

Connecting Civil Society of Asia and Europe

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Civil Society organizations can make a unique contribution to the political, socio-economic, and cultural development in Asia and Europe. The efforts of civil society actors, such as NGOs, trade unions, universities, research institutes, think-tanks, foundations, and resource organizations are indispensable to the building of a community sense in the two regions.

Recognizing the importance of bridging civil societies in Asia and Europe, the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF, Singapore), Casa Asia (Barcelona, Spain), the Japan Center for International Exchange (Tokyo, Japan), and the IIAS are co-organizing the two-day conference 'Connecting Civil Society of Asia and Europe'. The meeting will bring representatives from various civil society groups in Asia and Europe together to discuss issues of mutual concern, such as governance, environment, academic cooperation, interfaith dialogue, social issues, and international relations. It will provide a platform for constructive dialogue on the future direction of civil society cooperation between Asia and Europe, a few months before the fifth ASEM summit, to be held in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Participants will be invited to exchange ideas on possible solutions for an enhanced relationship between Asia and Europe and to describe their vision of future links between the regions. The Asia-Europe Foundation will convey the outcome of this consultation to the ASEM governments. <

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