



**8<sup>TH</sup> ASIA-EUROPE CLASSROOM NETWORK CONFERENCE  
SØNDERBORG, DENMARK  
26 – 30 OCTOBER 2009**

***THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE SCHOOL  
COMMUNITY IN  
ASIA AND EUROPE***

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Executive Director  
Asia-Europe Foundation**



# Background of the Asia-Europe Foundation

- **1996**: Inaugural Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit.
- **1997**: ASEF was established under the framework of ASEM process.
- **2004**: The partnership grew from 25 to 38 countries, plus the European Commission.
- **2007**: ASEM welcomed 6 new partners: Bulgaria, Romania, India, Mongolia, Pakistan and ASEAN Secretariat (Total: 45 partners)

# ASEF Mission

ASEF seeks to **promote** mutual understanding, **deeper engagement** and continuing **collaboration** among the people of **Asia and Europe** through greater **intellectual, cultural,** and **people-to-people exchanges** between the two regions.

# ASEF Provides:

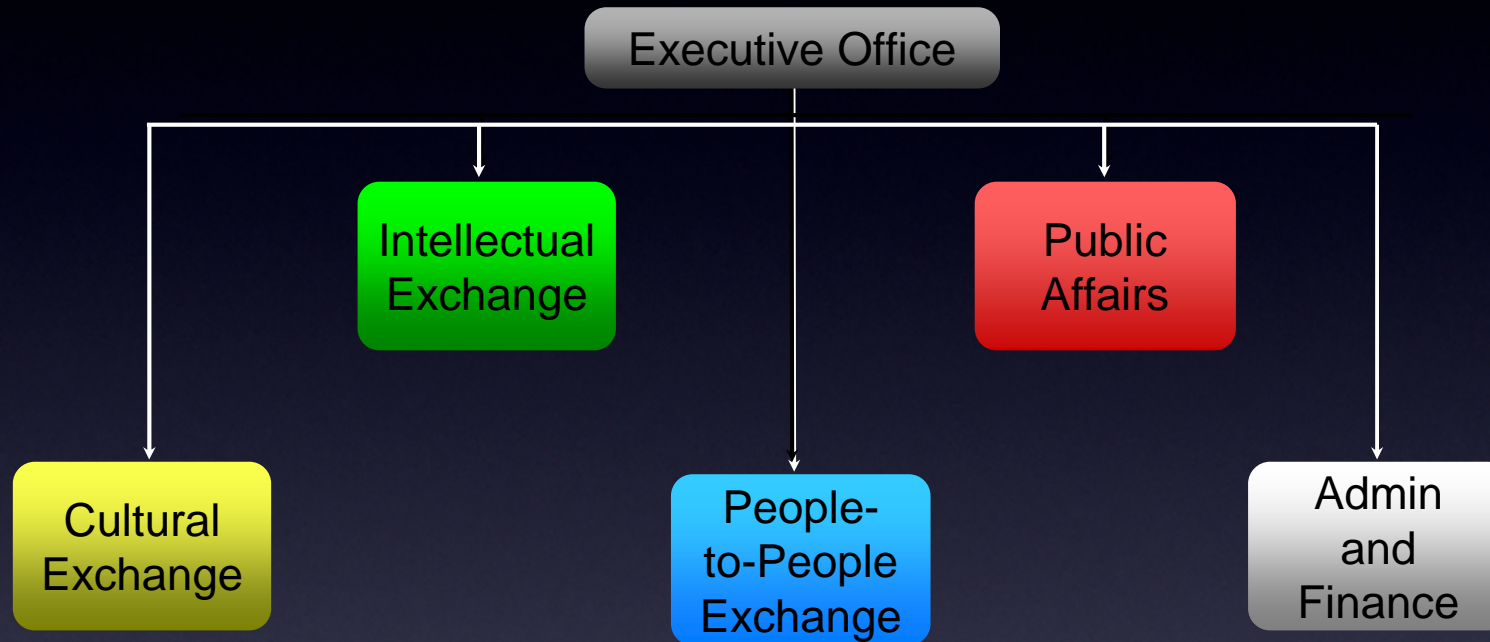
- Platform for Asia-Europe dialogues
  - Permanent networks that reinforce Asia-Europe biregional relations
- Civil society outreach of ASEM
- Interface between civil societies and governments
- Contributions to ASEM
  - Recommendations for officials' consideration
  - Ideas and solutions that would not normally emerge in purely civil society nor purely inter-governmental processes.

We deliver cross-cultural enrichment to participants from the two regions through conferences, lecture tours, workshops, seminars, and the use of web-based platforms.

