



9TH ASIA-EUROPE CLASSROOM NETWORK CONFERENCE



Climate Change and Biodiversity:
How They are Connected and the Impact of
Biodiversity Loss in the Community in Asia and
Europe

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Secondary school teachers from Asia and Europe take action on climate change

Teachers and students from Asia and Europe will gather in Gurgaon, India, to learn more about biodiversity preservation and exchange views on how to sensitise their communities to environmental issues.

The **9th Asia-Europe Classroom Network (AEC-NET)** is co-organised by the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and St. Mark's Senior Secondary Public School, Meera Bagh, New Delhi. It will take place from 12 to 16 November 2010 at Gurgaon and will gather over 80 delegates from 28 Asian and European countries.

The conference will bring together secondary and high school teachers from Asia and Europe to promote collaborative learning and cross-cultural exchanges through the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT). The theme of this year's Conference is *Climate Change and Biodiversity: How They are Connected and the Impact of Biodiversity Losses in the Community in Asia and Europe*. It aims at enabling these teachers to strengthen environmental awareness and practices in their own school community.

"The Asia-Europe Classroom Network Conference will go a long way in making classroom education more purposeful in order to ensure all round development of our children", said Ms Sheila Dixit, Chief Minister of Delhi.

Other Indian dignitaries attending the Conference include Mr Vineet Joshi, Chairman of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE); Mr Rakesh Mohan, Principal Secretary (Education), Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi; Mr Prithvi Raj Sawhney, Mayor of Delhi; and Ms Shukla Malhotra, Director of Education, Dist. West B New Delhi. Dr Kiran Bedi, a recipient of the Ramon Magsaysay Award, will also attend the Conference.

A highlight of the Conference will be the awarding of the **Asia-Europe Classroom (AEC) Award**, an annual prize which recognises outstanding online collaborative learning

schemes conceptualised by secondary and high school teachers from Asia and Europe. From the six shortlisted finalists, three winners will be awarded a cash prize of EUR 2,000 each to further develop their project or as seed funding for new online collaborations. Ms Dixit will officiate at the AEC-NET awards ceremony on 15 November 2010.

The 9th Asia-Europe Classroom Network Conference is organised for the first time in India as a result of joint efforts by ASEF, St. Mark's Senior Secondary Public School and the Indian Ministry of Human Resource Development.

St. Mark's Senior Secondary Public School is the only Indian school currently to be a registered member of AEC-NET. The school has participated in previous AEC Conferences at Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia (in 2008) and Sønderborg, Denmark (in 2009).

More information about the AEC-NET Conference can be found at <http://aec.asef.org>.

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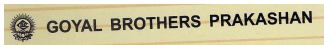


St. Mark's Senior Secondary Public School, Meera Bagh, New Delhi, was inaugurated on 20 April 1990. With a strength of approximately 4000 students, this CBSE affiliated co-educational English medium institution excels in all spheres. The school building is set amidst beautiful green lawns and has all facilities required for an all round development of children, such as well stocked libraries and well-equipped laboratories for Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Home Science, Computer Science, etc.

Under the canopy of the school motto, 'Loyalty, Truth and Honour', the staff and the management of St. Mark's endeavour not only to enable students to compete with others for a place in professional outlets, but also imbue them with social

awareness, pride in their rich cultural heritage and a sense of responsibility towards the nation. The school believes in giving an international exposure to its students and teachers. Hence they are a part of number of global projects and student exchange programmes. St. Mark's School is the only school from India who is a member of AEC-NET. www.saintmarksschool.com.

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