ASEM-DUO at a Glance

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1. Introduction (1/2)

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- The ASEM-DUO is a **fellowship**-granting **programme** for university students and teachers in ASEM member countries who will engage in **educational exchanges** between **Asian** and **European** institutions
- Proposed by Korea, France and Singapore at **ASEM3 in 2000** and its **18th year** of operation as an ASEM Initiative since 2001
- Supported **3,643** students and professors by 2018

◆ Purpose
- The ASEM-DUO Fellowship Programme aims to:
  - **Promote** **balanced** exchanges of students, teachers and professors between Asia and Europe
  - Contribute to **setting up regular-basis** exchange programs between Asian and European tertiary institutions
  - **Establish** deeper **understanding** between two regions
1. Introduction (2/2)

◆ History

❖ Extension of ASEM-DUO

► 2014.10 The 4th phase (2016~2020) extended, ASEM10, Milan, Italy
► 2018.10 The 5th phase (2021~2025) extended, ASEM12, Brussels, Belgium

❖ ASEM-DUO Alumni Meeting

► 2005.10 The 1st ASEM-DUO Fellows Alumni Meeting, Seoul, Korea
► 2012.11 The 2nd ASEM-DUO Fellows Alumni Meeting, Seoul, Korea
► 2016.10 The 3rd ASEM-DUO Fellows Alumni Meeting, Seoul, Korea
► 2018.10 The 4th ASEM-DUO Fellows Alumni Meeting, Seoul, Korea
2. Basic Concept

- ASEM-DUO only supports **paired** exchange, one from Europe and one from Asia
  - *balanced* exchange through *paring*
  - *continuing* exchange through dealing with the international exchange offices under *exchange* agreements (95% continued exchanges)
3. Features

- Very **flexible** and **easy** to implement

**Flexibility**
- No limitation to the **amount** of contribution
- No limitation to the **duration** of contribution
- Any partner **countries**, any **field** of exchange

**Easiness**
- Contributors only need to set up **Eligibility** and **Selection**
- Secretariat has well-established operating procedures
- Close monitoring of exchanges
4. Number of Foreign Students under ASEM-DUO

Without Financial Contribution

With Financial Contribution

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5. Remarks from German Stock-taking

✓ ASEM-DUO, therefore, clearly contributes to the overarching ASEM objective of people-to-people *connectivity* which was confirmed at the highest political level by all ASEM members.

✓ The objective of *balanced* mobility is achieved through *reciprocity* (“pairing”).

✓ This points to another *structural* success factor that can be identified here which is the integral role the *international offices* of the participating universities play when facilitating the institutional framework for the exchange/pairing and helping make the programme a success.

✓ There is *unanimous support* for the continuation of the programme with *100%* respondents clearly *advocating* for ASEM-DUO to be continued as one of the uncontested success stories of ASEM.
6. Future Task (1/2)

- Even with the same number of contributing member countries from the two regions, the amount of contribution is tilted towards Asian members with 76% of contribution being made by Asian members since 2008: imbalance exists.

- More contribution from European partner is highly encouraged in order to tackle imbalance currently existing.

- Continuation is the key to any international programmes. More contributing members into ASEM-DUO would be critical for its continuation.
6. Future Tasks (2/2)

- It is encouraging to note that several Asian and European members, recognizing the effectiveness of the program, showed interest in becoming additional contributing members in past years.

- This programme is more attractive to small and medium sized members, since most students/professors tend to visit larger sized members; pairing allows them to attract more students/professors from the other region.

- The best ASEM-DUO can expand is the contribution by the European Commission. ASEM-DUO can become a much more popular and universal program.
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