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UBD to play host to 12th ASEF Uni programme

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Universiti Brunei Darussalam will play host to the 12th Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) University Programme with this year's theme focusing on Asia-Europe Cooperation on Environment for Sustainable Forest Management.

The two-week programme, supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources, will run from July 9 till July 22 with the grand opening ceremony to be held at the Chancellor Hall of UBD.

ASEF University Programme offers academic enrichment through experiential learning to university students across Asia and Europe.

The Summer School Programmes offered to the 45 highly qualified students give a unique opportunity to broaden their intellectual and cultural horizons in a multicultural environment.

The programme also aims to provide an environment that encourages inter-cultural dialogue and appreciation. It would also establish sustainable network among our young students and scholars who have the potential to become the future's elite intellectual of Asia and Europe.

According to a press statement released by UBD yesterday, lectures will be organised under four modules namely; 'The State of the Environment', 'ASEM and Asia-Europe Co-operation on the Environment', 'Comparative Environmental Concerns in Asia and Europe', and 'Tropical Rainforest Management'.

It will also include a four-day field study at the Kuala Belalong Field Studies Centre.

UBD has been an active member of ASEF since 1998, sending some of Brunei's brightest university students to join the programme.

Among those selected to represent Brunei this year are Mohammad Hassanul Fikhri bin Hj Abdullah from Faculty of Business, Economics and Policy Studies, Darlin Sia Vui Sue and Norkhatijah binti Hj Zainal both from Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Institute of Education, and Shahrul Anaz bin Hj Ismail from Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

They will be joining 41 other highly qualified students from the other Asian and European countries.

These students will greatly benefit form the academic programme, which features lectures and presentations by distinguished academicians and practitioners from across the globe on current concerns of the international agenda.

They will also gain valuable cross-cultural experience through students' interactions and intellectual exchanges with their counterparts from the 10 Asian and 15 European countries, where each will be reflecting upon his/her unique social, cultural and

historical heritage.

The ASEF University programme was inaugurated in 1998 in collaboration with the German Council on Foreign Relations and hosted by Reutlingen Fachhochschule. ASEF University programme was recently held at the Institute d'Etudes Politiques in Paris, France.

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