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2. 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

3. BASIC CONCEPT

- The ASEM-DUO only supports paired exchange (One from Asia / One from Europe)
- Balanced exchange through pairing
- Continuing exchange through dealing with the international exchange offices under exchange agreements

4. STRUCTURE

The ASEM-DUO Fellowship Programme is basically an umbrella programme for individual programmes to be determined by contributing members. However, all these programmes are governed by a set of Core Principles.

5. CORE PRINCIPLES

Contributing members can dictate terms of exchange other than 3 core principles. However, if necessary the fellowship amount may vary based on the decision of the contributing member country.

- Pairing
  - One from Asia, One from Europe

- Duration
  - One semester (4 months)

- Fellowship Unit
  - Students: One semester (6 months)
  - Professors: One month

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My Career and life-changing ASEM-DUO Experience

During the exchange semester, what came to my mind was to become a link between the technical world of IT professionals and the world of business (my major). I engaged in many discussions and even tried to speculate various important points of AI, but I also acquired a strong interest in everything around me. Also, I paid attention to the difference in cultural expression, i.e., why some words convey the message better than others do, how the culture influences the limitless potential for personal and professional growth.

As I relocated to Hong Kong since 2011, my Korean experience remained a guiding benchmark, making me more susceptible to intercultural collaboration, understanding of global differences and similarities and served as a catalyst for personal growth. The unlimited potential for personal and professional growth.

Impact on Life and Career with ASEM-DUO

In the 15 to 20 years, many things have happened and so many things have changed in my life and my style of work as well. But I would not be where I am today if it were not for the unstoppable experience of ASEM-DUO. I am therefore extremely grateful to the ASEM-DUO for giving me this opportunity.

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