



**Conference on ASEM's Role in Enhancing
Asia-Europe Cooperation:
Ten Years of Achievements and Future Challenges**

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Nine Months Before the 6th ASEM Summit, A Critical Review of Asia-Europe Cooperation

Experts and government officials from the 39 members of ASEM will evaluate 10 years of Asian-European dialogue and cooperation through reviewing a draft research report by the Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE) and the Helsinki University Network for European Studies. The conference will take place in **Tokyo, Japan on 12-13 December 2005**. The outcome of this conference will be presented to ASEM senior officials in March 2006 and serve as the basis for inputs to the sixth ASEM Summit (ASEM VI) to be held in Helsinki in September 2006.

The Conference will be followed by a **public symposium** in the afternoon of 13 December 2005. The open symposium will present to various sectors of the Japanese public key findings and recommendations of the Conference, as well as various views on trends and developments in the increasingly important relations between Asia and Europe.

The Conference serves as the first phase of consultations with civil society on ASEM issues, culminating in a meeting for NGOs, academics, researchers as well as business sector representatives at ASEM VI. This conference is co-organised by the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and the Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE) in collaboration with the European Union Institute of Japan (EUIJ) and with the support of the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

ASEM was launched in 1996 in Bangkok as an informal dialogue process between 10 East Asian states (China, Japan, Korea, and the seven members of ASEAN at the time), the 15 members of the European Union, plus the European Commission. Since the 5th ASEM Summit in Hanoi, Vietnam last year, ASEM has grown to include the 10 new EU members and Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar.

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The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) was created in 1997 with mission to promote more intellectual, cultural and people to people exchange between civil societies from ASEM member countries (including the 25 EU countries and in Asia, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam). More information can be found at www.asef.org.

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