THE Asia Europe Foundation (AEF) is looking for comic writers to participate in a project called "AF Comics Crusade," a collaborative effort between Asian and European creators. The aim is to foster cross-cultural understanding between Asia and Europe.

"Comics, with their roots in cave paintings, are a powerful tool," an AEF statement said. "They are typically associated with humor and entertainment, and have been successfully utilized as an informational and educational tool, with exceptional results."

The project's goal is to produce comic books that reflect the cultural and social diversity of the region, while also promoting understanding and respect for each other's heritage.

**THE OBJECTIVES ARE TO ACHIEVE:**

- A continuing collaboration to deepen understanding amongst Asian and European creators, storytellers, artists, and communicators.
- Products in published form that will promote awareness of the interdependence between Asian and European peoples and societies.
- A self-standing series of projects to include the above goals through sets of the eventual public exhibition.

Under the project, teams will be formed of established comic creators and European creatives working on a publication in a language that will allow for international recognition. The project will provide a platform for the exchange of ideas, experiences, and skills.

**SUBJECT EXAMPLES WOULD INCLUDE:**

- Natural disasters that have shaped a community and its cultural identity.
- Blogger journalists that have reported on events and issues of importance.
- Artistic collective of collaboration that explores the nature of cultural diversity, and identities within, across, and between communities.
- Environmental challenges and experiences in the visually capturing developments and European minds as the current perceptions of Asia and vice versa.

The teams will face the challenge of creating an international comic book that is to be confirmed after an open public contest. Each creator and team will have the opportunity to submit their work against the backdrop of their respective societies' cultures, histories, and an Afro-European theme for the publication, and will have the chance to win the courage of their creativity.

The deadline for participation is 12pm on October 22, 2002. Submit your entries or applications to:

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