



Towards Peace and Prosperity in Asia and Europe:

The Need of A Dynamic ASEM

Symposium co-sponsored by China, Laos, India, Poland and ASEF

Yangzhou, China, April 25-26, 2013

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, April 24th, 2013:

All Day: Arrival of Delegates

15:00-19:00 Registration

18:30 Informal Dinner for SOM Leaders

Thursday, April 25th, 2013:

08:30-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:30 Opening Session

(Venue: Grand Ballroom II, 1st Floor, Shangri-La Hotel)

Moderator:

Amb. Zhang Xiaokang, ASEM SOM Leader for China

Welcoming Remarks by **Mr. Xie Zhengyi**, Secretary,
Yangzhou Municipal CPC Committee

Opening Statement by **Mr. Ma Zhaoxu**, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China

Statement by **Mr. Bounkeut Songsamsok**, Vice Minister & ASEM SOM Leader, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lao PDR

Statement by **Mr. Gerhard Sabathil**, Director, Department of North East Asia and the Pacific, European External Action Service, EU

Photo Session

(Venue: Grand Ballroom II, 1st Floor, Shangri-La Hotel)

09:30-09:45 **Tea/Coffee Break**

09:45-12:00 **First Session: ASEM'S Opportunities and Challenges**

(Participants will take stock of ASEM's past achievements in the three-pillar cooperation, identify imminent challenges and discuss how to take the process forward)

Moderator:

Mr. Maciej Falkowski, Deputy Director of Asia Pacific Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland

➤ **09:45-10:45** **Speakers:**

1.Mr. Thomas Roe, Senior-Vice President, EU-ASIA Centre(15 minutes)

2.Ms. Des Alwi, Deputy Director for American and European Regional Organization Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia (15 minutes)

3.Mr. Johan Schalin, Director of Department of Asia and Oceania & ASEM SOM leader, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,Finland (15 minutes)

4.Mr. Hideaki Kuramitsu, Director of Asia-Europe Cooperation Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan (15 minutes)

➤ **10:45-11:00** **Tea/Coffee Break**

➤ **11:00-12:00** **Discussion**

12:00-14:00 Working Lunch
(Venue: Grand Ballroom I, 1st Floor, Shangri-La Hotel)

14:00-16:15 Second Session: Sharing Experience and Best Practices
(This Session will be briefed by ASEF for its achievements and challenges in forging linkages between Asia and Europe since its inception in 1997, and introduce experiences and best practices from other similar international and regional cooperation mechanisms)

Moderator:
Amb. Zhang Xiaokang, ASEM SOM Leader for China

- **14:00-15:00 Speakers:**
- 1.Amb. Zhang Yan**, Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (15 minutes)
 - 2.Mr. Shin Bong-Kil**, Secretary-General, The Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat(15 minutes)
 - 3.Mr. Simon Wong**, Deputy Secretary (International) & SOM Leader, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore (15 minutes)
 - 4.Ms. Alison Carrington**, Director of European Union Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia (15 minutes)

➤ **15:00-15:15 Tea/Coffee Break**

➤ **15:15-16:15 Discussion**

18:00-20:00 Dinner hosted by the Yangzhou Municipal Government
(Venue: Jienan Hotel, Yangzhou)

Friday, April 26th, 2013:

09:00-12:00 Third Session: ASEM's Future Development Direction and Ways Ahead
(Discussion items may include, inter alia, improving

ASEM's working methods, action-oriented programs and initiatives for cooperation, more effective mechanism support and financial needs)

Moderator:

Mr. Thongphane Savanphet, Director General,
Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign
Affairs, Lao PDR

➤ **09:00-10:00 Speakers:**

1.Amb. Wang Xuexian, former ASEM SOM Leader for
China (15 minutes)

2.Mr. Maciej Falkowski, Deputy Director of Asia Pacific
Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland. (15
minutes)

3.Ms. Renu Pall, Joint Secretary (ASEAN
MUTILATERAL) , Ministry of External Affairs, India (15
minutes)

4.Mr. Andrey Smorodin, Consul General, Consulate
General of Russian Federation in Shanghai(15 minutes)

➤ **10:00-10:15 Tea/Coffee Break**

➤ **10:15-11:15 Discussion**

**11:15-11:30 Briefing on the preparation of 11th ASEM Foreign
Ministers' Meeting** by **Ms. Renu Pall**, Joint Secretary
(ASEAN MUTILATERAL), Ministry of External Affairs,
India

**11:30-12:00 Closing Session:
Chair's Summary & Remarks of Co-Sponsors**
(Venue: Grand Ballroom II, 1st Floor, Shangri-La Hotel)

12:00-14:00 Working Lunch
(Venue: Grand Ballroom I, 1st Floor, Shangri-La Hotel)

13:45-17:00 City Tour