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ASIA-EUROPE YOUTH CAMP 2000

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Jinan, Shandong Province, PR China

2 participants from Singapore, Ms Tan May Lynn Esther and Mr Chia Chin Chonn Kavin, will join 70 young people from ASEM member countries in a 2-week volunteer camp, the Asia-Europe Youth Camp 2000, in Jinan, the capital of Shandong Province, PR China. Both Ms Tan and Mr Chia were nominated by the Singapore National Youth Council.

The Asia-Europe Youth Camp aims to raise awareness of issues of local deforestation and environmental protection in the Yellow River valley, as well as national heritage conservation in the area. The camp also provides participants with the opportunity to interact with young people from Asia and Europe and exchange cultural insights of each other’s regions.

At the Camp, participants will be involved in a variety of activities, which include cultural programmes, youth workshops, project work such as tree planting, and excursions. The participants will visit Mount Tai, the Tomb of Confucius and the Bamboo Temple, which is part of a cultural heritage reconstruction project.

The Asia-Europe Youth Camp is part of ASEF’s Asia-Europe Youth Co-operation programme to link youth organisations in Asia and Europe as part of the wider civil society process. The Camp is open to 20 - 25 years old youths from ASEM member countries. Each ASEM country is invited to nominate up to 2 participants.

Asia-Europe Youth Camp 2000 is organised by the Asia-Europe Foundation and the All China Youth Federation.

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