

# ASEM-DUO at a Glance



**ASEM-DUO**  
Fellowship Programme

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# 1. Introduction(1/2)

## ◆ Introduction

- The **ASEM-DUO** is a *fellowship*-granting **programme** for university students and teachers in ASEM member countries who will engage in **educational exchanges** between *Asian* and *European* institutions
- Proposed by Korea, France and Singapore at **ASEM3 in 2000** and its **18<sup>th</sup> year** of operation as an ASEM Initiative since 2001
- Supported **3,643** students and professors by 2018

## ◆ 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

# 1. Introduction(2/2)

## ◆ History

### ❖ Extension of ASEM-DUO

- ▶ **2014.10** The 4th phase(2016~2020) extended, ASEM10, Milan, Italy
- ▶ **2018.10** The 5th phase(2021~2025) extended, ASEM12, Brussels, Belgium

### ❖ ASEM-DUO Alumni Meeting

- ▶ **2005.10** The 1st ASEM-DUO Fellows Alumni Meeting, Seoul, Korea
- ▶ **2012.11** The 2nd ASEM-DUO Fellows Alumni Meeting, Seoul, Korea
- ▶ **2016.10** The 3rd ASEM-DUO Fellows Alumni Meeting, Seoul, Korea
- ▶ **2018.10** The 4th ASEM-DUO Fellows Alumni Meeting, Seoul, Korea



## 2. Basic Concept

- ◆ ASEM-DUO only supports **paired** exchange, one from Europe and one from Asia
- **balanced** exchange through **paring**
- **continuing** exchange through dealing with the international exchange offices under **exchange** agreements (95% continued exchanges)



**One-to-One Exchange**

**Asia**



**Europe**



## 3. Features

- ◆ Very **flexible** and **easy** to implement

### Flexibility

- No limitation to the **amount** of contribution
- No limitation to the **duration** of contribution
- Any partner **countries**, any **field** of exchange

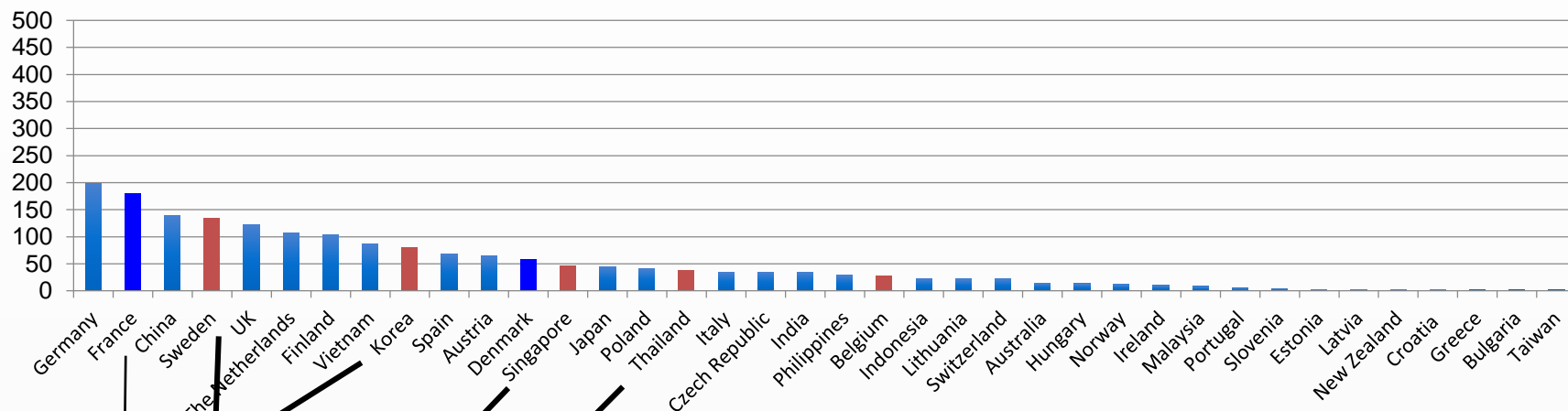
### Easiness

- Contributors only need to set up ***Eligibility*** and ***Selection***
- Secretariat has well-established operating procedures
- Close monitoring of exchanges

