Asia-EU Journalists Seminar
Brussels, Belgium May 2003

Provisional programme outline:
Day 1: EU Institutions/Institutional reform/EP discussion
Day 2: EU External Relations/ Development policies/ Korea
Day 3: EU Economic Policies/ NATO/ WEU
Day 4: EU Sectoral Policies/ESC discussion
Day 5: Press Workings/briefing on Belgian politics
Day 6: Study Visit to Flanders: Waterloo, Bruges, Ypers

(venue of the seminar sessions: European Commission)

Sunday, 18 May

Arrival of participants

19.00 Drinks at a traditional Brussels brasserie

Monday, 19 May

08.30 – 09.00 Welcome: The Work of Political Foundations in Brussels/ Role of ASEF/ Remarks by a Korea Press Foundation representative
09.00 – 10.00 The Interaction of the EU Institutions: The Commission
10.30 – 11.30 The Council
11.30 – 12.30 Institutional Reform: From the Nice Treaty to the Convention
14.30 – 15.30 Europe’s Emerging Political Parties: The European People’s Party as an example (choice depending on partner’s preferences)
15.30 – 17.30 The Role of the EP – Panel discussion with senior MEPs from the major political groups

Tuesday, 20 May

08.30 – 10.00 EU Relations with Asia
10.00 – 11.00 EU and the WTO Round
11.00 – 12.00 EU Humanitarian Aid and Development Policies
12.00 – 13.00 CSFP
14.30 – 15.30 Regional development policies
16.00 – 18.00 Inter-Korean Relations and EU

Dinner Hosted by the Korean Embassy, Brussels

Wednesday, 21 May

09.00 – 10.00 Monetary Union at Work
10.00 – 11.00 Internal Market
11.00 – 12.00 Transport and Energy Policies/ TEN
12.00 – 13.00 Competition Policy
15.00 – 16.00 Agricultural Policy (CAP)
16.00 – 17.00 NATO
17.00 – 18.00 Visit to WEU
Thursday, 22 May

09.00 – 10.00  Scope of EU Jurisdiction/Implementation of EU Law/ Role of ECJ
10.00 – 11.00  Immigration, border control, asylum
11.00 – 12.00  Organised Crime, drugs, terrorism
12.00 – 13.00  Environmental policies

15.00 – 16.00  Consumer protection/food safety
16.00 – 17.00  Labour market/social policies
17.30 – 19.00  ESC: Discussion of Social Partnership with UNICE and ETUC

Friday, 23 May

09.00 – 10.00  Information Sources and Services for Journalists in Brussels
10.15 – 11.30  Working Conditions of Brussels based Correspondents (discussion with local colleagues)
12.00 – 12.45  Participation in Daily Press Briefing, Commission/ Breydel

15.00 – 16.00  EU Enlargement
16.00 – 17.30  Belgian Politics – The Art of Devolution and Compromise

Saturday, 24 May

Study Visit to Flanders (coach trip)

Waterloo (battlefield), Bruges (city planning in a historical town, with tour of old town), battlefields of Ypers, possibly brewery visit, return to Brussels

Sunday, 25 May

End of programme

Various lunches and dinners to be hosted by interested institutions and diplomatic missions