Strengthening Multilateralism for Shared Growth

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ASEM: CONNECTING ASIA AND EUROPE SINCE 1996
Focus on Culture

ASEM Cultural Festival 2021
Asia & Europe: Cultures Connect
Brussels – Phnom Pen and online!

Through the celebration of artistic and cultural diversity from Asia and Europe, the Festival aims to strengthen the connections between the ASEM Partners. For 2021 The Festival is co-organised by the European Union (EU), the Cambodian Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts and the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) with financial support from the EU and the Royal Government of Cambodia.

EU-Asia Portraits: Interviews with Museum curators from Asia and Europe

A Passage to Asia
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Focus on EU-Cambodia

The design knot between Italy and Cambodia

Solar energy solutions for Cambodian aquaculture sector

750,000 home learning packs for Cambodian children

Khmer translation

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The Asia Europe Meeting: achievements, present and future challenges.

EU-ASEAN strategic partnership working together for the benefit of both regions

EU-Asia security experts tell us why our oceans need protection
What they say about ASEM...

In the ASEM context, the EU will continue to work with Asian partners to put the global socio-economic recovery on a sustainable and inclusive footing, while reducing global inequalities and combating the climate crisis. This will be the central theme for our Leaders at the next ASEM summit in November in Cambodia. We need to build back our world better and greener, with a recovery that benefits all our peoples.

Josep Borrell
European Union Vice President and High representative for Foreign Affairs

ASEM’s commitment towards building a cohesive, competitive, resilient, and sustainable community for the peoples of Asia and Europe remains a top priority. Let me stress that European and Asian values are common values when the well-being of our people is our common goal.

Prak Sokhonn
Cambodia Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia

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FORMER ASEM Senior Official

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In ASEM, we should continue to promote multilateral cooperation on how to address global challenges emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic to climate change, from ocean governance to the digital transformation.

Francisco André
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Portugal

The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) is indispensable.

Vivian Balakrishnan
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Singapore

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