

Beijing, 26 February 2013

To All ASEM SOM Leaders

Subject: Invitation to the ASEM Symposium on Towards Peace and Prosperity in Asia and Europe: the Need of a Dynamic ASEM

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to inform you that the Chinese Government will host the Symposium on *Towards Peace and Prosperity in Asia and Europe: the Need of a Dynamic ASEM* on 25 - 26 April 2013 in Yangzhou, Jiangsu Province, China.

This initiative was adopted at the 9th ASEM Summit in Vientiane, co-sponsored by China, Lao PDR, India, Poland and ASEF. It is designed to provide an open platform for the ASEM partners to discuss issues concerning ASEM's future development. It is our shared hope that this event will help provoke thoughts and explore ways to further enhance dialogue and cooperation between Asia and Europe, and provide useful inputs to the ASEM process.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my invitation to you as well as other officials, experts and scholars to attend the Symposium.

Please find attached the Tentative Programme and Registration Form of the Symposium. It will be appreciated if you could kindly confirm your attendance with our liaison officers by 22 March. The Administrative Circular will be circulated in the following days.

I look forward to welcoming you in Yangzhou.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the Chinese characters '张' and '康' in a cursive style, with a small red seal to the right.

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