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Cultural Exchange
The Music Industry in the New Economy Asia-Europe Workshop for Young Photographers Report (Soft Copy)
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Asia-Europe Seminar on Local Cultural Industries
Asia-Europe Puppet Festival VCD
International Seminar Asian-European Epics Report
Asia-Europe Marketplace of Museums: Sharing Cultural Heritage
Asia-Europe Meeting on Asymmetry in Museum Collections - A Report
Int Workshop on Flexible Materials in Asian Collections Exchange of Approaches to Conservation, Presentation and Use
Asia-Europe Forum for Young Photographers 2003 ("Migrations")

Intellectual Exchange
The Fourth Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights
A Gender Agenda: Asia-Europe Dialogue - New Visions and Perspectives for Women and Man
A Gender Agenda: Asia-Europe Dialogue 2 - Globalization and Regional Responses
The Asia-Europe Forum 2000
The Asia-Europe Forum 2001
The Seminar on the New Economy and the Perspectives of Asia Europe Economic and Trade Co-op
The New Global Security Agenda in Asia & Europe: Focus on Transnational Crimes
Asia-Europe: Do they Meet? Reflections on the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)
International Migration in Asia and Europe: Experiences and Perspectives
Unemployment in East Asia and Europe 2003 Asia & Europe High Level Education Forum: Search for the Future Direction
Finding the Path from Johannesburg

People-to-People Exchange
4th ASEM University - Social Changes in Asia and Europe in the Age of Globalisation
5th ASEM University - Integration or Disintegration of the Modern World? Experience in Europe and Asia
World Cup Roundtable on Promoting Understanding among Cultures and Peoples

Public Affairs
Unity in Diversity: A celebration of the music of Asia-Europe (CD)
Asia-Europe Journal Vol. 1 - No. 1 - February 2003
Asia-Europe Journal Vol. 1 - No. 2 - May 2003
Asia-Europe Journal Vol. 1 - No. 3 - August 2003
Asia-Europe Journal Vol. 1 - No. 4 - December 2003

Others
Heartland, A New Silk Road?
Pan-Sila

ASEF, SECOND PHASE

When Amb. Dr. Delfin Colomé leaves ASEF, at the end of October 2004, ending his mandate as Executive Director, a fruitful period of four years (2001 - 2004) – the second period of ASEF history will be closed. A new ASEF team, headed by Executive Director Amb. Cho Won-il and Deputy Executive Director Hendrik Kloninger will drive the Foundation through its third historical phase.

This special edition of ASEF NEWSLETTER wants to review – in a brief and clear way – the achievements and highlights of ASEF, from ASEM 3 in Seoul to ASEM 5 in Hanoi, under the command of Amb. Dr. Delfin Colomé to whom – together with his team – ASEF NEWSLETTER is paying homage with this Special Issue.
When I took over from my dear friend Prof Tommy Koh, as Executive Director of the Asia-Europe Foundation in November 2000, I was supposed to stay there – as indicated by the Dublin Principles – for three years. But after some constitutional changes, I was asked to remain at the helm of ASEF for one more year, until end of October 2004.

These last four years have been the most exciting time of my professional life. As a career diplomat, it has been extremely attractive to be engaged in an innovative experience – as ASEF is – in a kind of new diplomacy based on a bi-regional dialogue at the level of civil societies. As an intellectual and an artist, the challenge has been more than rewarding.

In this special issue of ASEF Newsletter, we intend to show what has been done in the last four years; a period which, from its “infant-hood”, leads ASEF into its maturity as a prestigious Foundation, frequently praised by the leaders and the citizens of Asia and Europe.

But now, getting close to October 2004, it is time to say goodbye.

Bidding farewell is a good reason to be thankful. Therefore, I would like to stress my deep gratitude:

First, to all my colleagues in ASEF during the last four years. Most especially to DED Kim Sung-chul, a Director Zainal Mantaha, Albrecht Rothacher, Chulamance Chatsawan, Bertrand Fort, Terence Tan, Ulrich Niemann, Cai Rong Sheng and Arnaud d’Andurain, and all the ASEF staff, at all levels. I always had the feeling of being at the command of a dream team!

Second, to the Board of Governors and its Chairmen (Governors Oh, Barcia, Vejajiva, Krenzler and Wang), to the 25-member states and the European Commission and the SOM leaders of the large ASEF family.

Third, to all the co-partners which have worked with us on developing the impressive number of 300 high-quality activities which have generated – in direct terms – more than 15,000 ASEF alumni.

Fourth, to all these alumni – active participants in ASEF programmes and all the ASEF friends, because you are the best witnesses of ASEF’s usefulness as an instrumental tool at the service of international dialogue, peace and mutual understanding, three values in real need in our world today.

