

In-kind Provision to Brunei to Support the Fight against COVID-19 Pandemic

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As part of the ASEM Initiative, ASEF together with the Government of Japan dispatched the necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in response to the worsening of the COVID-19 outbreak.

[Press release on Japan-Brunei Foreign Ministers' Discussion](#)

A total of 50,000 N95 masks arrived in Brunei Darussalam on the 30th September 2021 as part of the Stockpile Project under the ASEM Initiative where the assistance is expected to support the nation's capacity in handling the surge of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Following the PPE contribution to three ASEM partner countries in May 2021, the PPE dispatched to Brunei indicates that a large number of people from the ASEM member countries will benefit from the stockpile project.

On the 4th of October, a hand-over ceremony was held in the presence of Embassy of Japan in Brunei and Ministry of Health (MoH), Brunei. The government of Brunei welcomed the initiative and expressed their gratitude to the Government of Japan and ASEF stockpile project for the in-kind provision. ([Embassy of Japan in Brunei Darussalam media](#); [Home Page](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#))



The ASEM Stockpile project is funded by the Government of Japan.

About the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

More Information

www.ASEF.org

WHAT

ASEF is an intergovernmental organisation that strengthens the relationship between Asia and Europe through its various projects spanning 7 key thematic areas of work: Culture, Economy, Education, Governance, Media, Sustainable Development and Public Health. Acting as an interface between civil society and government, ASEF complements the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) and works as a platform for Asia-Europe dialogue to stimulate permanent networks that reinforce bi-regional relations.

WHO

ASEF was founded by Partners of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) - an informal, political dialogue process comprising of 51 countries in Asia and Europe, and two institutional partners ; European Union (EU), and ASEAN Secretariat. ASEF is the only established institution of ASEM.

WHERE

ASEF is based in Singapore, and its activities expands to all ASEM partner countries, two institutional partners, and neighbouring countries when needed.

WHEN

Since its creation in March 1997.

WHY

ASEF's Mission is to complement the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) process through opportunities for people in Asia and Europe to exchange ideas and collaborate, to achieve innovative and sustainable solutions for common global challenges.

About the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)

More Information

www.ASEMinfoboard.org

The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) is an intergovernmental process established in 1996 to foster dialogue and cooperation between Asia and Europe.

ASEM addresses political, economic, financial, social, cultural, educational environmental and health issues of common interest in a spirit of mutual respect and equal partnership. Its foremost event, the ASEM Summit, is a biennial meeting between the Heads of State and Government, the President of the European Council, the President of the European Commission, and the Secretary-General of ASEAN. In addition, ASEM Ministers & Senior Officials also meet in their respective sectoral dialogues.

The initial ASEM Partnership in 1996 consisted of 15 EU Member States, 7 ASEAN Member States, China, Japan, Korea and the European Commission. Today, ASEM comprises 53 partners: 30 European and 21 Asian countries, the European Union (EU) and the ASEAN Secretariat.¹

Through its informal process based on equal partnership and enhancing mutual understanding, ASEM facilitates and stimulates progress but does not seek to duplicate bilateral and other multilateral relationships between Asia and Europe.

¹ Currently the 53 ASEM partners are: Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Lao PDR, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom, Viet Nam, the ASEAN Secretariat and the European Union. Check out the [ASEM Infoboard Website](http://www.ASEMinfoboard.org) for detailed information

About the ASEM stockpile project

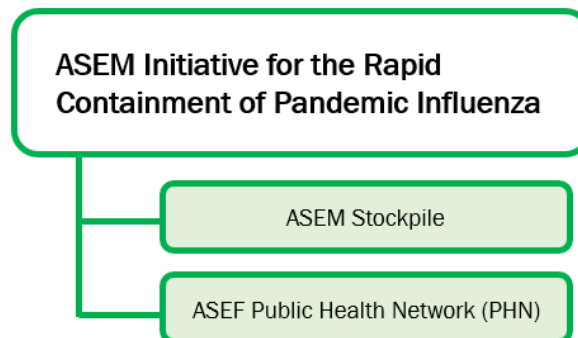
(Official project name: Stockpiling of Anti-Viral Drugs and Personal Protective Equipment for Rapid Containment of Pandemic Influenza)

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<https://asef.org/themes/public-health/>

WHAT

Following the 6th ASEM Summit (ASEM6; 2006; Helsinki, Finland) where the leaders expressed their determination to combat avian influenza and a possible human influenza pandemic, the “ASEM Initiative for the Rapid Containment of Pandemic Influenza”, financially supported by the Government of Japan, was launched at the 9th ASEM Foreign Ministers’ Meeting (ASEM FMM9; 2009; Hanoi, Viet Nam). Since then, the two components of the Initiative, ASEM stockpile of anti-viral drugs and personal protective equipment, as well as ASEF Public Health Network (ASEF PHN) have contributed to strengthening ASEM Partners’ capacity for managing Public Health Emergencies. To respond to the pandemic of COVID19, the ASEM stockpile has expanded its scope as an assistance for COVID19 response since 2020.



WHO

Donor: The Government of Japan
Partner: World Health Organization (WHO)

WHERE

The headquarter of ASEF is located in Singapore where all activities are implemented.

WHEN

The projects started in 2009

WHY

The mission of the initiative is to increase ASEM Partners’ capacity to fight against emerging infectious diseases across Asia and Europe.