

PRESS RELEASE



**Asia-Europe Classroom Network Conference
Apps in Asian and European Classrooms:
Unleashing Educational Creativity**

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Singapore, Sweden clinch top Asia-Europe Classroom Awards

Three outstanding “cyber classrooms” from Singapore and Sweden clinched this year’s AEC Awards during the 10th Asia-Europe Classroom Network (AEC-Net) Conference in Dundalk, Ireland on 8 November 2011.

The winning projects were “Flora and Fauna Conservation” (Singapore), “Home Seek” (Singapore) and “Red listed and Endangered species Database (R.E.D)” (Sweden). The winners will each receive a cash grant of 2,000 Euro to further develop their projects or to develop new ones.

The awards will be formally handed out by former President of the European Parliament, Mr Pat Cox on 10 November 2011.

Representatives presented their projects to over 100 delegates from 34 countries at the 10th Asia-Europe Classroom Network Conference.

The six shortlisted projects, chosen from over 33 entries, include projects coordinated by Germany, Ireland, Italy, Singapore and Sweden. This year’s finalists have involved over 800 students from 22 countries across Asia and Europe.

All AEC projects are developed by members of the Asia-Europe Classroom Network (AEC-NET). The AEC-NET was launched in 1998 and has since grown to involve more than 1,100 members in 846 schools across 43 countries in Asia and Europe.

The annual AEC Awards are rewarded to project groups for their innovative, effective and sustainable online projects carried out in collaboration with teachers and students both in Asia and Europe. The Awards aim to encourage innovative, effective, and sustainable online intercultural learning platforms by secondary and high school educators to connect students from Asia and Europe.

The AEC-Net Conference was organised by the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), based in Singapore, County Louth Vocational Education Committee (VEC), supported by the Irish Department of Education and Skills.

More information about the AEC-NET Conference can be found at <http://aec.asef.org>.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

You or your representative are invited to attend or to conduct interviews with any of the finalists or organisers. Details as follows:

Event: **Awards Ceremony (with Mr Pat Cox, former President of the European Parliament)**

Date: **10 November 2011 (Thursday)**

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Ballymascanlon Hotel, Dundalk

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About the Organisers:



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*). ASEF was established in February 1997 by the participating governments of ASEM and has since implemented over 500 projects, engaging over 15,000 direct participants as well as reaching out to a much wider audience in Asia and Europe. www.asef.org

* ASEM now brings together 46 member states (Australia, 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, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, United Kingdom, Vietnam) plus the European Commission and the ASEAN Secretariat. www.aseinfoboard.org



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