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Asian and European teachers go green

Around 100 secondary and high school educators from 31 ASEM¹ countries meet in Bali, Indonesia for the 11th ASEF Classroom Network (ClassNet) Conference from 29 October to 1 November 2013. They will exchange views and best practices on environmental education and engage in environmental awareness activities.

This conference on 'Creative Classrooms Go 4G: Teach Green, Learn Green, Act Green, Live Green' was officially opened by Ambassador Soemadi BRODODININGRAT, the Indonesian Governor for the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF). Co-organised by ASEF and Khatulistiwa Pendidikan Indonesia (KPI), the programme will include presentations and workshops by guest speakers on the integration of ICT, art and local culture in environmental education. Among the speakers will be Ms Deli CONNELL, National UNESCO ASPNet Coordinator in New Zealand, and Ms Darwina WIJAYANTI, Executive Director at the Foundation for Sustainable Development, Indonesia.

As part of the conference, an exhibition on teachers' initiatives in creating environmental awareness in their schools will be officially launched on Tuesday, 29 October, 7 pm. The exhibition is open to public at Ayodya Resort Bali in Nusa Dua on 30-31 October.

On Wednesday, 30 October, the conference will organise an ASEF Green Action² activity where the educators will invite passers-by at Pasar Badung in Denpasar to swap their plastic bag(s) for a durable one for future us. This activity, organised with the Balinese NGO Tas Pasar, will take place from 1.45 – 4.30 pm. The initiative raises awareness on the harmful effects of plastic on the environment. The collected materials will be tied together, forming a long chain to be carried around in the market to create further awareness.

About the ASEF Classroom Network (ASEF ClassNet)

Launched in 1998, the ASEF ClassNet, formerly known as the Asia-Europe Classroom Network (AEC-NET), has since grown to involve more than 1,225 members and 17,000 students in 880 schools across 42 ASEM countries. Every year, its members exchange ideas for collaborative learning and intercultural exchanges. The ASEF ClassNet develops and implements online projects or "cyber classrooms" to connect students from Asia and Europe.

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¹ ASEM: Asia-Europe Meeting (For more info, please visit www.aseminfoboard.org)

² Link: <http://asef.org/index.php/projects/themes/environment/2833-asef-green-action>

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Khatulistiwa Pendidikan Indonesia (KPI), is an NGO whose programs are aimed to improve and develop education quality by providing teacher trainings, education seminars, school to school partnerships and school conferences. Align with its mission in improving education and preserving local cultures of Indonesia, KPI also works with other international organisations to promote students cultural mission programs in which KPI send students to many international folklore and cultural festivals.

Established in June 2010, Khatulistiwa Pendidikan Indonesia now renamed as Khatulistiwa Indonesia, has helped schools in Indonesia develop themselves in terms of teaching quality and school programs by providing teacher trainings and workshops, madrasah benchmarking, and Islamic school development program with the governments from Brunei Darussalam and Philippines.