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Asia-Europe Connectivity: Reflecting on the Past, Preparing for the Future

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and Sciences Po Campus du Havre will organise the European launch of the ASEF Outlook Report 2016/2017 "Connectivity: Facts and Perspectives" on 5 September 2016, in Le Havre, France.

Asia and Europe are connected by geography and history, through a myriad of political, economic and cultural interactions. These connections have evolved, with technological advances and shared beliefs. Against this backdrop, the European launch of the 2-volume ASEF Outlook Report 2016/2017 will see the presentation of statistical and qualitative analyses of Asia-Europe connectivity.

"Asian and European countries are placing connectivity on the top of their agenda to enhance interregional trade and investment, sustainable development, and to deepen socio-cultural relations in both regions", said ASEF Governor from France, Ambassador Claude BLANCHEMAISON, the Guest of Honour for the event.

There will be a panel discussion on "Asia-Europe Connectivity: Reflecting on the Past, Preparing for the Future", featuring 3 contributors to the 2nd volume of the report. Professor Sophie ROCHEFORT-GUILLOUET, Professor at Le Havre Campus of Sciences Po, Professor Jean-Louis MARGOLIN, Senior Lecturer at Aix-Marseilles University, and Mr Thierry SCHWARZ, formerly ASEF's Director of Political & Economic Department. They will share their views on the changing facets of Asia-Europe connectivity, and address some of the main challenges that Asia and Europe are likely to face in the future.

About the ASEF Outlook Report 2016/2017:

This 3rd edition of ASEF's Outlook Report explores selected thematic areas, covering digital connectivity, the economics of connectivity, and connectivity in the media, culture, education and governance fields.

Volume I: "Data on Connectivity" illustrates the state of Asia-Europe connectivity in global, regional, national and individual spheres. **Volume II**: "Connecting Asia and Europe" offers an in-depth analysis of selected experts' views on the past, present, and future development of connectivity in Asia and Europe.

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About the Organisers



The **Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)** promotes understanding, strengthens relationships and facilitates cooperation among the people, institutions and organisations of Asia and Europe. ASEF enhances dialogue, enables exchanges and encourages collaboration across the thematic areas of culture, economy, education, governance, public health and sustainable development. ASEF is an intergovernmental not-for-profit organisation located in Singapore. Founded in 1997, it is the only institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM). Together with about 750 partner organisations ASEF has run more than 700 projects, mainly conferences, seminars and workshops. Over 20,000 Asians and Europeans have actively participated in its activities and it has reached much wider audiences through its networks, web-portals, publications, exhibitions and lectures.

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Sciences Po Paris is divided into 7 campuses. Le Havre hosts an anglophone Europe-Asia programme and offers a Bachelor diploma in social sciences and humanities. Different disciplines (history, law, economics, sociology, political science and humanities) allow students to approach globalization and the many questions the phenomenon has prompted in Europe as well as in Asia.

About 400 students coming from more than 38 different countries (mainly in Europe, Asia and North America) are studying at Sciences Po, Le Havre campus. Two years spent in Le Havre are followed by a third year abroad as exchange students in one of our 470 partner universities throughout the world. The campus has also developed dual Bachelor degrees with renown international universities such as UC Berkeley, Columbia, UBC, Keio, NUS, HKU and UofSydney.

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