Call for Applications

10th ASEF Journalists’ Colloquium
4-6 November 2015, Luxembourg

About the ASEF Journalists’ Colloquium
The ASEF Journalists’ Colloquium, now on its 10th edition since 1998, will gather some 25 practicing journalists and experts from Asia and Europe for a closed-door, informal meeting to discuss important issues of common concern and its related media challenges.

Background note
The 10th ASEF Journalists’ Colloquium will focus on crisis reporting and what Asian and European journalists can learn from each other. Whether it is a public health crisis such as the E. coli outbreak (2011) in Germany, or an environmental disaster like the cyclone Haiyan (2013) in the Philippines, or some of the recent terror attacks – both Asian as well as European media face many common challenges. This colloquium will enable practicing journalists from ASEM countries to share their experiences and best practices in dealing with these challenges during crisis reporting from their respective regional perspectives.

Objectives
- Sharing of experiences in risk/crisis reporting amongst participating journalists from ASEM countries
- Creation of an ASEF Media Handbook, which will be a ready reference for journalists reporting during disasters/conflicts/crisis
- Initiation of an Asia-Europe journalists’ network on effective crises reporting

Invitation to Apply
The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) welcomes applications from journalists with experience in covering crises or disasters to participate in the 10th ASEF Journalists’ Colloquium: Crisis Reporting – the Role of Asian and European Media, which will be held from 4-6 November 2015 in Luxembourg.

Travel to and from Luxembourg, accommodations, and conference meals will be covered by the organisers. Limitations apply. (See Annex1)

The Colloquium will be held in conjunction with the 12th Asia-Europe Meeting Foreign Ministers’ Meeting (ASEM FMM12) in Luxembourg.
Eligibility
Applicants must:
• be a citizen of an ASEM member country
• be currently working as a journalist (traditional media, online media, freelance are all eligible)
• have considerable experience in covering crises and disasters

Procedure for application
Complete online application form: http://bit.ly/ASEFJC10

Important Dates
• Deadline for applications: Tuesday, 12 May 2015 18.00 (Singapore time: GMT+8)
• Shortlisted candidates will be notified during the last week of May 2015
• The list of successful applicants will be published in June 2015

Further information
All decisions regarding selection are considered final.
We regret that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted due to high volume of applications.

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Annex 1

Limitations of Subsidy

Travel

Travel involves economy airfare, expenses related to visa procurement, airport transfers only to and from Luxembourg airport to the conference hotel.

Travel subsidy is capped at the following amounts depending on the participant’s origin. Any amount over this cap will be borne by the participant.

- From Europe and Russia: up to SGD 1000
- From Asia: up to SGD 2300
- From Australia and New Zealand: up to SGD 2600

Travel expenses will be reimbursed only after the complete financial requirements have been processed after the conference.

Accommodation

Accommodation arrangements will be made directly by the organisers. All participants will be accommodated on a single room basis only. Any upgrades to doubles or suites will be borne by the participant.

Accommodation subsidy will involve strictly room cost only and related taxes. All miscellaneous expenses, such as but not limited to, laundry, phone calls, room service, business center use, etc. will be borne by the participant.

Meals

All conference meals listed in the programme (Annex 2) will be provided by the organisers.

All other meals not in the programme will be borne by the participants.
Annex 2

Tentative Programme of Events

4 November 2015
Arrival and Check-in

Official Opening by
H.E. Mr Jean ASSELBORN
Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Luxembourg

Welcome Dinner

5 November 2015
Discussion Sessions of the 10th ASEF Journalists’ Colloquium
Sessions moderated by
Professor Robert PICARD
Director of Research, Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, Oxford University

Keynote Speech by
H. E. Mr Romain SCHNEIDER
Minister for Development Cooperation, Luxembourg

Demonstration of Emergency.lu
by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Luxembourg

Farewell Reception
by the Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign Affairs

6 November 2015
Press Conference for the 12th Asia-Europe Meeting Foreign Ministers’ Meeting (ASEM FMM12)

Programme timing and speakers are subject to change