Welcome Model ASEM

Editorial

Welcome again to France and welcome to Le Havre. Now that our trip to Paris has been rested upon, it is time to begin a series of enriching and thrilling experiences in the next four days. Let us grasp this opportunity to create stronger and greater links between our nations and maybe more importantly let us understand each other through our cultures. This year Asia and Europe meet in Le Havre, and what better place could we ask for? Since Sciences-po Le Havre’s program focuses especially on Europe and Asia. The time and place is right, Model ASEM participants the floor is yours!

A Word of Welcome

The Daily Voice: What do you expect from Model ASEM?
Thierry Schwarz: I expect the students attending Model ASEM 2009 to enjoy themselves, to start with, that they will make friends, enjoy the city of Paris, and that they will discover Le Havre, which is not as well known as Paris, of course, but which is also an attractive city. And in addition to that I hope that they will discover SciencesPo, and maybe some of them will return as full-time students.

D.V: What kind of results do you expect from this Model ASEM 2009 edition?
T.S: I expect very strong disagreements: there is no reason for people coming from more than twenty different countries to agree on everything, so I hope they will disagree on many issues. I hope they will suggest and offer different solutions; I hope the consensus will be very difficult to build up. And that if eventually there is some kind of consensus, that it will be a kind of miracle: such miracle can only happen in model ASEM meetings!

D.V: What do you think is the interest of having such a meeting in Le Havre, especially in this campus?
T.S: Well, it makes a lot of sense for the model ASEM to take place at Sciences Po in Le Havre. Sciences Po in Le Havre is a full-time Model ASEM program, so what we do all year long is to have a kind of Model ASEM meeting, since we welcome here students coming from thirty or forty different countries, like Model ASEM does with students coming from many countries in Asia and in Europe. We have a program which is fully dedicated to the comparative study of Asia and Europe, so altogether we are already a Model ASEM, from an academic point of view!
**YOUR WEEK’S PROGRAM**

**Wednesday**
- **09H15 - 09h45**: Opening ceremony
- **09H45 - 11H45**: Opening speeches
- **11H45 - 12H15**: 1st Pillar session
- **12H15 - 13H15**: Lunch
- **12H15 - 18H00**: Lobbying
- **Until 18H15**: Submission of resolutions
- **18H30 - 19H30**: Crêpe Night
- **19H30 - 21H00**: Intercultural evening

**Thursday**
- **09H30 - 12H00**: 2nd Pillar session
- **12H00 - 13H00**: Lunch
- **13H00 - 14H00**: 3rd Pillar session : with speaker
- **14H00 - 15H00**: Workshop
- **15H00 - 16H00**: Trip from Le Havre to Fécamp
- **16H00 - 18H30**: Visit to Palais Bénédictine
- **18H30 - 20H30**: Dinner at Fécamp
- **21H00 - 22H00**: Trip from Fécamp back to Le Havre

**Friday**
- **10H00 - 12H30**: 4th Pillar session
- **12H30 - 13H30**: Lunch
- **13H30 - 15H00**: 5th Pillar session
- **15H00 - 16H45**: Workshop
- **17H00 - 19H00**: Visit to Port du Havre
- **19H30 - 21H00**: Dinner

**Saturday**
- **09H30 - 14H00**: General Session
- **14H00 - 14H45**: Lunch
- **14H45 - 15H30**: Trip from Le Havre to Rouen
- **15H30 - 18H00**: Tour of Rouen
- **18H30 - 22H00**: Gala dinner
- **22H00 - 22H45**: Trip from Rouen back to Le Havre

"Take time to deliberate; but when the time for action arrives, stop thinking and go in."
In the words of Napoléon Bonaparte

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**Question Session:**

*Every issue we interview the participants, chairs or organizers of the Model ASEM, here follows the exchange with Clémentine Pellegrin & Natacha Gasc, students from the European School of Culham.*

**D.V:** How did you first hear about the Model ASEM?

**N.G:** Through the school, M.Pouné (our headmaster) came up to us and told us how much it would be great if we took part in the Model ASEM, the idea followed through and here we are!

**D.V:** Do you have any expectations for this Model ASEM?

**N.G:** Well...I think I’m going to learn a lot about politics, and that it will be really interesting to meet new people from everywhere, from Asia in particular, with very different backgrounds. It hasn’t even started yet but we have already met so many people and it’s great.

**D.V:** Among the Pillar Sessions, are there any topics that you are really keen about?

**C.P:** Actually, I’m really lucky because I’m in the economic pillar and I’m really interested in green technology and the environment, it really fits with my interests and the research and preparation I had to do for the Model ASEM.

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**Gossip Corner**

This “gossip corner” is the place where all readers and participants can post what they have heard, seen or experienced and would like to share with the rest of us.

Spill the beans and give us all the juicy details at:

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“On behalf of the media team, we would like to express our sincere disapproval to the fact that we were enslaved by the organizing team during the first day, this shall not stand!”

Have you heard? Two male members of the organizing team are great salsa dancers! Ladies take a guess and they might swift you off your feet! Oh and by the way two female members of the organizing team are rugby players! Boys we suggest you back off, they might be ruff!