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Europe Asia Forum 1998
“Two Views, One Vision”
20-21 February 1998,
Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore

Europe Asia Forum 1998 will bring together 50 high-level participants from Europe and Asia to discuss common challenges facing Asia and Europe in the post-Cold War era and opportunities for cooperation between the two regions.

In March 1996, ten leaders of East Asia met their sixteen European counterparts in Bangkok and a new and comprehensive engagement between the two regions began. This year in April, ASEM II will take place in London where Bangkok left off.

On the eve of the London summit, Europe Asia Forum 1998 provides a timely platform for European and Asian representatives from the spheres of politics, media, business and academia to further the political, economic and cultural dialogue between these two regions.

With “Two Views, One Vision”, the forum will explore and discuss through three main sessions:
(i) Economic Prospects for Asia and Europe, and for Asia-Europe Economic Cooperation in the Next Century
(ii) Political and Security Challenges in Asia and Europe after the Cold War; and
(iii) Bridging the Gap: Business and Values in Different Cultures.

The Forum will be held over one and a half days on 20-21 February 1998, at the Shangri-La Hotel in Singapore. Europe Asia Forum 1998 is organised by the Herbert Quandt Stiftung (The Foundation of BMW AG), the Institute of Policy Studies and the Asia-Europe Foundation.

Personalities

Singapore Senior Minister LEE KUAN YEW will deliver the keynote speech at the dinner on 20 February 1998. The other speakers at the Forum are:

MARIANO Gago  
André LEYSEN  
Soogil YOUNG  
Douglas HURD OF WESTWELL  
Kishore MAHBUBANI  
Klaus NAUMANN  
Juwono SUDARSONO  
Eberhard v. KUENHEIM  
Dieter BECHER  
NAJIB Tun Razak  
Roberto ROMULO

Minister for Science and Technology, Portugal  
Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Agfa-Gevaert NV, Mortsel, Belgium  
President, Korea Institute of International Policy, Korea  
Former Minister of Foreign Affairs; Deputy Chairman, NatWest Markets, U.K.  
Permanent Secretary (Policy), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore  
Chairman, Military Committee NATO, Brussels  
Deputy Governor, National Resilience Institute (LEMHANAS), Indonesia  
Chairman of the Supervisory Board, BMW AG; Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Herbert Quandt Stiftung, Germany  
Member of the Board of Management, Bayer AG, Leverkusen, Germany  
Minister of Education, Malaysia  
Chairman, Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., Philippines
Media Opportunities

HQS, IPS and ASEF will hold press conferences before and after the Forum. There will be interview and photo opportunities with the participants over the one and half days. The Forum proper will be closed to the reporting media while discussions are in session.

Details of the press conferences and how to get an interview with the Forum participants will be coming your way with the next press release. Also with the next press release, the detailed programme of the Forum and complete list of participants. Look out for it.

Background information on the three co-organisers HQS, IPS and ASEF are enclosed.

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For the latest information on Europe Asia Forum 1998, look out for the next Press Release in early February.