## ASEF Thematic Areas:

- **Environment & Sustainable Development**
- **Economy & Society**
- **Public Health**
- **Arts & Culture**
- **Education & Academic Co-operation**
- **Human Rights & Governance**
- **Interfaith Dialogue**

# How ASEF is Organised



# Asia-Europe Classroom (AEC- NET)

- Launched in 1998
- Annual Conference launched in 2001
- The only Asia-Europe platform in ASEF catered to directly linking secondary and high schools



# Asia-Europe Classroom (AEC- NET)

- Involves teachers, students, and schools
- Builds a growing network



# Asia-Europe Classroom (AEC-NET)

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### News Bulletin

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- Promotes usage of ICT in various forms
- Encourages improving access to ICT for youth

# Asia-Europe Classroom (AEC-

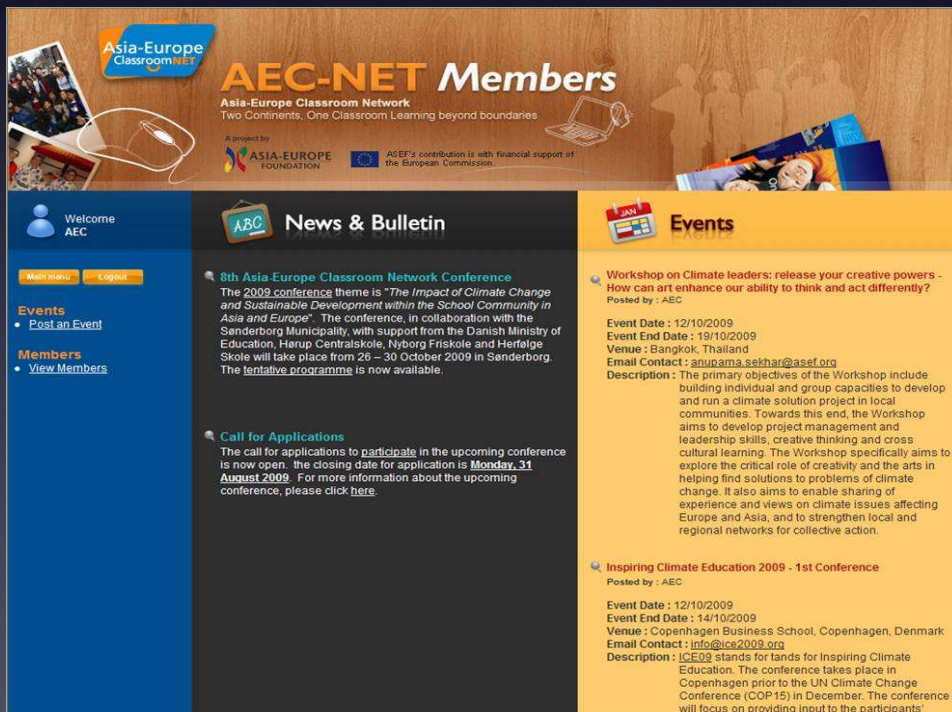
Principal activities held under the AEC

framework:

- **Annual Conference** attended by secondary and high school teachers from Asia and Europe
- **Various AEC online collaborative learning projects** involving different groups of students from secondary and high schools of Asia and Europe.

# Asia-Europe Classroom (AEC- NET)

- Aims at creating unique Asia-Europe synergies
- Combination of virtual space (cyber-classroom) and physical gatherings (face-to-face exchanges, annual conferences)



The screenshot shows the AEC-NET website homepage. At the top, there is a banner for "AEC-NET Members" with the tagline "Asia-Europe Classroom Network" and "Two Continents, One Classroom Learning beyond boundaries". Below the banner, there are navigation tabs for "Welcome AEC", "News & Bulletin", and "Events". The "News & Bulletin" section features two articles: "8th Asia-Europe Classroom Network Conference" and "Call for Applications". The "Events" section features two articles: "Workshop on Climate leaders: release your creative powers" and "Inspiring Climate Education 2009 - 1st Conference".

