The young leaders invited to the 7th AEYLS produced recommendations on how to strengthen Asia-Europe relations in the new global context.

The AEYLS has been held annually since 1997, at different venues in Asia and Europe. It is a forum for young people, who have been selected as leaders in their respective fields, to discuss trends and issues in order to suggest innovative ways to strengthen Asia-Europe relations.

The latest held in Ho Chi Minh City, in partnership with the Vietnamese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, addressed the following:

- ASEM: A Critical Stocktaking and Challenges Ahead
- Towards Sustainable Economic Growth in Asia and Europe: New Challenges from emerging global realities
- Dialogue on Cultures and Civilizations: Identifying Common Values between Asia and Europe. Reconciling the Irreconcilable
- New Security Challenges: Comparative Perspectives from Asia and Europe and Prospects for a Euro-Asian Response
- The Role of Civil Society and People-to-People Exchanges in Strengthening Asia-Europe Co-operation

Workshops allowed the participants to share views on the following issues at length:

- Prospects for a Co-ordinated Response to Global Terrorism and Non-traditional Security Problems
- Closer Asia-Europe Economic Co-operation: What Lies Beyond Trade and Investment Facilitation?
- Identifying New Modalities to Promote Co-operation in Education and Human Resource Development between Asia and Europe
- Strengthening the ASEF Process: Preparing for Prospective Enlargement

A summary of the outcome and recommendations of the symposium will be transmitted to the ASEF governments and the European Commission.

For more information visit: www.asef.org/aeyls
Organised together with INSEAD (Singapore) (www.insead.edu/campuses/asia_campus/index.htm), the objective was to compare and contrast the historical development, current situation and prospective future evolution of the principal regional organisations in Europe and East Asia (EU, ASEAN, ASEAN+3, ARF...).

In the first session, the historical backgrounds of both regions were covered. During the second, the invited speakers discussed the challenges and issues facing regional integration. At the concluding session, the future direction of these regional organisations was projected.

The event was attended by more than 100 people who enjoyed the quality of the debate between prominent personalities from Asia and Europe (politicians and academics).

A publication of the papers will be out early 2004. Please e-mail caroline@asef.org to place your book order.

At this event European Federalists from many current and future EU member states met in a castle in the Styrian mountains. ASEF sponsored a session on "Europe’s integration, seen from Asia."

Professors Tang Shaocheng (China) and Deok Ryong Yoon (Korea) offered their views. Participants agreed that the EU should play a more active mediating role in diffusing the tensions between the two Koreas and across the Taiwan Straits, which were stoked up by an interested super power. Dr. Albrecht Rothacher, Director at ASEF, spoke on recent initiatives for regional integration in Asia, which in his view still had a long way to go.

The event was attended by 130 people of all walks of life. It was vividly reported in the local and regional press (see ASEF in the News).

The one-day seminar was organised to coincide with the 5th ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting and as the sequence to the Asia-EU Journalists’ Seminar previously held in Brussels (18-24 May).

The participating journalists were able to attend the main press conference of the ministerial meeting as well as the one given by EU Commissioner for External Relations, Chris Patten on the newly adopted EU Strategy on partnership with Southeast Asia.

ASEF Governor for Indonesia, Amb. Sastrohardoyo Wiryono delivered the keynote address on ASEM process and the various ways in which Asia and Europe could contribute to promoting long-term understanding between peoples of the two regions. Emma Udwin, the spokeswoman of EU Commissioner for External Relations, Chris Patten, gave an overview of EU’s external relations policy while Tom Glaser, the head of communications at the EU Delegation, Budapest, informed on current developments on the EU enlargement front. Lee Sun-Jin, Deputy Minister for Policy Planning and International Organisations from the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade spoke on current developments...
between the two Koreas from a regional and a global security perspective. Amb. Vassilis Bontosoglou, the new EU ambassador in Singapore, delivered a presentation on Asia-EU trade relations and focused on the upcoming WTO agenda in Cancun. Bambang Harymurti, Chief Editor of Tempo magazine of Indonesia, highlighted the role of media in the emerging democratic nations.

The Seminar brought together a diverse group of Asian and European journalists. It also created an important occasion for them to become familiar with the ASEM process, and to stay alert on future Asia-Europe relations.

