



ASEM Youth Dialogue 2008
Second Asia-Europe Youth Interfaith Dialogue
Bandung, West Java, Indonesia
23rd – 27th June 2008

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

The Asia-Europe Foundation and the Indonesian Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Religious Affairs, as well as the Central Board of Nahdlatul Ulama (PBNU), are pleased to invite your organisation to send a representative to participate at the **Second Asia-Europe Youth Interfaith Dialogue** to be held in **Bandung, West Java, Indonesia, from the 23rd to the 27th June 2008**.

The ASEM Youth Dialogues have been conceived to provide a valuable opportunity for Youth in Asia and Europe to exchange perspectives on themes identified as priorities by the Asia-Europe Meeting during the biennial ASEM Summits; to create and foster human networks among young people by encouraging tolerance and mutual acceptance; and to increase initiatives in the field of Asia-Europe Youth co-operation through the development of action-oriented Youth organisations and networks.

During this 5-day event, up to 100 **young representatives of Churches, Faiths and Youth religious organisations and networks**, together with guest-speakers and experts in inter-religious dialogue from the 43 ASEM countries and 2 institutions¹, will reflect on how religions can assist in facing critical issues that concern our societies. They will try to discover and create new pathways to peace through interfaith co-operation. As a value added, and the signature of all ASEF's events, participating organisations will be encouraged and assisted in order to build up a wider network of action with other organisations in the international and inter-regional arenas.

As in the preceding *First Asia-Europe Youth Interfaith Dialogue – Spain 2006*, the conclusions and common fields of understanding among participating organisations and experts will be captured in the **Message to the ASEM Leaders** that will be likely adopted by the participants at the conclusion of the *Dialogue*. This *Message* is intended to follow the example laid down by the Javier Declaration, unanimously approved by Participants of the previous *Dialogue* and which has since then become a landmark in the interfaith arena and has received the praise of many governmental as well as academic and religious organisations from our two regions.

Attendance to the Conference, materials, meals and accommodation will be provided free of charge. Participants are expected, however, to pay for their travel costs to Indonesia. The organisers may help partially defray the international travel costs of participants who need assistance by providing a travel subsidy. In this sense, the maximum amount reimbursed cannot exceed 50% of the total travel costs (up to EUR 500 for participants residing in Europe, while the maximum amount for residents in Asia is EUR 250). Participants residing in Indonesia are not eligible for any travel subsidy.

The official tentative Programme, Fact Sheet and Registration Form are attached for your perusal. The deadline for registration is **25th May 2008**.

Kindly indicate your interest to attend, by sending the completed Application Form attached to Ms. Pilar Domingo Vargas at the People-to-People Exchange Department, Asia-Europe Foundation, through email (p2p.projects@asef.org) or fax +65 6872 1206.

We look very much forward to welcoming you to Indonesia!

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