

Press Release:

ASEM Day 2017: Promoting the Role of ASEM in Connecting the Youth of Asia and Europe

ASEM Day Celebration with the theme “Promoting the Role of ASEM in Connecting the Youth of Asia and Europe” has been held by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia in cooperation with University of Indonesia on 13 March 2017. This event was held in Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, University in Indonesia, Depok, and was attended by Head of European Union Delegation to Indonesia, Ambassador of Ireland to Indonesia, Executive Director of ASEF, representatives of Embassy of ASEM Partners in Jakarta, Dean of Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Head of International Department, teaching staffs, and students of University of Indonesia and other universities in Jakarta area.

ASEM Day Celebration was divided into two events, cultural exhibition and talk show. Nine Embassies of ASEM Partners in Jakarta participated in promoting culture and education in their countries. Embassies participated in the exhibition are Embassy of Spain, the Philippines, Ireland, Pakistan, Italy, Russian Federation, China, India, and Japan. There are also art performances from the Embassy of Russian Federation and Embassy of India. Visitors which are mostly university students can also taste food from participating ASEM Partners.



Participants of the talk show were provided with information about ASEM in such entertaining and engaging way through games and quizzes. The highlight of the event was the talk show session with the theme “Promoting the Role of ASEM in Connecting the Youth of Asia and Europe”. Talk show session was opened by Ambassador Prayono Atiyanto representing the

Director General of American and European Affairs and followed by remarks by the Dean of Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, University of Indonesia which emphasize the importance of promoting awareness of ASEM and the need to explore more on youth cooperation of Asia and Europe.



The speakers in the talk show session came from Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, University of Indonesia, Executive Director of ASEF, Head of European Union Delegation to Indonesia, and journalist. The speakers talked about ASEM cooperation and encouraging students to take advantage of ASEM programs to increase the capacity of the youth of Asia and Europe.

This event has given insights to Indonesian youth about cooperation in Asia and Europe region in the framework of ASEM and inspired the youth to take advantage of ASEM programs.

This event was held as implementation of recommendation to celebrate ASEM Day on March 1 or any other day during the first week of March as mandated in the 11th ASEM Summit in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia in 2016.

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