**This meeting was co-organised by the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD), Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and the National Broadcasting Services of Thailand (NBT).**

The aim of the seminar was to focus on current problems and the potential of educational broadcasting in the ASEM countries. This meeting served as a forum for the discussion of concepts, networking, programme exchange and co-production within the current context of educational and cultural broadcasting.

For the list of contacts and recommendation paper visit www.asef.org/dir/ce/tvbangkok.

**The basic idea of the Asia-Europe Scriptlab was not just to develop screenplays that portray the Asian-European experience, but also for the screenplays produced to be pitched to the proper funding agencies for the realisation of these screenplays.**

The Asia-Europe Scriptlab gathered 9 young filmmakers and scriptwriters from Asia and Europe: John Jackson (UK), Sonja Servomaa (Finland), Massimo D’Orzi (Italy), Rayya Makarim (Indonesia), James Lee (Malaysia), Rey Ventura (Japan), Aditya Assarat (Thailand), Irene Suico Soriano (Philippines) and Ianco de la Cruz (Philippines).

The participants followed lectures, workshops and discussions led by well-known filmmakers and directors U-Wei Haji Saari (Malaysia), Prabda Yoon (Thailand), and Petr Zelenka (Czech Republic-special invitation from Cinemania 2003).

The report of the Asia-Europe Scriptlab is available upon request from marielesourd@asef.org.
The Asia-Europe Creative Camp is a new project conceived to offer a unique learning experience and opportunities for arts students.

This first event, initially foreseen in Delphi, Greece, was re-scheduled for Paris and co-organised with Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Beaux Arts de Paris. Eighteen art students from Asia and Europe gathered for one week to follow courses and workshops led by an Asia-Europe team of professors, art educators and artists:

- Prof. Pan Yaochang, Shanghai University, College of Arts, China
- Prof. David Evison, Academy of Fine Arts, Berlin, Germany
- Dr Channarong Porrungroj, Chulalongkorn University, Faculty of Fine and Applied Arts, Thailand
- Prof. Francisco Laranjo, University of Porto, Faculty of Fine Arts, Portugal
- Mr. Roger McDonald, Arts Initiative Tokyo, Japan

The Asia-Europe Creative Camp is a new project of the Cultural Exchange department of ASEF and is conceived not only as a learning experience (new ideas from art history and current development in Asia and Europe) but also as an opening for professional future (learn how to work with people from different cultures and backgrounds; how to develop and nurture artists' networks, etc.).

The Asia-Europe Creative Camp was sponsored by the Lee Foundation and the Asia-Pacific Breweries Foundation. The next Asia-Europe Arts Camp on "Arts and Multimedia" is scheduled for September 2004 in Tokyo, Japan.

More information is available at: www.asef.org/dir/ce/creativecamp

Co-organised with Brenderup Folk High School and the Danish Youth Council under the theme, Asia-Europe Youth for a World Without Borders, youth activists from non-governmental organisations in Asia and Europe gathered for an eight-week seminar cum training course on youth and globalisation.

The youth camp focuses on effects of globalisation, in particular, migration, good governance, cultural identity, employment, education and lifelong learning. These issues had been targeted as youth-related concerns during the ASEM Youth Dialogue on Globalisation held during 19-22 September 2002 in Hillerod, Denmark.
The participants have produced operation manuals, which implement the recommendations set forth by the ASEM Youth Statement on Globalisation, drafted and adopted by the youth leaders who attended the Dialogue last year.

Highlights include an Asia-Europe Information Fair to enable organisations to show their programmes and activities; open workshops, case studies, and training in advocacy, mediation and conflict resolution.

**Co-organised by ASEF and the Ayala Foundation, with support from the Philippine National Youth Commission.**

Resolving threats of terrorism, inter-ethnic/inter-religious friction, and transnational crime is no longer the domain of adults. Over fifty young people working on security-related issues in government agencies, NGOs, think tanks, youth and cultural organisations met in Cebu to exchange perspectives and articulate common views on the theme, “Root Causes of Conflict and the Role of the Youth”.

The ASEM Youth Dialogue in Cebu was more than just a debating forum. It provided young people from Asia and Europe the chance to recommend a joint strategy and joint measures that could be taken at the different levels within the ASEM framework in order to address the new security challenges. These recommendations were included in the ASEM Youth Statement adopted at the final plenary session. Participation coming from all sectors in society was seen as a key factor in combating terrorism and other new security challenges. Emphasis was placed on what the youth can and should do to make the world a more secure place. The youth also acknowledged the number of initiatives already being undertaken at the inter-governmental level, noting that ASEM should strive to set the pace for closer co-operation on the new security issues for the wider international community.

