‘New Era’ for Asian-European relations to be addressed by ASEF panel

On the occasion of its 20th anniversary, the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), in partnership with the Foreign Correspondents Association (FCA) of Singapore and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSSP), will organise a panel discussion on Asian-European relations under the changing international circumstances on 8 June 2017 in Singapore.

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), in partnership with the Foreign Correspondents Association (FCA) of Singapore and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSSP), will organise a panel discussion on Asian-European relations within the changing international environment on 8 June 2017 from 4 to 6 pm at the Bukit Timah Campus of the National University of Singapore.

Established in 1997 as the only permanent institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) process, ASEF has been playing a pivotal role in fostering better understanding and closer cooperation between Asia and Europe through its projects and activities in various thematic areas.

Part of celebrating ASEF’s 20th year in 2017, the panel discussion titled “Asia & Europe: The Dawning of a New Era?” will gather representatives from different sectors from both regions. It will address how, in view of recent changes in US foreign policy, Asia and Europe reconsider their own global positions and roles, and how both regions will readjust the relationship between themselves.

The panel discussion is also a side event of ASEF’s 36th Board of Governors’ Meeting.

Moderated by Ms Sharanjit LEYL, BBC Presenter & Producer and President of the FCA of Singapore, the diverse panel features a balanced representation of Asians and Europeans, public and private sectors, as well as the youth perspective:

- Prof Tommy KOH, Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore
- Prof Dr Helmut HAUSSMANN, ASEF Governor from Germany
since 1997: Vice President, Capgemini Deutschland Holding GmbH; Former German Federal Minister of Economics

- Dr KIM Gwang-jo, Director, UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education
- Prof Beatrice WEDER DI MAURO, Professor of Economics, University of Mainz, Germany; Distinguished Fellow-in-Residence, Emerging Markets Institute, INSEAD Singapore
- Ms Hillary BRIFFA, Doctoral Candidate & Graduate Teaching Assistant, King’s College, London

Professor Kishore MAHBUBANI, Dean of LKY SPP, will deliver the keynote speech.

Over 200 people are expected to attend the panel discussion, including ASEF Governors, Heads of Missions and senior diplomats of ASEM Partners, representatives of international organisations, universities and think tanks, as well as the business sector.

For more information, please visit http://bit.ly/ASEF20thAnniversary
Part of the National University of Singapore, the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP) was established in 2004 with the mission of being the leading global public policy school in Asia. Their strategic location in Singapore – a city-state widely known for its strong governance and efficient civil service – enables students to study in one of the best public policy laboratories in the world, while accessing the wider Asia-Pacific region in a distinctively global environment.

The school enrols some 400 students from over 70 countries in its four Masters and Ph.D. programmes annually. Its curriculum spans across multiple disciplines and is complemented with case studies and a problem-based learning approach. Students from the LKYSPP can expect to extend their learning well beyond the walls of the classroom, and to benefit from strong empirical evidence and contextual narratives that emphasise Asian and international dimensions. The School boasts a pool of research-active faculty who addressed many vital global challenges. It has also cultivated an extensive network of international partners. In 2007, LKYSPP became the first Asian school to join the Global Public Policy Network (GPPN), which was established by the Columbia School of International and Public Affairs in the United States, the London School of Economics and Sciences Po. By providing opportunities for the education and training of the next generation of Asian policymakers and leaders, the LKYSPP aims to raise the standards of governance throughout the region, improve the lives of the people in the region and, in so doing, contribute to the transformation of Asia.

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