



ASIA-EUROPE PARTNERSHIP IN THE FIELD OF TRAININGS

Asia-Europe Training for Trainers

Middle and Long-Term Youth Voluntary Service as a Tool for Community Development in Asia and Europe
Tokyo, Japan, 11 – 17 February 2009

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

We are pleased to announce that the upcoming Asia-Europe Training for Trainers (AETfT) will be held from the 11th to the 17th February 2009 in Tokyo, Japan, and herewith invite you to apply to participate in the training.

This Training for Trainers is co-organised by the **Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)** and the **Never-ending International workCamps Exchange (NICE)**, the **Network for Voluntary Development in Asia (NVDA)** and the **Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations (Alliance)**, in close partnership with the **Co-ordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS)** and the **International Cultural Youth Exchange (ICYE)**.

The project reflects the intention of youth organisations to create spaces for exchanging best practices as well as for building training expertise for both Asians and Europeans. The main aim of this training course is to strengthen the role played by youth organisations and institutions from Asia and Europe that are involved in Middle and Long Term Youth Voluntary Service projects designed to serve the Development of Local Communities.

The Asia-Europe Foundation aims to build on the training expertise of long-standing Asian and European youth organisations in order to allow for a beneficial exchange of practice and peer-to-peer training. The Asia-Europe series of trainings aim at the creation of an Asia-Europe platform for the joint development of the Asia-Europe co-operation in the field of youth trainings related to non-formal education. The establishment of a stable co-operation in the field of trainings and capacity-building for youth organisations forms a part of ASEF's efforts to foster intercultural dialogue.

Participants of this AETfT will include motivated trainers from sending organisations and hosting organisations involved in Middle and Long Term Youth Voluntary Service (aged between 18 and 40), nationals from the ASEM¹ countries, nominated by national and international organisations and networks involved in Middle and Long Term Youth Voluntary Service projects across Asia and Europe. Fluency in English is essential.

The organisers of the training course will be responsible for covering all local costs, including accommodation, meals and local transportation. They will also be in charge of covering 50% of the international transport costs (with a maximum subsidy of up to 250 EUR for participants residing in Asia and up to 500 EUR for participants residing in Europe). Participants from Japan are not entitled to travel subsidy.

Kindly indicate your interest to attend this training by sending the attached application form, before **Monday, the 15th of December 2008**, to both Mr Bogdan Imre (bogdan.imre@asef.org), at the Asia-Europe Foundation, and to Mr Yoshihiro Ozaki (LM-out@nice1.gr.jp), at NICE Japan. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Imre or Mr Ozaki should you need any further clarifications regarding the event.

We look very much forward to welcoming you to Japan!

Yours sincerely,

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President
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Ambassador Dominique Girard
Executive Director
Asia-Europe Foundation

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