The statement was accepted by National Security Adviser Rolio Golez, on behalf of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. In her acceptance statement read by Rep. Golez, President Arroyo gave her assurance to pass the ASEM recommendations to concerned government agencies and to the build relevant programmes and projects.

**AU8 was co-organised with the Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation (CSGR), University of Warwick.**

The main objective of the ASEF University Programme is to provide a conducive environment to foster inter-cultural dialogue among top university students from Asia and Europe on a broad range of issues with a view to increasing points of convergence between the two regions.

Thirty-four students attended the two-week congress to compare and contrast unilateralism versus multilateralism for future international order over four modules. The students were given an insight to the fundamentals of world order, and were prompted to ascertain the prospective use of multilateralism pursuant to recent global problems. They were also introduced to a full-day scenario-planning exercise on the Future of Multilateralism in the final module.
Besides the academic aspect of the AU8 programme, the students also had the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the rich history and culture of England through visits to Oxford, London, and Stratford-upon-Avon. The main cultural highlights of the AU8 programme included the visit to the historical structures of the St. Paul’s Cathedral, the Tower Bridge, Shakespeare’s birthplace, and the Christi Corpus College headed by Sir Tim Lankester, who is the ASEF Governor for UK.

All participants of AU8 now join other participants of past sessions as members of the ASEF University Alumni Network (ASEFUAN). The Network provides further opportunities for students to contribute to Asia-Europe relations.

**Co-organised with the New World Order Forum, the aim of this informal forum was to analyse the "cultural divide between Asia and Europe" and the points of convergence as well.**

The forum was developed in response to the "Asia-Europe dialogue on Cultures & Civilisations," conceived last year in Copenhagen by the ASEM leaders and was the first conference of the new "Cultures and Civilisations Dialogue Programme" launched by ASEF in 2003.

Adopting the same freewheeling, brainstorming style used for the 1st Windsor Forum in October 2002, over two days of discussions, the participants identified the types of cultural divide that exists between the two regions and how best to cope with the inevitable and the evitable differences.

Participants engaged in intensive discussions on the following questions:

- How do Asians and Europeans view regional integration?
- How do Asia and Europe view each other?
- How do we view sovereignty?
- How do we view the United States?
- How do we view conflict resolution?
- How great are the cultural differences?
- Is it time for ASEM to commit to more "deliverables"?
- Is it time for "a new common culture"?

Details and report are found on the following website: www.new-worldorder.org

**As part of the ASEMUS programme, this meeting was organised by ASEF Japan Trust Fund in collaboration with Shanghai Museum and Museum Quai Branly, France.**

About 30 European and Asian museum professionals took part in two working groups focusing on:

- Travelling exhibition on Asian perceptions of Europe and European perceptions of Asia
- Virtual exhibition of 2,500 masterpieces in Asian and European collections
These two topics were preliminarily discussed during the *Asia-Europe Marketplace of Museums Conference* held on 10-14 April 2002 in Leiden, the Netherlands.

The Shanghai Conference added impetus and further developed these pilot projects, which will be presented during the ASEMU wrap-up conference on 4-6 March 2004 in Singapore for support and continuation.

Website references: www.asemus.org, www.asef.org/dir/cc/asemusshanghai

From a speech, "Collection, mission, action. Bridge the museum to the world." by Dr. Steven Engelsman, Director, National Museum of Ethnology, Leiden, the Netherlands.

There is a vast, but dormant and untouched collection in store. Some 200,000 objects, and only 1.5 percent on display. Why are we putting heaps of money into conserving these collections that are not really coming to life in the foreseeable future? So why and for whom do we keep them? As a repository of curatorial source material only? Or are there other modes of usage, which we haven’t explored and discovered yet?

**ASEMUS**

Yes, there are new modes of using collections. This is where the ASEMU network comes in. The network operates under the auspices of the ASEMU summits, that is heads of state of 25 European and Asian countries. It is financed by the Asia Europe Foundation in Singapore. And its mission is to share collections of Asian cultural heritage in museums in those 25 countries.

