Asian and European Editors on the Changing Face of Media in the Digital Age

“Asia and Europe are witnessing a media metamorphosis through which both regions have a lot to learn from each other”, said Mr YU Kun-ha, Editor-in-chief, The Korea Herald.

“Across the regions, journalism is undergoing a transformation like never before thanks to ubiquitous news, global information access, instantaneous reporting, interactivity with audiences and multimedia content”, added Ms Enrica TONINELLI, Deputy Director, Rai News24 Italy.

Mr YU and Ms TONINELLI made these comments during the 7th ASEF Editors’ Roundtable: Asian and European Media in the Digital Age on 16 October 2014 in Milan, Italy, an event that brought together more than 20 senior media commentators from 20 leading Asian and European media including AFP, The Times of India, The Moscow Times, Kyodo News Japan, The Korea Herald and Televisión Española.

“The introduction of new media has challenged the traditional forms of journalism as the global trend is shifting towards online, real-time reportage of events”, highlighted Professor Robert G. PICARD, Director of Research from the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism. “With new media, journalism is no longer uni-directional (reporter to reader) but rather interactive: The audience is now part and parcel of the information gathering and dissemination”, he added.

Professor PICARD was one of the 4 speakers of the Roundtable. Others included Dr Fernando SAMANIEGO from International News Media Consulting, Ms LIU Yi from Phoenix News China and Ms Ainé KERR from Storyful.

The 7th ASEF Editors’ Roundtable was held in conjunction with the 10th Asia-Europe Meeting Summit (ASEM 10) where the leaders of 51 member countries, and the ASEAN Secretariat and the European Union convened.

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The discussion highlights and recommendations from the Roundtable will be published as a monograph by Chatham House. This publication will be made available on ASEF’s website for public dissemination.

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