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## Largest Asia-Europe Meet on Environment in Jakarta 23-25 November 2005

23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2005, Singapore – “1/3 of Our Planet: What Can Asia and Europe do for Sustainable Development?” will take place in **Jakarta, Indonesia, on 23-25 November 2005** and will be the first and largest multistakeholder meeting of its kind, drawing up to **250 high-profile international personalities and experts** from Asia and Europe.

**Indonesian President Bambang Susilo Yudhoyono** has been invited to address the conference, which will culminate the three roundtables held since 2003 on sustainable development, climate change, and renewable energy.

“This conference on the topic of sustainable development, particularly the question of energy and environment, comes at this crucial time of record-high oil prices that calls for closer co-operation between the two regions. We are proud to be the host to such an important meeting in Indonesia”, **says HE Rachmat Witoelar, Indonesian State Minister for the Environment.**

“UNEP recognises the importance of regional platforms to support international co-operation and has strongly supported the Asia-Europe Environment Forum since its inception”, **says UNEP Executive Director Klaus Toepfer**, who will deliver a keynote address at the 3-day conference.

This conference will be a converging point for 12 workshops hosted by organisations prominent in the field of the environment and sustainable development\*. Among the specific issues that will be discussed are energy and conflict, natural resource management, climate change, disclosure of environmental information, business and finance opportunities on environment, trade and use of hazardous chemicals and cross-border environmental protection in the North-South Korean Demilitarised Zone.

Concrete recommendations from key international organisations, public authorities, financial institutions, business, trade unions, academia from science, technology and innovation centers in Asia and Europe at this conference will be presented to Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) governments\*\* through the platform of the ASEM Environment Ministerial and distributed widely to civil society organisations in Asia and Europe.

The Asia-Europe Environment Forum is co-organised by the **Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)**, the **Hanns-Seidel Foundation (HSF)** of Germany, the **Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)** with support of the government of Japan, and the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**. “1/3 of our Planet: What can Asia and Europe do for Sustainable Development” is hosted by the **KEHATI Indonesian Biodiversity Foundation.**

For more details, please visit <http://www.env.asef.org>

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\*Please find Annex with list of 12 workshops attached

\*\* ASEM members include Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Laos, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Myanmar, Netherlands, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, United Kingdom, Vietnam, and the European Commission



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