

A Panel Discussion on

“Europe and Asia – dynamic regions, mutual visions”

jointly organised by the Delegation of the European Union in Singapore, the EU Centre in Singapore,
the Belgian Presidency of the EU and the Asia-Europe Foundation

You are cordially invited to attend a panel discussion on the ASEM process and book launch on 29 September 2010 at the Orchard Hotel.

The ASEM 8 Summit will take place on October 4-5th in Brussels. 48 Heads of State and Government from 46 Asian and European countries, the European Commission and the ASEAN Secretariat will meet for discussions on key global challenges and ways of strengthening political, economic and cultural ties between the two continents.

The Summit offers a unique and important opportunity for deepening relations between Europe and an increasingly dynamic Asia. At the last ASEM Summit in Beijing in 2008, ASEM leaders had the first major discussion on how to contain the global financial crisis just as its effects were beginning. That Summit was a key preparation for the subsequent G20 Summits which have emerged as the new global economic governance fora.

This year's ASEM summit will also focus on the continuing fall-out of the economic and financial crisis, especially on existing global governance structures, ways to encourage more Asia-Europe cooperation on energy, environmental protection, food security and social development – so-called “sustainable development” issues – improving relations between the peoples of Europe and Asia, and common challenges, including counter-terrorism, fighting piracy at sea and organized crime.

The EU Centre in Singapore will also be launching a new book, co-published with Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, *“The Asia-Europe Meeting: Engagement, Enlargement and Expectations”*. This book is a collection of the papers presented at the ASEM Roundtable on “Australia and Russia in ASEM: Engagement and Expectations” held in Singapore on 6 August 2010.

Please register early to learn more about the upcoming Summit, the importance of ASEM and how it is relevant to you. This event promises to be informative, interactive and, overall, a chance to understand more about the importance of deepening engagement between Europe and Asia.

Programme

9.45am – 10.15am

Registration

10.15am – 10.30am

Opening remarks

by His Excellency Holger Standertskjöld
Ambassador and Head
EU Delegation to Singapore

10.30am – 12.00 noon

Panel Discussion including Q & A Session

Moderated by Dr Yeo Lay Hwee
Director
EU Centre Singapore

Panellists:

Ambassador Dominique Girard
Executive Director
Asia-Europe Foundation

Associate Professor Simon Tay
Chairman
Singapore Institute of International
Affairs

Mr Augustine Anthuvan
Editor International Desk
Channel NewsAsia

12.00noon – 12.15pm

Closing remarks

by His Excellency Roland Van Remoortele
Ambassador of Belgium

12.45pm – 2.00pm

Lunch

Details

Day & Date: Wednesday - 29th September 2010

Time: 10.15am – 2.00pm (registration starts at 9.45am)

Venue: Orchard Ballroom I, Orchard Hotel, 442 Orchard Road, Singapore 238879

This event is free. To register, please email
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or call Jonathan at +65 6336 7919 by 27 September 2010.