



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

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FACT SHEET

BACKGROUND

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.

The project reflects the intention of youth organisations to create spaces for exchanges of practice as well as building training expertise for both the Asian and the European side and aims 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.

This ongoing training series reflects the continuation of the Asia-Europe Training for Trainers working group held in Estonia in 2007, which focused on the practice of coordinating Middle and Long-Term Voluntary Service (MLTV) throughout Asia and Europe. As a result of this working group, the value of providing an opportunity for young trainers and facilitators from diverse cultural backgrounds to exchange their experience and expertise was realised and acknowledged.

INTRODUCTION

The Asia-Europe 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 **International Cultural Youth Exchange** (ICYE) will take place in Tokyo, Japan, from the 11th to the 17th of February 2009.

WHAT IS ASEM?

The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) was initiated in 1996 when the ASEM leaders met in Bangkok, Thailand. ASEM is an informal trans-regional platform for dialogue and co-operation between the two regions and has arisen out of a mutual recognition that the relationship between Asia and Europe needed to be strengthened in light of the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.

The objective of ASEM is to forge a stronger partnership between Asia and Europe that is based on equality, mutual respect, and mutual benefit. The three pillars of the ASEM dialogue process – which extends beyond the political and official levels and encompasses the business and people sectors of the two regions – are political dialogue on regional and global issues, enhanced economic cooperation, and cooperation in the social, cultural, and educational fields.

WHO ARE THE ASEM PARTNERS?

The members of the ASEM Process are the following: Austria, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Laos, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, Myanmar, Netherlands, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, United Kingdom, Vietnam, the European Commission and the ASEAN Secretariat.



TRAINING OBJECTIVES

The main objectives are as follows:

- Analyse and understand the different schemes, concept and issues of Middle and Long Term Youth Voluntary Service in two regions;
- Share experience and knowledge from the two regions and improve skills towards enabling active involvement and creating a smooth learning process for local and international Middle and Long Term Youth Volunteers;
- Establish a concrete action plan for the development of a training cycle on Middle and Long Term Youth Voluntary Service in Asia and Europe;
- Introduce and disseminate methodologies of measuring the impact of Middle and Long Term Youth Voluntary Service on personal growth and social development;
- Stimulate co-operation among the youth organisations on Middle and Long Term Youth Voluntary Service at the Asia-Europe level;
- Develop skills, competencies and attitudes in providing Middle and Long Term Youth Voluntary Service training.

EXPECTED OUTPUT

The training is expected to create concrete results such as:

- Update the practical knowledge of Middle and Long Term Youth Voluntary Service towards Community Development projects;
- Develop skills and methodologies of Middle and Long Term Youth Volunteer training cycle;
- Gain basic skills as trainers and multipliers for non-formal education activities and implementation of Middle and Long Term Youth Voluntary Service;
- A concrete action plan for Asia-Europe future trainings;
- Collect new materials and ideas for the creation of an Asia- Europe training guidebook on Middle and Long Term Youth Voluntary Service;
- A significant impact on a local level to promote Asia-Europe youth exchange as it will involve local hosting partners, youth organisations and local youth.

VENUE/DATES

The Asia-Europe Training for Trainers on “Middle and Long-Term Youth Voluntary Service as a Tool for Community Development in Asia and Europe” will be held from the 11th to the 17th of February 2009 in Tokyo, Japan.

Exact information on the venue of the training will be provided in due course.

PROGRAMME

Participants are expected to arrive at the venue of the training on Wednesday, the 11th of February 2009 and depart on Tuesday, the 17th of February 2009.

The programme involves a combination of plenary and working group sessions using a variety of participative methods including practical activities outdoors and workshops held by participants themselves. A social/cultural programme is organised to enable the participants to learn more about the culture and history of host country.

WORKING LANGUAGE

The official language of communication shall be English.

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

The training will gather **24** participants (aged **18-40**), nationals from ASEM countries, who are:

- Trainers from sending organisations, hosting organisations and active young members, community leaders involved in the area of Middle and Long Term Youth Voluntary Service towards Community Development or who are willing to be involved in these fields;
- Key multipliers, playing an active role within a youth organisation, network or service at national, regional or international level, and plan to continue their work in the near future;



- Responsible for implementing Middle and Long Term Youth Voluntary service trainings/projects and willing to be committed to youth co-operation between Asia and Europe;
- Willing to set up an action plan to develop Middle and Long Term Youth Voluntary Service in the Asia-Europe frame;
- Able to work in English;
- Willing to attend 100% of the training.

Participants will be selected on a gender equality basis and geographical balance.

FEES AND OTHER EXPENSES

There is no participation fee for the programme. The organisers of the training course will be responsible for covering all local costs, including accommodation, meals and local transportation during the program. They will also be in charge of covering 50% of the international transport costs including the transport between the NARITA airport and the meeting point (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 residing in Japan are not eligible for any travel subsidy.

APPLICATION

Interested parties should send the completed Participant Application Form attached, along with their updated detailed curriculum vitae or resume and a recent photo (jpg or bmp format) to the designated co-ordinators no later than **Monday, the 15th of December 2008**. Applicants are kindly asked **NOT** to make any travel arrangements until they receive an official confirmation from the organisers. **ONLY** shortlisted candidates will be contacted for confirmation on **Friday, the 19th of December 2008**.

Information on the training, including the application form, is also available on the ASEF website at <http://www.asef.org>. Regular updates shall also be posted online. Applications and general inquiries should be sent to the following contacts:

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