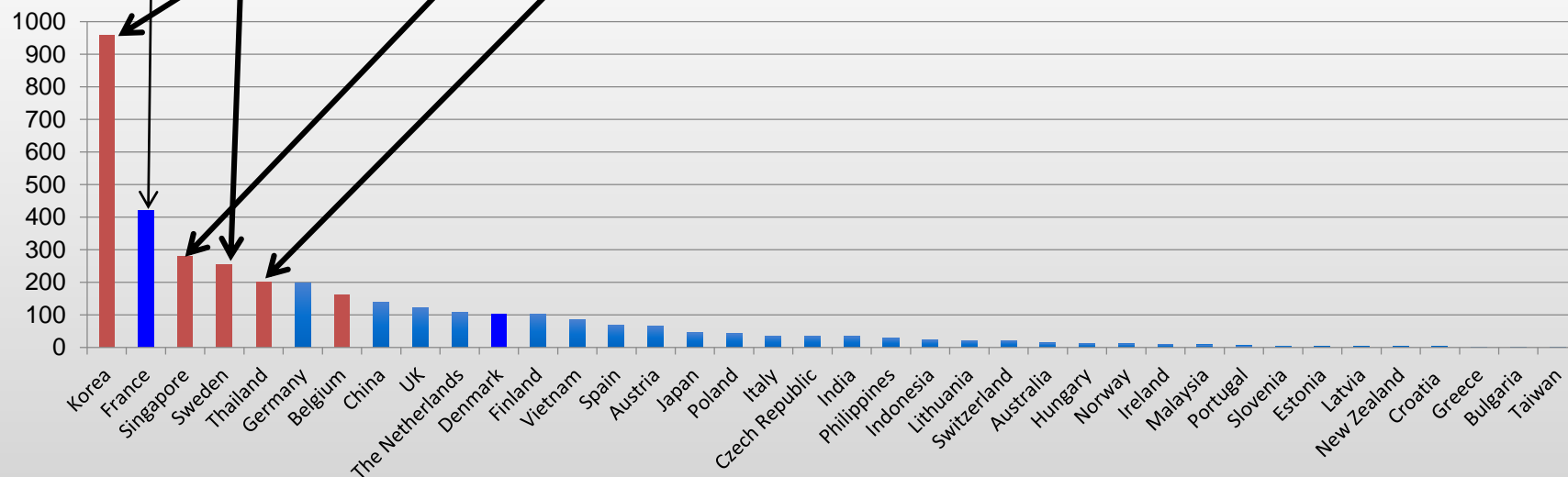


# 4. Number of Foreign Students under ASEM-DUO

## Without Financial Contribution



## With Financial Contribution



## 5. Remarks from German Stock-taking

- ✓ ASEM-DUO, therefore, clearly contributes to the overarching ASEM objective of people-to-people **connectivity** which was confirmed at the highest political level by all ASEM members
- ✓ The objective of **balanced** mobility is achieved through **reciprocity** (“pairing”).
- ✓ This points to another **structural** success factor that can be identified here which is the integral role the **international offices** of the participating universities play when facilitating the institutional framework for the exchange/pairing and helping make the programme a success.
- ✓ There is **unanimous support** for the continuation of the programme with **100%** respondents clearly **advocating** for ASEM-DUO to be continued as one of the uncontested success stories of ASEM

## 6. Future Task(1/2)

- ▶ Even with the same number of contributing member countries from the two regions, the amount of contribution is tilted towards **Asian** members with 76% of contribution being made by Asian members since 2008: **imbalance** exists
- ▶ More contribution from **European** partner is highly encouraged in order to tackle **imbalance** currently existing.
- ▶ **Continuation** is the key to any international programmes. More contributing members into ASEM-DUO would be critical for its continuation.



## 6. Future Tasks (2/2)

- ▶ It is encouraging to note that several Asian and European members, recognizing the effectiveness of the program, showed interest in becoming **additional** contributing members in past years
- ▶ This programme is more attractive to **small and medium** sized members, since most students/professors tend to visit larger sized members; pairing allows them to attract more students/professors from the other region
- ▶ The best ASEM-DUO can expand is the contribution by the **European Commission**. ASEM-DUO can become a much more popular and universal program

# ***Thanks for Your Attention***

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