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Public Talk on Health and Migration
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Health and Migration: perspectives from Asia and Europe **Public Talk Invitation**

“Migration is a fact of life and governments face the challenge of integrating the health needs of migrants into national plans, policies and strategies” as reported by the World Health Organization (March 2010). With significant increase in population mobility between Asia and Europe, such challenges demand for a cross-regional systematic response involving multiple sectors through a multi-disciplinary approach. Sharing of cross-border data and information on migrants’ health, from source, transit to destination, is an integral part of this approach.

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) Public Health Network and Casa Asia will organise a Public Talk “Health and Migration: perspectives from Asia and Europe” to encourage an exchange of information, particularly addressing various social determinants that create an impact on migrants’ health in Asia and Europe.

Dr Jaime F. Calderon Jr., Regional Migration Health Adviser, International Organization for Migration (IOM) and Dr Pirooska Östlin, Programme Manager, Vulnerability and Health Programme, World Health Organization – Regional Office for Europe (WHO-EURO) will be the two eminent guest speakers for this Talk. During the event, they will share their insights into topics including various social determinants of migrants’ health, multi-sectoral efforts to address migrants’ health and recommendations for Asia–Europe collaboration on health and migration.

Speakers’ presentations will be followed by an interactive session where participants including, representatives from national/international organisations, academia, public health practitioners, the diplomatic community and the media, will have the opportunity to share their experiences and directly interact with the speakers.

This Public Talk will be hosted by Casa Asia in Barcelona, Spain. The event is sponsored by the Government of Japan.

Event Details

Date: Wednesday 7 March 2012
Timing: 07.00 PM – 8.30 PM
Venue: Tagore’s Auditorium, Casa Asia
Av. Diagonal, 373, Barcelona 08008, Spain

Admission is free.

Interested members of the public or media representatives willing to attend can register by contacting Smita at debasmita.dasgupta@asef.org or Yasmin Paricio at yparicio@casaasia.es

About ASEF Public Health Network

The ASEF Public Health Network is a participatory platform which encourages public health dialogue between Asia and Europe. The Network is a part of the Initiative of Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) on the Rapid Containment of Pandemic Influenza, which was launched in May 2009 during the 9th ASEM Foreign Ministers’ Meeting.

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About the Organisers:



The Asia-Europe Foundation (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 and has since implemented over 450 projects, engaging over 15,000 direct participants as well as reaching out to a much wider audience in Asia and Europe. www.asef.org

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