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10th ASEM FinMM
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14-15 October 2012
Siam Kempinski Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

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Sunday, 14 October 2012

- 12:00 - 18:00 Registration / Accreditation
- 14.00 – 14.30 **Opening Session & Discussion on the 10th ASEM FinMM's Agenda**
by ASEM High-Level Finance Officials
- 14.30 – 16.30 **Drafting Session of Chairman's Statement**
by ASEM High-Level Finance Officials
- 16.30 **Closing of the ASEM High-Level Finance Officials Meeting**
- 18.30 – 21.00 **Cocktail Reception & Dinner**
for Finance Ministers, spouses and all delegates

Monday, 15 October 2012

- 08:30 – 09:00 Registration / Accreditation
- 09:00 – 09:15 **Inauguration: Keynote Speech by H.E. Kittiratt Na-Ranong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, and the Chair of 10th Asia-Europe Finance Ministers' Meeting**
- 09:15 – 09:30 **Photo session for Heads of Delegation**
- 09:30 – 10:45 **Plenary Session 1 : Economic and Financial Development and Prospects for Europe and Asia**
- Lead Discussants: IMF, ADB, European Commission, European Central Bank
- The world economy is gradually recovering, but downside risks remain elevated. Series of policies and measures have been introduced, and substantial progress has been achieved in stabilizing the global economy. The IMF and the ADB will lead the discussion on global and regional outlooks together with the potential risks and prominent economic and financial development. ASEM members are also invited to exchange views and provide updates on their economic situations.*
- Open discussion
- 10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30

Plenary Session 2: The Role of Regional Financial Arrangements in Europe and Asia in Ensuring Global Financial StabilityLead Discussants: EFSF, Denmark, Germany, AMRO , Japan

Regional financial arrangements in Europe and Asia represent both an opportunity for enhancing global financial stability, and a challenge for greater coordination among member states and across different layers of financial governance. The aim of the session will be to examine recent developments in regional financial integration in Europe and Asia, with a focus on the EFSF/ESM and the CMIM, exchange insights and experiences to enhance mutual understanding. ASEM members are invited to exchange views and experiences after the lead discussants.

Open discussion

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch

14.00 – 16.00

Plenary Session 3 : Asia and Europe Partnership for Enhancing Inter-regional Investment and TradeLead Discussants: ADB , China, Republic of Korea , Thailand, Finland

The recent financial and economic situation underlines the need for Asia and Europe to better and closer interact with each other to tackle key global challenges. As investment and trade flows between the Asia and Europe still have untapped potentials, a strong policy dialogue on how to further encourage such inter-regional flows is essential, particularly on enhancing direct investment between the two regions in order to generate employment and growth, and strengthening fiscal and financial infrastructure to facilitate trade and investment. ASEM members are invited to exchange views and experiences after the lead discussants.

Open discussion

16:00 – 16:15

Coffee Break

16:15 – 17:00

Plenary Session 4 : Progress Report of ASEM Initiatives, Other Issues and Closing Remarks

- **Progress Report of ASEM Initiatives**
ASEM Customs Cooperation Report by Head of Thai Delegates, and other ongoing or new proposal of ASEM Initiatives
- **Adoption of Chairman's Statement**
- **Next Host**

Review of ASEM Initiatives, adoption of Chairman's Statement, and discuss the next host of ASEM FinMM

Open discussion

17:00 – 17:30

Press Conference by H.E. Kittiratt Na-Ranong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, and the Chair of 10th Asia-Europe Finance Ministers' Meeting