



On the Go: photo competition to capture the pace of life in Asia and Europe

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) invites budding and professional photographers to participate in **On the Go**, a photo competition to showcase the stride of life in Asia and Europe. The contest, celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)¹, is currently open for entries. The competition will run **until 6 September 2015**.

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So far **On the Go** has received over 500 works from 35 countries. The theme of the contest is based on the pace of life in the two regions, illustrating moments where Asians and Europeans are different and yet so alike.

The people in both regions hold "*common values in relationships, family and dreams they have for the future*", stated Ms Gwen LEE, Director of the Singapore International Photography Festival and one of the jury members of the contest. "*The theme On the Go is broad enough to encompass all aspects of life, and could mean moments of action, or the purpose that compels individual or communities to take action, and suggest the beat and rhythm in their ways of living*", she added.

"*We live in a time where we are more similar than different. Aviation travel, the internet, streamlining of languages have brought Asia and Europe closer together*", highlighted photographer Mr Stefen CHOW, who is another member of the jury.

Winning entries selected by the jury will be awarded a trip to Singapore to complete an artistic residency at LASALLE College of the Arts. The awarded works and a further shortlist of photographs will be showcased at various international exhibitions and published in a photo book. The inaugural photo exhibition will be in conjunction with the 12th ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting (ASEM FMM12) on 4 November 2015 in Luxembourg. The exhibition will also be held in other countries in Asia and Europe. The first stop will be Singapore, followed by Belgium, and then Mongolia, where the 20th Anniversary of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) will be celebrated next year.

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¹ The **Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)** is an intergovernmental forum for dialogue and cooperation established in 1996 to deepen relations between Asia and Europe, which addresses political, economic and socio-cultural issues of common concern. ASEM brings together 53 members (21 Asian and 30 European countries, the ASEAN Secretariat, and the European Union).

About the Organiser



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 a not-for-profit intergovernmental 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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