A fine example of such sharing of collections is the long-term loan that we have recently given to the new Singapore Asian Civilizations Museum. They wanted to show Indonesia’s history but did not have the proper collections. We have many of them, given our Dutch history in the region. So the deal was obvious. There is some sponsorship here from Dutch industries based in Singapore.

ASEMU actually brings together a small group of museum people from these 25 countries on a fairly regular basis. On a practical level, its aim is getting a series of long-term projects of cooperation going.

**Conceived in 1998, the Asia-Europe Classroom (AEC) (www.aec.asef.org) serves as an on-line forum for increased intercultural exchanges among high school students in Asia and Europe. The AEC aims to contribute to the improvement of the quality of education using information technology while forging strong partnerships and exchange of knowledge among secondary and high school students and teachers in Asia and Europe.**

The 3rd Asia-Europe Classroom (AEC) International Teachers' Conference was organised in collaboration with Madania School and the Department of National Education, Indonesia from 28 September to 2 October 2003 in Bogor, Indonesia. The Bogor Conference attracted over 60 high school teachers or educators from 14 ASEM countries, who discussed on ways to further strengthen and expand the AEC network. They also collaborated on developing new on-line collaborative projects, all of which have the potential of further enriching exchanges and dialogue among the secondary and high
school students from Asia and Europe. As a result, seven new AEC Projects, involving around 50 schools from 14 countries in Asia and Europe, were endorsed during the Conference.

The AEC Awards 2003 were conferred to the top three AEC Project Groups who have produced outstanding on-line learning platforms or applications under the AEC framework. The award recipients were:

- Cultural Fusion - The Global Teenager
- Handshakes All Around the World - A Virtual Homestay
- Living in a Multicultural World

Their busy social and cultural programme included a visit to the Bogor Botanical Garden and a courtesy call to the Presidential Palace in Jakarta, where the participants had the privilege of meeting the Indonesian President, HE Mrs Megawati Soekarnoputri.

"Finding the Path from Johannesburg": Engaging Civil Society in the Implementation of the World Summit for Sustainable Development (WSSD) Outcomes

A roundtable of 41 individuals from Asia and Europe gathered for the first informal civil society consultation on environment issues under the ASEM process around the theme “Finding the Path from Johannesburg”, on 29-30 September in Bangkok, Thailand.

The key message of the roundtable is that Asia-Europe co-operation on sustainable development can and must advance within the framework of genuine partnerships among all the stakeholders: civil society, including private sector and local sector civil society, and governments.

Genuine partnership is the foundation on which continued dialogue on such issues as climate change, desertification, biodiversity, and other items on the agenda for Asia-Europe partnership can advance.

Participants were composed of civil society members from the academe, local authorities, research, private sector, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) representing indigenous peoples, women, workers, and climate change watchers. Also in attendance were participants from government environment agencies and multilateral institutions such as the European Commission, the Asian Development Bank, the ASEAN Secretariat, and the European environment agency.

ASEF Director for Intellectual Exchange Bertrand Fort will present the outcomes of the meeting at the Senior Official Meeting of the ASEM Environment Ministerial that will be held at the Castle of Charles V in Lecce on 11 October 2003. ASEM is the best platform for this process and the ministers of Environment were asked to take concrete measures for ASEM to fully assume this role in the following areas: convergence in multisectoral strategies for sustainable development, networking, communication strategies, capability-building, monitoring and evaluation, and allocation of resources.

The roundtable was the first event of the Asia-Europe Environment Forum, a series of roundtables on specific concerns. The Asia-Europe Foundation initiated this Forum in partnership with the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) has recently come on board as a co-organiser.

Please visit the Asia-Europe Environment Forum website: http://env.asef.org for more details. Contact: sol.iglesias@asef.org
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Michael Roekaerts, Pax Christi International Youth Forum

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Lecce, Italy
ASEM Environment Ministers' Meeting

27 – 29 October 2003
Seoul, Korea
8th Asia-Europe Business Forum (AEBF)

30 – 31 October 2003
Berlin, Germany
ASEM Symposium on Combating Underground Banking and the Need of Supervising Alternative Remittance Services in European and Asian Countries

October 2003
Beijing, China
ASEM Seminar on the Management of Public Health Emergency

12 – 13 November 2003
China
ASEM High Level Conference on Agricultural Co-operation