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**Events**

**Workshop on Climate leaders: release your creative powers - How can art enhance our ability to think and act differently?**  
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# Annual Conferences

- **2001 AEC International Teachers' Conference: Singapore**
  - **2002 AEC International Teachers' Conference: Finland**
  - **2003 AEC International Teachers' Conference: Indonesia**
  - **2004 AEC International Teachers' Conference: Germany**
  - **5<sup>th</sup> AEC International Teachers' Conference: China 2005**
  - **6<sup>th</sup> AEC-NET Conference: Greece 2006**
  - **7<sup>th</sup> AEC-NET Conference: Malaysia 2008**
- **8<sup>th</sup> AEC-NET Conference: Denmark 2009**

# AEC-NET Communications

- Secured **Members Module**
- Quarterly **e-newsletter**
- AEC-NET dedicated **website**
- **Email Lists**

If you can't view this email, [click here](#). [www.aec.aese.org](http://www.aec.aese.org) | Jul 2009 Issue




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**Feedback**

AEC-NET was launched in December 1998 and is ASEP's main platform to forge contacts amongst secondary and high schools, teachers and students in Asia and Europe.

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**In this issue of the AEC-NET e-news...**

- Call for Applications - 8th Asia-Europe Classroom Network Conference
- New AEC-NET Homepage and Members Module
- New AEC Project Proposals for 2009/2010

**Call for Applications - 8th Asia-Europe Classroom Network Conference**

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) is pleased to announce that the 8th Asia-Europe Classroom Network Conference has been rescheduled to take place from 26 to 30 October 2009 in Sønderborg, Denmark, in collaboration with the Sønderborg Municipality, and supported by the Danish Ministry of Education, Høvsø Centralskole, Nykøbe Friskole and Herfølge Skole.

The theme for the 8th AEC-NET Conference will be "The Impact of Climate Change and Sustainable Development within the School Community in Asia and Europe". The 8th AEC-NET Conference is open to all teachers and educators from the ASEM\* countries. To enable participants to draw full benefit from the Conference, applicants need to:

- be proficient in both spoken and written English;
- have a keen interest on environment and sustainable development issues;
- have sufficient knowledge about ICT generally, and ICT applications in learning and training; and
- be prepared to share their experiences and ideas on ICT projects and/or propose project ideas.

The online application is now open and the closing date for application is **Monday, 31 August 2009**. More information about the upcoming conference is now available.

\*ASEM (the Asia-Europe Meeting) is an informal process of dialogue and cooperation. It brings together Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Laos, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Netherlands, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, United Kingdom, Vietnam, the ASEAN Secretariat and the European Commission. <http://www.aseminfoboard.org>

**New AEC-NET Homepage and Members Module**

We are also pleased to announce that both the new **AEC-NET homepage** and the **members module** are up and running.

In the members module (password protected site), members would be able to access to information about the members and their schools, as well as post activities which might be of interest to the other AEC-NET members.

For security purposes, we would like to encourage all members to change their password when they first login. Please also take a few minutes to update the school and contact details accordingly.

For members who encounter problem in logging into the members module, please contact the **Administrator**.

**New AEC Project Proposals for 2009/2010**

**Chain Stories 2009**  
A continued project from last year, the "Chain Stories 2009" project allows the participants to write chain stories of 4 different categories... [Read more](#)

**Environmental Education Linkage Project**  
The Environment Education Linkage project aims to create a worldwide awareness among students and teachers on how they can give their share in saving... [Read more](#)

**Historical Buildings Pictures (HisBuPic)**  
The Historical Buildings Pictures (HisBuPic) project aims to increase the awareness of the students in Asia and Europe regarding the historical buildings... [Read more](#)

**Filming Project: Water drops... Water colours...**  
A continued project from last year, the "Filming Project: Water drops... water colours" is a project focusing on sensitizing young students about the importance of water on our planet... [Read more](#)

**Liveable Cities in the Future - New Possibilities and Suggestions from "Generation Next"**  
The Liveable Cities in the Future - New Possibilities and Suggestions from "Generation Next" project aims to find out the new possibilities and suggestions... [Read more](#)

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# AEC Projects / AEC Awards



**AEC Project Groups that have developed the most outstanding online learning platforms / applications at the AEC Conference are granted AEC Awards**

## Award Criteria

- Establishing collaborative partnerships
- Advancing cultural understanding between Asia and Europe
- Effective application of ICT tools
- Quality of the presentation of the project (design and structure)

# AEC Project: Practical Challenges

- Language barrier
- Digital divide
- Mobility of project co-ordinating teachers
- Continued motivation and commitment
- Availability of time and resources

# AEC-NET: **Going Forward**

- **Political endorsement of AEC-NET**
- **Visibility**
- **Financial sustenance vis-à-vis ASEF**
- **Operational independence of AEC-NET**
- **Project vs. Network**
- **Align the AEC-NET with the new strategy of ASEF**
- **Enlarging AEC-NET with the involvement of new individual members, schools, new ASEM countries**
- **Furthering the engagement of existing alumni of AEC-NET**
- **Standardisation of toolkit / format / methodology / evaluation.**



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