



# 7<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM students address Leaders at 11<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit

**4 student delegates of the 7<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM were invited to the Opening Ceremony of the 11<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Meeting Summit (ASEM11) on 15-16 July 2016 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Representing more than 130 participants from all ASEM countries, they expressed their views on ASEM's future direction in front of the 53 Leaders. This youth intervention marks a milestone of youth and political leadership exchange in ASEM's 20 year history.**

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The 7<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM took place from 6-10 July 2016 in Ulaanbaatar. With an agenda and programme closely linked to the actual proceedings of the ASEM Summit, it attracted more than 3,925 student applications from across Asia and Europe. Throughout the event, students had the opportunity to enhance their negotiation, consensus-building, public-speaking and diplomacy skills through role-play, research, case-studies and practical trainings.

The youth conference followed the ASEM11 theme “20 Years of ASEM: Partnership for Future through Connectivity”. HE Mr Lundeg PUREVSUREN, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia, opened the meeting. The participants deliberated on specific topics such as climate change, culture, education, labour, migration, security, trade, transportation, and youth. Based on the discussions they developed a consensus-based 7<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM Chair’s Statement. On the side-lines of the event, ASEF launched the ASEF Outlook Report 2015/2016 on “CONNECTIVITY: Facts and Perspectives” and organised a panel discussion with diverse stakeholders from government, academia and NGOs.

As a highlight of the 7<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM, the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) arranged direct interactions between the student delegates and their respective Heads of State and Government and/or Foreign Ministers with the support of several Ministries of Foreign Affairs. The government representatives were from Austria, Cambodia, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Myanmar, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Portugal, Singapore, Slovakia, Switzerland, Thailand and Viet Nam.

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) co-organised the 7<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM with the Mongolian Youth Federation (MYF) in collaboration with the Mongolian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA). UNICEF Mongolia, DiploFoundation and the ASEF University Alumni Network (ASEFUAN) supported the project.

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