AIM and ASEF Team Up for the 1st Asia-Europe Education Workshop

A meeting of education and finance experts from Asia and Europe studying the impact of the recent financial crisis on higher education has concluded that Asian countries were less severely affected than by the Asian financial crisis of 1997.

The 23 experts meeting at the 1st Asia-Europe Education Workshop, “The Impact of the Financial Crisis to Higher Education”, confirmed this by a number of case studies presented by the Asian participants.

Also identified were additional data needed to provide appropriate policy inputs and recommendations. To address this gap, a mechanism to assist in compiling and comparing data as well as monitor trends (i.e. funding structures) could be explored and discussed amongst Asian and European higher education stakeholders.

The recommendations of the Workshop, which took place in March (25-26 March 2010) shall contribute to two upcoming initiatives of ASEF – the Connecting Civil Society Conference, on the eve of the 8th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit of Heads of State and Government (Brussels, October 2010) and the 2nd ASEM Rectors’ Conference (Seoul, October 2010)

The event was the first in a series of Asia-Europe Education Workshops under the auspices of ASEF’s ASEM Education Hub (AEH), which aims at promoting higher education co-operation among ASEM member-states. For more information on the ASEM Education Hub (AEH), kindly visit the ASEF website: http://www.asef.org.
About the Organisers:

Asia-Europe Foundation
http://www.asef.org

ASEF promotes greater mutual understanding between Asia and Europe through intellectual, cultural, and people-to-people exchanges. Through ASEF, civil society concerns are included as a vital component of deliberations of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM).

ASEF was established in February 1997 by the participating governments of ASEM. Since then, ASEF has implemented more than 350 projects, engaging over 15,000 direct participants and reaching out to a much wider audience in Asia and Europe. ASEM now brings together 43 member states, the European Commission, and the ASEAN Secretariat.

Asian Institute of Management
http://www.aim.edu/

AIM was established in 1968 in partnership with Harvard Business School, the Ford Foundation, and visionaries of the Asian academic and business communities. Upon its founding, AIM declared its commitment towards making a difference in sustaining the growth of Asian societies. Today, AIM is one of the leading graduate schools of business and management in the region. AIM trains business, government, and civil society leaders to manage the challenges and opportunities of a rapidly integrating Asian region. Armed with a clear understanding of how to do business in Asia, AIM’s more than 37,000 graduates in 70 countries have made their way to the top of the world’s leading companies and organizations.

About the ASEM Education Hub

In 1998, the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) II Summit (London) established the ASEM Education Hub (AEH) as a multi-dimensional framework to strengthen co-operation among institutions of higher learning and stakeholder institutions within the ASEM community. The Hub intends to foster Asia-Europe higher education co-operation by providing support to multilateral initiatives and acting as a facilitator for dialogue among ASEM countries, as a platform for exchanges among stakeholders.

About the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)
http://www.aseminfoboard.org

ASEM (the Asia-Europe Meeting) is an informal process of dialogue and co-operation. It brings together Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Laos, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Netherlands, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, United Kingdom, Vietnam, the ASEAN Secretariat and the European Commission.

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