Overview
WHAT IS #MODELASEM9?
The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) is an intergovernmental process established in 1996 to foster dialogue and cooperation between Asia and Europe. Presently it comprises 53 partners: 30 European and 21 Asian countries, the European Union and the ASEAN Secretariat. ASEM addresses Political, Economic, and Social, Cultural & Educational issues of common interest, in a spirit of mutual respect and equal partnership. More information: www.ASEMInfoBoard.org

Model ASEM is your first-hand introduction to the exciting world of diplomacy, negotiation and international relations. Being a simulation of the ASEM Foreign Ministers’ Meeting (ASEMFMM), at the Model ASEM you have the chance to step into the shoes of ASEM Foreign Ministers and along with other students, debate and exchange perspectives on current political and bi-regional issues.

The Model ASEM series organised by ASEF is unique as it takes place in conjunction with official ASEMFMMs and hence provides you with a golden opportunity to personally interact with ASEM Foreign Ministers and government officials.

Key characteristics of Model ASEM
- Provides you with a platform to engage with the ASEM process and personally meet with your Foreign Minister
- Offers you the opportunity to fine-tune your skills in the fields of diplomacy, negotiation, consensus-building and public speaking
- Enhances your understanding of the ASEM process and Asia-Europe relations and opens a network of Asia-Europe enthusiasts

Check here the video highlights and photos from past Model ASEM editions in Myanmar and Mongolia, held in conjunction with the 13th ASEM Foreign Ministers’ Meeting (ASEMFMM13) and the 12th ASEM Summit (ASEM12) respectively.

The 9th Model ASEM will take place on 11-16 December 2019 in Madrid, Spain, in conjunction with the 14th ASEM Foreign Ministers’ Meeting (ASEMFMM14). The agenda and programme of the 9th Model ASEM will closely follow the actual proceedings of the ASEMFMM14, and the theme of both meetings will be "Asia & Europe – Together for Effective Multilateralism".
PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS
The 9th Model ASEM is built on 3 programme elements:

Online Preparatory Phase (ca. 6 weeks)
Prior to simulating your role as a Foreign Minister or Delegation member at the 9th Model ASEM, you will attend online crash courses on policy making, webinars on Asia-Europe relations and complete individual and group tasks and research. During this phase, you might also get in touch with officials at Ministries of Foreign Affairs to build up a stronger expertise on ASEM.

5-day conference in Madrid
The programme in Spain consists of plenary sessions and thematic working groups with a focus on the key topics also discussed by the ASEM Foreign Ministers at the ASEM FMM14. As a concrete outcome, you will develop a consensus-based Chair’s Statement which will be presented to the ASEM Foreign Ministers at the Opening Ceremony of the ASEM FMM14.

In addition, you will also participate in practical trainings, and visit Diplomatic Missions of ASEM countries and International Organisations located in Madrid to gain an in-depth knowledge about their operations and functions.

14th ASEM Foreign Ministers’ Meeting (ASEMFMM14)
The grand finale: 4 student participants will present the Chair’s Statement and a summary of the project’s outcomes to the ASEM Foreign Ministers at the Opening Ceremony of the ASEM FMM14. All participants will also have the possibilities to meet ASEM Foreign Ministers and Delegation members on the side-lines of the ASEM FMM14.

WHAT DO I GAIN?
Opportunity to interact with ASEM Foreign Ministers & Officials
You will have the rare chance to meet and interact with ASEM Foreign Ministers and Delegation members as well as with representatives of ASEM Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations.

Diplomacy skills training
Our renowned think-tank partners and experienced alumni will train you to master the skills of public speaking, negotiation, teamwork, problem solving, policy, advocacy and consensus-building.

Contribute to the ASEM Process
Model ASEM will contribute to a continued strong youth presence in the ASEM Process. Play your role by participating in the political dialogue between Asia and Europe.

RESULTS OF #MODELASEM9 FEED INTO
ASEM Ministerial Meetings and ASEM activities:
- 14th ASEM Foreign Ministers’ Meeting (ASEMFMM14), 15-16 December 2019, Madrid, Spain
- 13th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM13), 16-17 November 2020, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Visual Concept
The Model ASEM design focuses on tangible elements and tools used in the world of international relations and diplomacy. Simple but powerful, each visual represents the foundations of ASEM: diversity of cultures, consensus building, exchange of perspectives, participation in dialogue and negotiation, and opportunities for better mutual understanding and knowledge.