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Two-Way Exchanges between Asia & Europe

The ASEM-DUO Fellowship Programme: balanced exchange through PAIRING

The ASEM-DUO, funded by the ASEM members, is a fellowship-granting programme for university students and teachers in ASEM member countries who will engage in two-way educational exchanges between Asian and European institutions (i.e. Asian to Europe, European to Asia) for further study, research or joint lecture. For this purpose, the ASEM-DUO requires that a PAIR (DUO - one from Asia and the other from Europe) of students or teachers enter into exchanges.

Achievement

Over the past ten years, there have been the exchanges of some 2,100 students and professors between Asia and Europe under the ASEM-DUO, and its popularity is growing and competition rate is high (the average 4:1). The supported exchanges seem to have been firmly established, since more than 90% of programmes continued exchanges even after the financial support of the ASEM-DUO was terminated. Each year, approximately 300 students and professors are supported.

Eligible ASEM Members: 48 in total

27 EU member countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and the U.K.

16 Asian countries: Brunei, Myanmar, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Laos, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam

3 countries of the third region: Russia, Australia, and New Zealand

Core Principles

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

- Pairing of exchanges
  - (two students or two teachers) between two establishments, in the framework of a cooperation project

- Standardized stay duration in "unit"
  - for students, 1 unit is one semester (4-6 months)
  - for professors/teachers, 1 unit is one (1) month

- Fellowship Amount
  - for students, €8,000 to €12,000 is supported per pair for 1 unit (4-6 months)
  - for professors/teachers, €6,000 is supported per pair for 1 unit (one month)

Currently, no DUO-programmes restrict the use of the fellowship; it can finance the tuition, living or travel expenses. Also, as long as they are within the awarded academic year, the period of exchange and majors do not necessarily have to coincide for each pair.
Contributing Members and Individual Programmes

At present, there are five individual programmes, and they are respectively called DUO-Korea, DUO-Singapore, DUO-Sweden and DUO-Thailand, and DUO-Belgium/Flemish reflecting the names of contributing members.

Comparison of Individual DUO Programmes

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Details of DUO-Belgium/Flemish are not determined yet; it would start in 2012.

Application & Selection

The period of call for proposal differs from one another among different DUO-Programmes. The selection is announced in approximately 6-8 weeks from the application deadline. Individual DUO-Programmes carry different applications forms which can be downloaded from the homepage at http://www.asemduo.org. Depending on the programme, either professors or International Officers from institutions are responsible as Contact Persons in completing and submitting forms by the deadline.

Each contributing member has its own committee to evaluate and select the awardees. As soon as the result is at hand, the Secretariat will post the announcement on the news board in the homepage at http://www.asemduo.org

Secretariat for ASEM DUO Fellowship Programme

The Secretariat is located in downtown Seoul and is the window of the ASEM-DUO Fellowship Programme. For further information, please visit http://www.asemduo.org

One of the Most Generous Fellowship in Asia & Europe
Remarks from the Alumni

"Not every student can even dream about studying overseas. ASEM-DUO Fellowship Programme makes these dreams closer and much more real. I was the lucky one; therefore, today I can share my best experiences with friends and family, …… There is no other way to get familiar with the country as to experience it. Neither reading about it nor watching clips or movies about the country will ever give you a true touch of it. So, if you have a chance, head for it!"
- by Dovile Rozmanaite (Denmark)

"Indeed, I strongly hope that the ASEM-DUO Fellowship programme can make huge contribution in enhancing mutual understanding between the two countries. I am very thankful that I am one of the beneficiaries of such a fine programme."
- by Dr. In-Joo Chin (Korea)

"There was also the fact that I was faced with a civilization so different from anything I had encountered up until then and which I could not even start to imagine before going there and seeing it for myself. If only for this reason, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking ASEM-DUO for myself. If only for this reason, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking ASEM-DUO for making this exchange possible."
- by Frederic Monvoisin (France)

"Beyond my expectation, this fellowship period with ASEM-DUO has not only made me into a cultural ambassador, but has reopened my eyes to the conditions and obligations of my profession."
- by Dr. Marion Eggert (Germany)

"It is an honor that I have received the Duo-Sweden Fellowship scholarship. Advice to future exchange student fellows is that new things are out there. This is what I also need to care about more: committing to new things can be more valuable than you expect. For example I ended up with having a job in Sweden."
- by Hiruki Ando (Japan)

"I would like to conclude by sincerely thanking the ASEM-DUO Fellowship Programme for allowing me to take part of this exchange. I have gained a lot personally as well as academically and hope that my results will reflect the quality of the teaching I received. … This travel has broadened my horizons and my capacity to quickly adapt to a new environment even when faced with challenges. I recommend such exchange to every student in thirst of new experiences, personal enhancement and I guarantee it is mutually beneficial for oneself and those who will encounter her/his journey."
- by Sonja Coquelin (United Kingdom)

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ASEM-initiatives during the past 10 years