People-to-People Connectivity: Impact & Outlook by ASEF

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Our Vision

Our vision is a world in which Asians & Europeans shape the future together—respectfully, fairly and sustainably.
Our Mission

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) provides opportunities to connect people of Asia and Europe for an exchange of ideas.

We encourage collaboration towards innovative and sustainable solutions for common global challenges.

We engage civil society, complementing the political Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) dialogue forum.
ASEF’s Education Portfolio

We contribute to education policy dialogue and capacity building, and facilitate bi-regional education networks. Our projects strengthen collaborations between education institutions and exchanges among young people, academics and educators through interdisciplinary and pragmatic approaches. We directly link key players in education to the ASEM Education Process and ASEM Leaders’ Meetings.
A glimpse of our education projects based on 3 pillars

ASEF Education Policy Programme

ASEF Young Leaders Programme

ASEF Teaching & Learning Programme
ASEF Rectors’ Conference & Students’ Forum (ARC)

Official Dialogue Partner of the ASEM Education Ministers Meeting & higher education policy dialogue development for university & student leaders
ASEF Innovation Laboratories (ASEFInnoLabs)

Workshops on data science & artificial intelligence for innovation in higher education for education experts
ASEF Young Leaders Summit (ASEFYLS)

Official youth forum back-to-back with ASEM Summits; arena for debate & action on ethical leadership for students & young professionals
ASEF Summer University (ASEFSU)

Annual experiential & interdisciplinary learning for students & young professionals; 2-week ‘innovathon’ to find solutions for societal challenges
Model ASEM

Simulation of ASEM Foreign Ministers Meeting (ASEMFMM) back-to-back with actual ASEMFMM; capacity training for students
ASEF Classroom Network (ASEFClassNet)

Continuous online network & annual conference for secondary, high & vocational schools to foster collaboration on Education for Sustainable Development.
Our Work in Numbers
15 projects including various activities

Engaging & financially supporting 1,270 participants

Across 16 ASEM countries

Representing all 51 ASEM nationalities

In collaboration with 48 partner organisations

Attracted 44,331 applications by youth & teachers

Followed by 37,000 on ASEFEdu Facebook
NETWORKING
87% of ASEFEdu project alumni are still in touch with peers

CONCRETE OUTPUTS
34% of alumni have established collaborations with peers

LEARNING
89% of alumni assessed that the ASEFEdu project improved their career opportunities
PROMOTING MOBILITY
78% of alumni were inspired to potentially study/work/live in another ASEM country in the future

PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING
68% of alumni assessed the ASEF-Edu project had an impact on their Perceptions of other ASEM countries/cultures
Our Impact Through Voices
“The interactions with fellow educators in a highly immersive networking environment have helped me understand different learning cultures as well as education systems. It has broadened my perspectives on the various pathways to success through education, and deepened my reflection on my own education system and personal beliefs in education.”

Mr Melvin NG, Head of Science Department, Changkat Changi Secondary School, Singapore
14th ASEF Classroom Network Conference (ASEFClassNet14)
“The 21st ASEF Summer University (ASEFSU21) had a profound change in my mindset and my perception of people with disabilities. It has been an eye-opening experience in many ways: I have learnt a lot about the situation of people with disabilities 'first-hand', and I feel like it has made me more knowledgeable and tolerant as a human being.”

Ms Olivia GEYMOND, France
21st ASEF Summer University (ASEFSU21)
“This [...] conference provides a platform for that type of exchange of ideas across societies and across different types of education structures, which is going to be key to the professionals to learn what they can do, and to think about what they can do about how to update their education system.”

Dr Janil PUTHUCHEARY, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Education, Singapore
6th ASEF Rectors’ Conference & Students’ Forum (ARC6)
Outlook:
ASEF’s 3 Strategic Priorities
We contribute to the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with an Asian-European perspective and input.
Diversity Creates

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