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Launch of Asia-Europe comic books at Singapore Writers Festival

SINGAPORE - On 7 November 2012, the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) will launch four comic books at the Singapore Writers Festival (SWF). These publications are the outcomes of ASEF's *Lingua Comica* project, which was a creative collaboration between 64 Asian and European comic artists from 22 countries.

In 2006 ASEF initiated this artistic exchange between Asia and Europe. It brought together comic artists and novel writers, as well as commercial publishers and book designers from different backgrounds and generations.

This public launch in Singapore will showcase the complete series of colourful comic books entitled: *Go Home* (2008), *Lingua Comica Graphic Novels from Asia and Europe* (2009), *Lingua Comica FUSE* (2011) and *Lingua Comica Reloaded* (2011).

The graphic works are inspired by a variety of shared themes from the two regions such as economy and society, travel and migration, legend and mythology, amongst others.

The books' presentation will be followed by a panel discussion with a simultaneous video session in presence of two of the artists from Malaysia and Singapore. They were previously involved in the *Lingua Comica* project.

Audiences will have the opportunity to interact with the artists during the Q&A session, followed by a free give-away and book signing.

Event details

Date: Wednesday, 07 November, 2012
Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Venue: Festival Pavillion, Campus Green
Singapore Management University,
70 Stamford Road, Singapore, 178901

Free Admission



Asia-Europe Foundation

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), which currently comprises of 46 member states plus the European Commission and the ASEAN Secretariat (www.aseminfoboard.org). ASEF was established in February 1997 by the participating governments of ASEM and has since engaged over 17,000 direct participants through more than 600 projects in the realms of economy and society, public health, sustainable development and environment, academic co-operation and education, arts and culture and governance and human rights. www.asef.org

In 2012, ASEF is commemorating its 15th Anniversary and invites everyone to take part in celebrating 'Connected Histories, Shared Future'.



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