A new team, headed by Ambassador Cho Won-il and DED Hendrik Kloninger will, in a few weeks, begin a third era for ASEF. A new team means something very healthy for an organisation like ASEF: new ideas, new horizon, new paths to be walked. I wish them not only the success that ASEF deserves, but the feeling of enjoying ASEF as I did, with the help of all of you.

Dear friends – brothers of Asia and Europe: Be sure that I will keep with me the best memories of ASEF and of all of you.

Goodbye! 🙏

Amb. Dr. Delfin Colomé
ASEF/ASEM Linkage

ASEF has shown a special vocation to serve the dialogue between Asia and Europe envisaged by its political matrix, ASEM. Therefore, a series of programmes done by ASEF exemplifying the virtues of a solid ASEF/ASEM linkage.

Examples of these programmes are the several Asia-Europe Environment Meetings, the series on Human Rights, organised by ASEF or ASEF participation at the ASEM Ministers of Culture Meeting, in Beijing, where the Ministers stated that they appreciate the substantial contributions that have been made by the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) in promoting intercultural dialogue, mutual awareness, and understanding between Asia and Europe through its comprehensive programmes in the field of intellectual, cultural and people-to-people exchanges. The Ministers encouraged ASEF to further intensify its work in these areas, in accordance with the plurianual action plans that it has already formulated.

ASEF New Headquarters

Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong inaugurated the new Asia-Europe Foundation Building, to much hype and fanfare, on 6 November 2003. The new building, built by the Singapore Government amidst the serene atmosphere and beautiful greenery of Heng Mui Keng Terrace, at the cost of $5.1 million (2.5 million Euros), was donated to ASEF. Strategically located at the think-tank complex of the National University of Singapore, ASEF is now surrounded by other multilateral and academic institutions such as the Institute of South-east Asian Studies (ISEAS), Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Secretariat and Institute of Policy Studies, creating the convenient environment for dynamic interaction.

5 November 2003
European Commission President Romano Prodi and Prime Minister of Singapore Goh Chok Tong, laid the foundation stones for the new ASEF Building.

7 & 8 July 2003
Amb. Dr. Delfin Colomé, Mr. Rodolfo Severino and Dr. Eric Teo at the ‘Regional Integration in Europe and Asia: Past, Presents, and Futures’ conference held at INSEAD Singapore.

15 February 2002
Commissioner Pascal Lamy at ASEF 5th Anniversary Lecture, Website Launch & Reception

5 April 2002
Amb. Dr. Delfin Colomé, Commissioner Christopher Patten and Prof. Tommy Koh at a public lecture of the ‘European Union Foreign Policy and the Challenges of Globalisation’
ASEF Projects/Events 2001-2004

Global Project Costs (S$) 2001 – 2004
From April 2000 to March 2004

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Expenditure Comparison for Financial Year from 2001 to 2004 (S$)
From April 2000 to March 2004

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Number of Projects • 2001 - 2004

Financial Year

Amount S$

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2001 2002 2003 2004

Year

Amount S$

2001 2002 2003 2004

Property Maint Promotions General Admin Staff Expenses

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Financial Contribution made by ASEM Partners
From February 1997 to March 2004

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The contributions received are placed under the following funds in accordance with the terms specified by the contributors:
- Operating Fund
- Endowment Fund
- Trust Fund

The contributions received are earmarked for specific projects, the utilisation of which requires prior approval from the contributing member.

as at 31st March 2004

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Table: Number of ASEG's Projects & Events 2001 - 2004
From April 2001 to March 2004

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Chart 1: Number of ASEG's Events • 2001 - 2004
Farewell Messages

"What I liked about Ambassador Colomé were his indefatigable energy, emolliency, unflagging ability, and administrative and managerial skills. I am sure he also lived up to his reputation as a man of the arts - a renaissance. He has a lot to contribute wherever his talents next take him." J Y Pillay

Delfin Colomé has been a terrific leader. Through his commitment to ASEF's mission, his understanding of European and Asian cultures and societies, and his ability to carry his staff and the multiplicity of stakeholders with him, he has accomplished a great deal. We should all be very grateful to him for his four years as Executive Director." Sir Timothy Lankester

A convinced European, he has also developed a special passion for Asia. Coming from Catalonia, in the South of Europe, he combines enthusiasm, warmth and cordiality of a Southerner with conscientiousness and devotion to work, qualities which are sometimes considered particularly northern qualities. All of this taken together makes a perfect combination for an Executive Director of ASEF. Bravo, Delfin, bravo. Un fuerte abrazo! Dr. Horst G Krenzler

"The personality of Ambassador Delfin Colomé combines both the highest qualities of an ambassador and an outstanding Executive Director of the Asia-Europe Foundation with a great talent as a writer, a poet and a composer. All these qualities have the roots in creativity. Ambassador Delfin Colomé has well served the cause of Asia-Europe Foundation." Edmond Israel

