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## Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

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## ASEF Expert Webinar Series: Post-Pandemic Socio-Economic Recovery Efforts

### Webinar #1 (9 April 2021) –

#### How Do We Build More Resilient and Connected Societies?

- Public Health expert - **Associate Professor Mr. Piotr CHLEBICKI**, Senior Consultant, Department of Infectious Diseases, Singapore General Hospital
- Economy expert - **Dr Darnp SUKONTASAP**, ASEF Governor, Thailand
- Connectivity expert - **Dr Maalke OKANO-HEIJMANS**, Senior Research Fellow, Clingendael Netherlands Institute of International Relations

As part of the series “Expert Webinars on post-pandemic socio-economic recovery”, ASEF is organising a webinar on “How Do We Build More Resilient and Connected Societies?” to highlight ways forward in dealing with the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. The focus is on COVID-19 post-pandemic recovery efforts that would have a real and lasting impact for the people of Asia and Europe.



### ABOUT

#### “How Do We Build More Resilient and Connected Societies?”

Given the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, this webinar will be an informative one which will include the contributions and initiatives by governments, private sector, international organisations and academics to address social and economic recovery efforts, and will address questions such as:

- How can ASEM countries contribute to global efforts (e.g., COVAX) to ensure the vaccines are available, accessible, and affordable for all and how can they ensure that citizens are able to make timely and informed decisions on COVID-19 vaccines?
- What practical measures can ASEM countries undertake to reorganise global supply chains to ensure sustainable balanced growth of ASEM partners and how can the public and private sectors jointly finance growth, support demand, and promote high skilled jobs in ASEM partners?
- What practical solutions and possible projects can ASEM engage in to better connect citizens including by narrowing the digital divide between developing and developed countries of Asia and Europe?

### FORMAT

The webinar will commence at 4.00pm Singapore time. Experts from the government, business, and academia from Asia and Europe would present for ten minutes and address relevant topics, followed by a question-&-answer session with the on-line audience.

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### AGENDA

Friday 9 April 2021, 4 – 6pm Singapore Time (GMT +8)

3:30	Panellists log in	Briefing / preparation before webinar starts
4:00	Webinar Introduction	<b>Ms Fatima AVILA</b> Communications Manager Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
4:05	Welcome address	<b>Amb MORIKAWA Toru</b> Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
4:15	Topic Introduction Public Health	Moderator: <b>Mr Lawrence ANDERSON</b> Director, Communications Department Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)  Moderator to introduce topic and first speaker.
4:20	Public Health Expert Intervention	<b>Prof Piotr CHLEBICKI</b> Senior Consultant, Department of Infectious Diseases, Singapore General Hospital
4:30	Public Health Questions	Questions to be extracted from online audience.
4:50	Topic Introduction Economy	Moderator to introduce topic and the second speaker.
4:55	Economy Expert Intervention	<b>Dr Darnp SUKONTASAP</b> ASEF Governor, Thailand
5:05	Economy Questions	Questions to be extracted from online audience.
5:25	Topic Introduction Connectivity	Moderator to introduce topic and the third speaker.
5:30	Connectivity Expert Intervention	<b>Dr Maaike OKANO-HEIJMANS</b> Senior Research Fellow, Clingendael Netherlands Institute of International Relations
5:40	Connectivity Questions	Questions to be extracted from online audience.
6:00	Conclusions and Wrap-up	Moderator will do a quick wrap-up and invite each panellist to give his/her final thoughts on the discussion.
6:20	Webinar ends	