

# ASEM PPE Stockpile Provided to Viet Nam as Fight against COVID-19 Intensifies

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#### IMAGES

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From the ASEM Initiative for Rapid Containment of Pandemic Influenza, where ASEF takes part with the Government of Japan and the World Health Organization (WHO), we dispatched necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from its Stockpile Project to support the effort to control the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2021, the PPE items from the Stockpile Project of the ASEM Initiative have arrived in Viet Nam. It consists of 6,920 isolation gowns, 20,800 surgical masks, 19,800 isolation suits, 13,400 pairs of examination gloves and 2,560 bottles of alcohol hand rub, which will contribute to the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic surged by the delta variant.

This in-kind provision was delivered to Viet Nam from the stockpile stored in Singapore, in coordination with the World Health Organization Regional Office for Western Pacific (WHO-WPRO).

This will be the third time to dispatch PPE from the Initiative this year. In May and June 2021, PPE was delivered to 3 ASEM Partners, Bangladesh, Cambodia and Lao PDR, amid the worsening COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally in Sep 2021, 50,000 N95 masks were provided to Brunei Darussalam. In 2020, with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Initiative also provided PPE to 5 ASEM Partners – namely, Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Mongolia and the Philippines.

The Initiative is committed to contributing to increase the ASEM Partners' capacity to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.



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

## **About the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)**

### **More Information**

[www.ASEF.org](http://www.ASEF.org)

#### **WHAT**

ASEF is an intergovernmental, not-for-profit organisation that strengthens Asia-Europe relations 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, the European Union, and the ASEAN Secretariat. ASEF remains to this day the only established institution of ASEM.

#### **WHERE**

ASEF is based in Singapore, but its activities expand to all ASEM Partner countries.

#### **WHEN**

Since its creation in March 1997, ASEF has brought together more than 40,000 people from Asia and Europe.

#### **WHY**

ASEF's Mission is to complement the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Process through opportunities for Asians and Europeans 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](http://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, and educational 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 and the ASEAN Secretariat.<sup>1</sup>

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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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

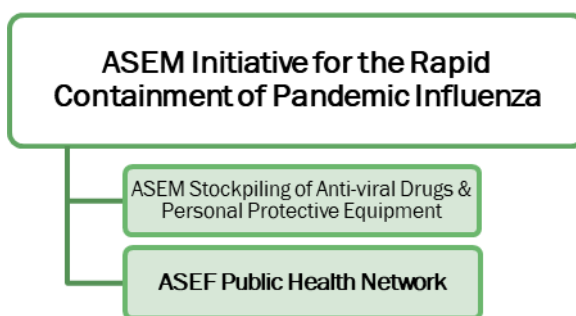
## About the ASEM Initiative for the Rapid Containment of Pandemic Influenza

### More Information

<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.



### WHO

Donor: the Government of Japan

Partner: World Health Organization Western Pacific Regional Office (WHO WPRO)

### WHERE

Stockpiled items are stored at the warehouse located in Singapore.

Public Health Network leads to the thematic area of Public Health at ASEF, located in Singapore.

### WHEN

Since 2009.

### WHY

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