Asian and European Law Experts talk over Access to Justice.

More than 25 scholars, researchers, NGO representatives and policy-makers in the field of Justice from Asia and Europe have discussed in the workshop on Comparing Access to justice in Asian and European Transitional Countries.

The two-day workshop in Bogor, Indonesia from 27 to 28 June 2005 which was co-organized by the Asia Europe Foundation, the Habibie center and Hanns-Seidel foundation aim to provide chance to participants to compare their experience in legal reform and facilitate public access to justice in the two regions.

The workshop focus on three main topic:

- Guaranteeing Access to Justice through Constitutional and Legal Reforms: How could the vestiges of the past be addressed?

- Case Studies Across Asia and Europe: How well have the ombudsman, human rights commissions, and free legal aid mechanisms worked?

- Creating a Culture of Openness and Public Empowerment: Are Words Enough?

The main objective of the workshop is to identify specific issues and concrete follow-ups for international cooperation projects involving the institutions represented by the participants. Although the workshop's timing was short, participants have discussed and shared their idea broadly come out with fruitful outcome.

Asia-Europe Foundation was established in 1997 seeks to promote better mutual understanding between Asia and Europe through greater intellectual, cultural and people-to-people exchanges. (end)