



Students from 49 ASEM countries to develop a vision for Asia and Europe

Over 100 students representing 49 Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) countries will gather from 8–12 October 2014 in Milan, Italy to participate in Model ASEM 2014, a simulation of the 10th ASEM Summit (ASEM10), which takes place on 16 and 17 October 2014. The participants have been selected from more than 1,700 applications.

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<http://bit.ly/ModelASEM2014>



Model ASEM is an initiative to generate interest and increase understanding among Asian and European students about the ASEM process. The ASEM process is an informal process among 51 Asian and European members, which aims to strengthen the relationship between Asia and Europe. Since 1996, an ASEM Summit is held every two years in Asia or in Europe; this year, it will take place in Milan, Italy.

Model ASEM 2014 will offer these students the opportunity to develop their skills in diplomacy, negotiation and public speaking. Based on the topic of ASEM10 “Responsible Partnership for Sustainable Growth and Security”, the students will deliberate on issues related to Asia-Europe cooperation, stretching from climate change mitigation, economic growth, education and skills development to pandemic influenza.

The programme of this political simulation exercise will closely follow the actual proceedings of the Summit. By exploring national and regional strategies, the students will formulate concrete policy recommendations to address crucial political, economic and social-cultural issues in both regions.

As part of the Model ASEM 2014 programme, the student delegates will also visit Consulates of ASEM member countries in Milan, where the participants will witness first-hand the roles and various activities of diplomatic missions. The conference will conclude with a joint Model ASEM Declaration, which ASEF will channel to ASEM Leaders and their delegations at ASEM10.

Model ASEM 2014 will be co-organised by the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) with the ASEF University Alumni Network (ASEFUAN) and the Politecnico di Milano School of Management, in conjunction with the upcoming 10th ASEM Summit (ASEM10) in October 2014 in Italy.

For more information, please visit:
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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 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 700 partner organisations ASEF has run more than 650 projects, mainly conferences, seminars and workshops. Over 17,000 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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The **ASEF University Alumni Network (ASEFUAN)**, founded in Bali, Indonesia, in April 2002, is an association of former participants of the Asia-Europe Foundation University, a two-week intensive scholarship programme for undergraduates at venues alternating between Asia and Europe. Since 1998, the Asia-Europe Foundation has sponsored 18 sessions of the ASEF University Programme. The AU19 will take place in India and look into the role of cultural heritage in the process of sustainable urbanisation and its relevance to modern-day societies. Combining elements of the 17th and 18th editions of the ASEF University programme, it will be aligned with the priorities identified by ASEM leaders. ASEFUAN's goals are: the strengthening of cross-cultural ties and the promotion of excellence within its membership, as well as the fostering of Asia - Europe relations at a grass roots or local community level. Its members are typically university graduates in the fields of Business economics, law and political science. It currently has a membership of about 600 people. ASEFUAN organises activities to maintain and reinforce the relationships forged among participants of the ASEF University programme and undertakes projects to promote a meaningful intercultural dialogue between Asia and Europe, particularly among the younger generation.

For more information, please visit <http://www.asefuan.org/>



Politecnico di Milano, School of Management (SoM) was founded in 2003. It covers numerous areas of research, education and high level consultancy in the fields of economics, management and industrial engineering, which Politecnico di Milano undertakes through its own structures and those of the consortium. The School is composed of the Department of Management, Economics and Industrial Engineering and MIP Graduate School of Business.

For more information, please visit <http://www.mip.polimi.it/mip/en.html>

About the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)



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 49 member states (29 European and 20 Asian countries), the ASEAN Secretariat, and the European Union.

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