

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