



**Asia-Europe Partnership in the Field of Training
Asia-Europe Training for Young Volunteers
“Learning the Unimaginable” - Volunteering as a Tool for Mutual Understanding
9 – 15 October 2008, Ha Long, Vietnam**

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

We are pleased to announce that the upcoming Asia-Europe Training for Trainers (AETfT) will be held from the 9th to the 15th of October 2008 in Ha Long, Vietnam, and herewith invite you to apply to participate in the training.

This Training for Trainers is co-organised by the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and Volunteers for Peace Vietnam (VPV).

The project reflects the intention of youth organisations to create spaces for exchanging best practices as well as for building training expertise for both Asians and Europeans. The main aim of this training course is to emphasise the need for a dialogue of volunteers in Asia and Europe by contributing to the formation of a generation of multipliers able to work on issues related to mutual understanding.

The Asia-Europe Foundation aims to build on the training expertise of long-standing Asian and European youth organisations in order to allow for a beneficial exchange of practice and peer-to-peer training. The Asia-Europe series of trainings aim at the creation of an Asia-Europe platform for the joint development of the Asia-Europe co-operation in the field of youth trainings related to non-formal education, as well as to contribute to the efforts to establish an Asia Europe Pool of trainers. The establishment of a stable co-operation in the field of trainings and capacity-building for youth organisations forms a part of ASEF's efforts to foster intercultural dialogue.

Participants of this AETfT will include motivated youth workers, volunteers, aged between 18 and 30, nationals from any of the ASEM countries¹, who are already active in a youth organisation and willing to remain, as volunteers or staff, for at least one year. Fluency in English is essential.

The organisers of the training course will be responsible for covering all local costs, including accommodation, meals and local transportation. They will also be in charge of covering 50% of the international transport costs (up to 500 EUR for European participants and up to 250 EUR for Asian participants).

Kindly indicate your interest to attend this training by sending the attached application form, **before the 25th of August 2008**, to Mr Bogdan Imre (bogdan.imre@asef.org) at the Asia-Europe Foundation for international participants from the ASEM countries; and to Ms. Do Thi Lua (luadovpv@gmail.com) for Vietnamese participants. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Imre or Ms Lua should you need any further clarifications regarding the event.

We look very much forward to welcoming you to Vietnam!

Yours sincerely,

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¹ The members of the ASEM (Asia-Europe Meeting) Process are the following: Austria, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Laos, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, Myanmar, Netherlands, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, United Kingdom, Vietnam, the European Commission and the ASEAN Secretariat.