"I wish to pay a tribute to Delfin and Elena Colomé. Delfin is an exceptionally talented person. He is also a good man. He has done a wonderful job as executive director of ASEF. My wife and I have become good friends and admirers of Delfin and Elena. We will miss them very much." Prof. Tommy Koh

"Ambassador Delfin Colomé succeeded the visionary Tommy Koh as ASEF Executive Director in Autumn 2000. A Spanish Diplomat with wide experience of Asia, a polymath and a gifted artist himself particularly in music, he brought his considerable administrative skills to the task. Dr. Colomé's contribution to the EU Asia Relationship, at the personal and the institutional levels, has been distinctive and will be long lasting. Those of us serving on the Board of Governors during his term of Office appreciated his insights, his deep commitment and his unfailing courtesy." Dr. Tom P. Hardiman

As a diplomat, he fulfills missions in cheerful conversations and laughter; as a musician, he seeks the truth by harmonizing heaven and earth. He spared no efforts promoting understanding between Asia and Europe; he did all he could to enhance the role of Asia-Europe Foundation. Though four years is a short time he spent with us, it cultivates a life-long relationship never to be forgotten: He, Amb. Delfin Colomé, will always remain an ever-respectable colleague, a sincere friend and a most beloved member of the ASEF family. Wang Min, China
New Phase

A new phase for ASEF (2004 - 2008) will be led by the new Executive Director, Amb. Cho Won-il and Deputy Executive Director, Hendrik Kloninger.

Executive Director
Amb. Cho Won-il

Married with a son and a daughter, Amb. Cho Won-il officially assumes the post of Executive Director in the fourth quarter of 2004.

Upon completing a Bachelor of Arts from Seoul National University (College of Law), Amb. Cho became Political officer in Europe/Japan Divisions before joining as the Second Secretary in New Zealand (Commercial Affairs) about six years later. He then took on the appointment of Consul in Cairo and was responsible for economic/commercial affairs and particularly contributed to economic partnership between Korea and Egypt. He was also involved in establishing Korea-Egypt Joint Venture Bank (1978) and organised the first Korea Trade Fair in Cairo (1979).

In 1979, Amb. Cho became the Director of Planning and Budget Division; International Legal Affairs Division, MOFA during which he acceded to International Convention on the Abolition of Discrimination Against Women and initiated legal amendment to promote women’s rights and abolish discrimination against women. During the directorship, Amb. Cho went on to complete and obtain his Master of Philosophy from Cambridge University.


Deputy Executive Director
Hendrik Kloninger

Seconded by the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Hendrik Kloninger officially assumed the post of Deputy Executive Director at ASEF as of 1 May 2004.

Mr. Kloninger was born in Berlin and has studied Business Management at the Technical University of Berlin with minor in Economics of Education. His entire career has been with Goethe Institut, at different locations, until now. He started as Cultural Manager at the Goethe Institut in Munich, Germany and has last held the post of Director of the German cultural institute in Dakar, Senegal since 1999.

In between, he was also posted for six years (1987-1993) in Cairo and has served in the management of the head office in Munich (1993-1996).

His interests are in all fields of culture and language as seen by the numerous publications, which he has authored and edited while working on various culture and education-related projects of the Goethe Institute. The responsibilities as the Director in Senegal included overseeing programmes such as exhibition projects, academic seminar projects, and cultural co-operation with the embassies of the European countries in Dakar, which led to his founding the informal working group, "Groupe Culture Europe."

"Project-oriented work, in particular in the area of exhibitions, literature, academic seminars, film, media and dance theatre has been a characteristic element," he says of the nature of his past work.

He hopes to further contribute to the long-term objectives of the Foundation by bringing his professional expertise and experience in mainly culture and education fields to good use during the next three-year term. He is married to a Finnish national since 1984. X
The Media Report - ASEF

Young leaders tackle terrorism

AEJ 03/2004 will be out in October 2004. The contents of the new issue are as follows:

1. Goh Chok Tong. Europe's Global Role
2. Wolfgang Huber. Christian Belief and Political Culture in Europe
3. Ulrich Niemann/Sabine Breghart. Is Confucianism Leaving Korea?
4. Song-Hoon Park. ASEAN and the Future of Asia-Europe Relations
5. Bertrand Fort. ASEAN's Role for Security Cooperation
6. Michael Roemer. ASEAN's Role for Education and Culture
7. Apern Petchwut. How European Integration is Perceived in Asia
8. Brian Bridges. Learning from Europe: Lessons for Asian Pacific Regionalism?
9. Sathoko Raji. The Euro, the Enlarged EU and Asia
10. Zhou Hong. EU Social Policy Studies in China
12. A.R. Morin. Multiculturalism in a Fragmented World
14. Ricardo K.S. Mak. The German Community in 19th Century Hong Kong
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