

## 2<sup>nd</sup> EU-Japan-Asia Journalists Conference Nagoya, Japan

17 – 20 April 2005

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1. The 2<sup>nd</sup> EU-Japan-Asia Journalists Conference was co-organised by Asia-Europe Foundation and the Delegation of the European Commission in Japan from 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> April 2005. This conference followed the successful formula of the journalists conference in 2004 where Asia-Europe Foundation's involvement brought forth the expansion of the annual EU-Japan Journalists Conference to include journalists from other parts of Asia within the ASEM membership.
2. Forty-eight journalists were brought together. Twenty-two from Europe, fourteen from Japan and twelve from the other Asian member countries. (See Appendix A: List of Participants) There was good representation from the respective mainstream print and broadcast press across the ASEM countries.
3. The theme of the conference was "The Greening of International Cooperation" in conjunction with the theme, "Nature's Wisdom", of the Aichi World Expo.
4. The conference was divided into 4 sessions. At the opening session, Prof. Emil Salim (Former Environment Minister, Indonesia) delivered a keynote speech on "Empowering Civil Society for Sustainable development", which led to a stimulating debate between the journalists. In session 1: The Environment and Civil Society, Prof. Koh Kheng Lian (Director, Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law) and Dr. Soichiro Yoshida (Chairman, Yoshida & Co. Ltd) presented different angles on civil society and the environment. Session 2: The Environment and Economic Growth saw Mr Hiroyuki Watanabe (Senior Managing Director, Toyota Motor Corporation) and Ms Inger Schörling (Former Member of the European Parliament) engaging the journalists in a spirited discussion. The closing session consisted of reports from the journalists' rapporteurs – Mr Frank McDonald, Environmental Editor of the Irish Times represented the European group of journalists. Mr Satoru Suzuki, Foreign News Editor/News Commentator, TV Asahi, represented the Japanese journalists and Mr Cho Hong-sup, Environment Correspondent of The Hankyoreh Daily was the Asian representative.
5. ASEF has received much positive feedback from the participants and was encouraged to continue with the annual programme. In summary, the project has been successful as a platform for better understanding and future cooperation between journalists from Asia and Europe. The journalists had also maximised their time in Nagoya by actively seeking interviews with the speakers and networking.

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## Appendix A: List of Participants

Country	Name	Title	Affiliation
Austria	Mr Christoph Winder	Editor, Foreign News Desk	Der Standard
Belgium	Mr Philippe Paquet	Journalist (Head, Asian-Pacific & North American Desk)	La Libre Belgique
Cyprus	Mr Costas Yennaris	Chief editor	Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation (State TV)
Cyprus	Ms Anil Işık	Reporter	KIBRIS Newspaper
Czech	Ms Pavlina Kvapilová	EU correspondent	Cesky rozhlas (Czech Radio)
Denmark	Mr Asger Røjle Christensen	Chief editor	Danish Broadcasting Corporation
Estonia	Mr Erkki Bahovski	Chief of Foreign News	Postimees
Finland	Mr Antti Kokkonen	Politics Editor	Helsingin Sanomat (main daily newspaper)
Greece	Ms Elisabeth Filippoulis	Political Reporter	NET (télévision nationale)
Hungary	Mr József Péter Martin	editor-in-chief	Figyelo (economic weekly)
Ireland	Mr Frank McDonald	environment editor	Irish Times
Latvia	Mr Pēteris Strautiņš	Columnist	Diena
Lithuania	Ms Skirmantė Palčinskaitė	journalist	LNK TV News
Luxembourg	Mr Mario Hirsch	editor-in-chief	D'Lëtzebuerger Land
Malta	Mr Raymond Bugeja	Editor	The Times Allied Newspapers
Poland	Ms Danuta Walewska	Economics Editor	Rzeczpospolita
Portugal	Ms Luísa Meireles	Foreign Desk Editor	EXPRESSO
Slovakia	Mr Peter Stano	Senior Foreign News Reporter, Presenter	SLOVAK TELEVISION, Bratislava
Slovenia	Ms. Barbara Zrimšek	editor for european affairs	TV Slovenija
Spain	Mr Juan (Bosco) Esteruelas	Editorialist Journalist	EL PAÍS
Turkey	Ms Zeynep Tugrul	EXTERNAL RELATIONS / MEDIA ASSISTANT	INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION (IOM)
UK	Mr Duncan Bartlett	Senior Broadcast Journalist	BBC World Service - World Business Report
Japan	Mr. Yasuhiko Ota	Senior and Editorial Writer	Nihon Keizai Shimbun
Japan	Mr. Susumu Koide		NHK
Japan	Mr. Ko Hirano	Staff Writer, Economic News	Kyodo News
Japan	Mr. Junichi Furuyama	Deputy Foreign Editor, Foreign News	Asahi Shimbun
Japan	Mr. Tadahiko Mori	Assistant Editor, City News Dept.	Mainichi Shimbun
Japan	Mr. Tadayoshi Sakaguchi	Staff Writer	Yomiuri Shimbun
Japan	Mr. Tomomi Motani	Editorial Writer, Nagoya Correspondent	Sankei Shimbun
Japan	Mr. Ayumi Iio	Editorial Writer	Chunichi
Japan	Mr. Katsuei Konno	Staff Writer	Kahoku Shimposha
Japan	Ms. Chikako Ikeuchi	Foreign News, News Division	NTV
Japan	Mr. Satoru Suzuki	Foreign News Editor/News Commentator	TV Asahi

Japan	Mr. Yasuhisa Matsumoto	Foreign Economic News Dept.	Jiji Press
Japan	Mr. Eric Johnston	Deputy Editor	Japan Times
Japan	Ms. Yukie Kudo	Journalist/Author	Journalist
Brunei Darussalam	Ms. Siti Maszuraimah bte HAJI MAHMUD	Senior Journalist	Borneo Bulletin
Cambodia	Mr. CHEANG Sokha	Reporter	Phnom Penh Post
China	Mr. CHEN Liang	Senior Feature Writer	China Daily
Indonesia	Ms. Muninggar SRI SARASWATI	Journalist	Jakarta Post
Korea	Mr. Cho Hong-Sup	Environment Correspondent	The Hankyoreh Daily Newspaper
Laos	Mr. Soradetj BANNAVONG	Editor	The Vientiane Times
Malaysia	Ms. CHIEW Cheng Geok, Hilary	Journalist	The Star Publications (M) Bhd
Myanmar	Ms. MAY Thandar Win	Journalist	The Myanmar Times
Singapore	Mr. Alexis HOOI	Journalist	The Straits Times
Singapore	Ms. NG Puay Leng	Journalist	Lianhe Zaobao
Thailand	Ms. Kultida SAMABUDDHI	Journalist	Bangkok Post
Vietnam	Mr. HUYNH Van Hoa	Bureau Chief / Bureau of Central Region of Vietnam	The Saigon Times