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The Asia-Europe Forum for Young Photographers 2005 will be held in Paris from 19 to 23 November 2005, in partnership with Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Paris, AFAA and with the support of City of Paris and Paris Photo.

The Cultural Exchange portfolio of ASEF has been running the series of Asia-Europe Forum for Young Photographers since 2002. The first forum was held in Singapore in partnership with the European House of Photography of Paris and Singapore Art Museum, as part of the First Month of Photography in Singapore (www.asef.org/dir/ce/photos2002). The focus for the 2003 and 2004 editions, held respectively in Amsterdam and Hanoi, was on photojournalism, in partnership with World Press Photo Foundation.

Each annual forum gathers up to 25 young photographers (final year students or young professionals) to follow presentations by experienced photographers, photography editors and managers as well as discussions and workshops. All fora are conducted in English, and each includes a public event (e.g. public lectures, exhibitions).

The 22 young photographers selected for this <Asia-Europe Forum for Young Photographers 2005> in Paris are also experienced in organising photography events, in the forms of exhibitions, festivals, galleries, etc. In Paris, they will have the opportunity to visit Paris Photo, as well as galleries and art spaces dedicated to photography (programme organised by AFAA). They will also be able to share their experiences and projects and attend presentations by experts such as Vera Pechel, editor/designer for books related to photography; Ark Fongsmut, curator/lecturer and organiser of the Month of Photography, Bangkok, Thailand; Tomoko Yoneda, Japanese photographer based in London and Christian Caujolle, Director, Vu gallery and agency, France.

There will be two days of public sessions on 21 and 22 November 2005 with presentations of the 22 young photographers cum managers’ projects and the 4 resource speakers. Both public sessions will be held at Maison Europeenne de la Photographie (5/7 rue de Fourcy; Metro Saint Paul/Pont Marie).

Do not hesitate to visit http://www.asef.org/dir/ce/photos2005 and get in touch with us for more information!

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* The countries represented this year are: Belgium, China, Hong Kong-China, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Lithuania, Malaysia, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Poland, Singapore, Slovakia/ Denmark, and Thailand.

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