



# Promoting Asia-Europe Connectivity through Cooperation

**On the occasion of the 11<sup>th</sup> Summit of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM11), the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) will launch the ASEF Outlook Report 2016/2017 "CONNECTIVITY: Facts and Perspectives" on 7 July 2016 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.**

## Press Release

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Faced with a volatile global economy and complex set of challenges, Asian and European countries are increasingly promoting connectivity within and between the two regions to enhance economic vitality and sustainable development. Against this background, ASEF will launch its latest publication ASEF Outlook Report 2016/2017. This 2-volume publication will present statistical as well as qualitative analyses on the status of Asia-Europe connectivity.

*"Connectivity has become a key area of dialogue and cooperation in Asia and Europe to advance economic prosperity and sustainability as well as to promote people-to-people exchange. This publication provides a multi-dimensional and multi-perspective reference on connectivity for the policy-makers and stakeholders in both regions",* said Ambassador ZHANG Yan, the Executive Director of ASEF.

The launch will feature a panel discussion on recent developments and future outlook of connectivity in the context of Asia and Europe. Mr Marco FERRI, Minister Counsellor at the EU Delegation in Beijing, Dr Katharina HOENE, Trainer & Lecturer at DiploFoundation, and Dr Yu FEI, representative of the ASEF University Alumni Network (ASEFUAN), are among the notable panellists who will share their insights during the event.

The launch of the ASEF Outlook Report 2016/2017 is part of the programme of the 7<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM in conjunction with ASEM11.

### About the ASEF Outlook Report 2016/2017:

Launched in 2012, the biennial ASEF Outlook Report has sought to reflect the latest trends in Asia-Europe relations, from both Asian and European perspectives. The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the ASEF Outlook Report provides insights on connectivity by assessing the levels of connectivity between Asia and Europe.

**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 Organiser

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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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