

**PRESS RELEASE (26 January 1998)**

**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:

<b>MARIANO Gago</b>	Minister for Science and Technology, Portugal
<b>André LEYSEN</b>	Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Agfa-Gevaert NV, Mortsel, Belgium
<b>Soogil YOUNG</b>	President, Korea Institute of International Policy, Korea
<b>Douglas HURD Of WESTWELL</b>	Former Minister of Foreign Affairs; Deputy Chairman, NatWest Markets, U.K.
<b>Kishore MAHBUBANI</b>	Permanent Secretary (Policy), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore
<b>Klaus NAUMANN</b>	Chairman, Military Committee NATO, Brussels
<b>Juwono SUDARSONO</b>	Deputy Governor, National Resilience Institute (LEMHANAS), Indonesia
<b>Eberhard v. KUENHEIM</b>	Chairman of the Supervisory Board, BMW AG; Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Herbert Quandt Stiftung, Germany
<b>Dieter BECHER</b>	Member of the Board of Management, Bayer AG, Leverkusen, Germany
<b>NAJIB Tun Razak</b>	Minister of Education, Malaysia
<b>Roberto ROMULO</b>	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.**