17 – 18 November 2003
Brussels, Belgium
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December 2003
Beijing, China
ASEM Conference on Cultures and Civilisations
1 - 3 October
Paris, France
East Asia & Europe: Experimenting with Region Building
Co-organised with Institut François de Relations Internationales (IFRI) and De La Salle University, Philippines

2 - 10 October
Pusan, South Korea
8th Pusan Film Festival (ASEF Cultural Grants)
Organised by Pusan International Film Festival

6 - 10 October
Hanoi, Vietnam
AIBD / ASEF Cultural & Educational TV Children’s Programmes
Co-organised with Asia Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) and Vietnam Television (VTV) Training Centre

9 - 11 October
Munich, Germany
Asia-Europe Workshop on TV Children Programme
Co-organised with AIBD and Prize Jeunesse Germany

13 - 20 October
Seoul, Korea
Asia-Europe Youth Training for Trainers Course
Co-organised with Network for Voluntary Development in Asia (NVDA), with the support of the Alliance of the European Voluntary Service Organisations, the Co-ordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCVIS), and the International Workcamp Organisation (IWO) in Korea.

17 - 19 October
Singapore
The Year of Living Digitally, Digital Sounds (ASEF Cultural Grants)
Co-organised with Spelli7

20 - 21 October
Vietnam
3rd Asia-Europe Roundtable: Peace and Reconciliation Success Stories and Lessons in Europe and Asia
Co-organised with FES and SIIA

20 - 22 October
Manila, Philippines
Asia-Europe Workshop Series “Social and Cultural Effects of Computer-mediated Interactive Communications Technology in Europe and Asia”
Convenors: University of the Philippines and University of London, UK

23 - 26 October
Guilin, China
5th ASEF Young Parliamentarians’ Meeting
Co-organised with National People’s Congress, People’s Republic of China

25 October
Singapore
Asia-Europe Videoconference Multiculturalism and Intercultural Understanding
Co-organised with Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France (through the Embassy of France in Singapore) and Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

31 October
Beijing, China
The 9th ASEM Informal Seminar on Human Rights Series Steering Committee Meeting
Co-organised with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France, the Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Sweden and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China

2 - 5 November
Singapore
2nd General Meeting on the ASEM Education Hub

6 - 7 November
Singapore
14th Board of Governors Meeting

10 - 11 November
Chiang Mai, Thailand
Asia-Europe Workshop Series “Social Science and AIDS in Southeast Asia”
Convenors: Chiang Mai University, Thailand and Université de Provence, France

12 - 15 November
Singapore
Asia-Europe Workshop Series “The Internet and Elections in Asia and Europe”
Convenors: Nanyang Technology University, Singapore and University of Nijmegen, the Netherlands

15 - 30 November
Spain, Portugal, Italy
Cultures & Civilisations Dialogue “Lecture Tours” by Dr. Yeo Lay Hwee of the Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA), Singapore
“Countering Unilateralism, Preserving Diversity: Dimensions of Asia-Europe Co-operation”

21 - 23 November 2003
Stockholm, Sweden
Asia-Europe Workshop Series “New Perspectives in Eurasian Archeology”
Convenors: Museum of Far Eastern Antiquities, Sweden and Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China

23 November - 6 December
Manila, Philippines
9th ASEF University
Co-organised with the John Gokongwei School of Management, Ateneo de Manila University

27 November
Singapore
Asia-Europe Arts Promotion Agencies Network (ASEARTS) Conference
Co-organised with International Federation of Arts Councils and Culture Agencies (IFACCA) and National Arts Council (NAC), Singapore.

1 - 15 December
Netherlands, Germany, France, United Kingdom (tbc)
Cultures & Civilisations Dialogue “Lecture Tours” by Prof. AB Shamsul of ATMA, Malaysia

4 - 8 December
Amsterdam, Netherlands
Asia-Europe Forum for Young Photographers 2003
Co-organised with World Press Photo Foundation, Amsterdam

4 - 10 December
Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Fixing the Bridge, Workshop on Artists’ Initiatives (ASEF Cultural Grants)
Organised by the Gereja Art Foundation, Yogyakarta, Indonesia

8 - 9 December
Singapore

10 - 16 December
Brunei
AIBD / ASEF Workshop on TV Youth Magazines
Co-organised with the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) and Radio Television Brunei (RTB)

15 - 17 December
Chiang Mai, Thailand
Convenors: National University of Singapore and Sciences-Po, France

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