

Media Release

## **ASEF SUMMER SCHOOL 1999**

**Peking University, Beijing, China**

**22 August – 5 September 1999**

On 22 August, Ms Njo Mei Ling, an undergraduate at the National University of Singapore (NUS), will join 33 other undergraduates from the 25 ASEM member countries in Peking University, Beijing to begin her stint at the second ASEF Summer School 1999. Ms Caren Poon, also from NUS, was last year's participant from Singapore.

Co-organised by ASEF and the Overseas Exchange Center of Peking University, the second ASEF Summer School will provide participating Asian and European undergraduates with a conducive environment to better understand and appreciate one another's region and culture. These students are selected on the basis of their academic performance, leadership skills and profound interest in the Asia-Europe relationship.

During their stay, students will attend lectures on a variety of topics and be treated to a rich cultural programme including visits to the Great Wall, the Summer Palace, The Forbidden City, the Han Tombs and a home stay.

The ASEF Summer School is held annually, at venues alternating between Asia and Europe. The first ASEF Summer School, held in Reutlingen University, Germany, brought together 31 bright students who now keep in touch through an email list set up by ASEF. Through the alumni of the Summer School, ASEF aims to strengthen the network of young intellectuals in Asia and Europe.

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### **PRESS BRIEFING IN SINGAPORE**

ASEF is organising a press briefing in Singapore at the ASEF office on 16 August, at 11am. Ms Njo Mei Ling and Mr Ulrich Niemann will be present to answer queries from the media.

To attend the briefing, please contact Ms Kuan Soo Phen at 838 4718 by 13 August.

*ASEF seeks to promote better mutual understanding between Asia and Europe through greater intellectual, cultural and people-to-people exchanges.*

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