



# P R E S S   R E L E A S E

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## **ASEFUAN organises the 3<sup>rd</sup> AGM in Singapore**

*Singapore* - The third Annual General Meeting of the Asia-Europe Foundation University Alumni Network (ASEFUAN) will be held from August 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> at the National Community Leadership Institute (NACLI) in Singapore. The European and Asian alumni of the past 10 **ASEF University Programmes** will participate in this Annual General Meeting (AGM). Since it was founded in 2002, ASEFUAN has provided its members with a venue to collaborate on projects and take part in their continuing dialogue. The AGM keeps its young members abreast in Asia-Europe Relations through lectures on relevant topics by key resource speakers. The annual event is also a planning workshop where collaborative projects between the two regions are drawn up.

The Head of European Commission Delegation to Singapore, Ambassador Vassilis Bontosoglou will open the AGM by welcoming the participants on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August at 10:30 am.

At this year's AGM, key projects of ASEFUAN are highlighted, namely:

- The launch of the **academic ASEFUAN e-journal 'Asia Europe Voices'**. This online multi-disciplinary journal is set up and run by ASEFUAN members. The aim of the journal is to serve as a discussion forum for current university students, recent graduates, young scholars and professionals in the enlarged EU and ASEAN+3 countries. By publishing these views, the Journal strives to enhance an inter-civilisational dialogue between the two continents built on mutual respect and inter-cultural appreciation.
- The **Culture Capsule Exchange** between a high-school in Singapore and Luxembourg. AGM participants will conduct an exchange of cultural items and letters between youths of Singapore and Luxembourg through a school visit which allows Singaporean students a chance to interact with delegates from all over Europe and Asia.

Dr. Kumar Ramakrishnao of the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, will give a **lecture** on the "Dimensions of Terrorism", while **seminars** on online journalism, fundraising and networking will be conducted by Peter Schoppert from the Singapore University Press, Valarie Tan from the Fund-Raising Association and Dr Tan Joo Seng from Nanyang Technological University.

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The **Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)** seeks to promote better mutual understanding between Asia and Europe through greater intellectual, cultural and people-to-people exchanges. ASEF was established by 10 Asian nations, the 15 member states of the European Union and the European Commission on 15 February 1997. The foundation is based in Singapore and reports to a Board of Governors, appointed by the 25 ASEM<sup>1</sup> member states and the European Commission. To promote exchanges in the three areas – intellectual, cultural and people-to-people – ASEF organises conventions, symposia, seminars, public lectures, youth camps, art competitions, performances, exhibitions, and others. ASEF has completed over 300 projects directly involving more than 15,000 participants in the past seven years of promoting multilateral relations. For information, please see <http://www.asef.org>

The **Asia-Europe Foundation University Programme** is a two-week intensive scholarship programme for 38 highly qualified students from Asia and Europe to broaden their intellectual and cultural horizons in a multicultural environment. It is organised by the Asia-Europe Foundation in collaboration with some of the most prestigious universities in Asia and Europe. For more information, please see <http://www.asef.org/asef-uni>

The **ASEF University Alumni Network (ASEFUAN)** was established in 2002, by former participants of the Asia-Europe Foundation University Programme. ASEFUAN undertakes activities that generate interest in Asia-Europe issues and promote intercultural relations between the two regions. For more information, please see <http://www.asefuan.org>

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