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FOURTH ASIA-EUROPE CLASSROOM INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS' CONFERENCE Schleswig-Holstein, 27 September 2004

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) will organise the 4th Asia-Europe Classroom International Teachers' Conference in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, from 27 September to 1 October 2004 with the support of Kreisgymnasium Neustadt, an active local member school of the Asia-Europe Classroom (AEC) programme.

Launched in December 1998, the AEC is ASEF's main platform to forge contacts among secondary or high schools, teachers and students in Asia and Europe. The AEC was conceived at a brainstorming session attended by high school teachers and educators from Asia and Europe held in Copenhagen, Denmark, in May 1998. The original challenge was to harness the potential of infocomm technology (ICT) in connecting secondary and high schools of Asia and Europe and construct the framework for a "cyber classroom" that would promote intellectual and inter-cultural exchanges among secondary/high school teachers and students of Asia and Europe. The AEC has since evolved further.

A flagship programme under the AEC, the International Teachers' Conference gives high school teachers and educators in Asia and Europe the unique opportunity to collaborate on joint IT projects with special relevance to their schools' curricula to promote intercultural learning. The fourth instalment of the AEC International Teachers' Conference will be held over a period of four days to build upon the success of past conferences and inject further momentum into the existing co-operation among secondary school teachers under the AEC framework.

Besides providing an opportunity for the teacher participants to share and collaborate in ICT projects, the Conference will also enable the participants to gain a better understanding of the host country, Germany, through cultural tours and visits to local high schools. The programme of the Conference will also be enriched by presentations by prominent ICT experts.

For the programme, please refer to: <http://www.aec.asef.org/germany04>

ASEF was established in February 1997 by members of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM). It is based in Singapore and reports to a Board of 26 Governors comprising members from the 25 ASEM countries and the European Commission. Its mission is to build bridges between the civil societies of Asia and Europe, by promoting cultural, intellectual and people-to-people exchanges between Asia and Europe, with a view to build up a rich network of institutional linkage and personal ties between the two regions over time.