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Subject: The 6th ASEM Education Ministers' Meeting, 21-22 November 2017, Seoul

Your Excellency,

It is my great privilege to invite you to the 6th ASEM Education Ministers' Meeting (ASEMME6), which will be held from 21 to 22 November 2017 in Seoul, Republic of Korea. Prior to ASEMME6, the 2nd ASEM Education Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM2) will take place on 20 November 2017 to lay the foundation for the success of the ministerial meeting. The theme of ASEMME6 is Collaboration for the Next Decade: from Common Perspectives to Effective Fulfillment.

I am happy to join with you in what will serve as a great cause for celebration – the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the meeting of Asian and European education ministers for a stronger cross-regional cooperation. Inevitably, ASEMME6 will be a great occasion to take stock of how far the ASEM Education Process has come, and to set forth a new vision that will guide our collective efforts for another decade to come.

For the past 10 years, the ASEM Education Ministers' Meeting has greatly contributed to promoting the connectivity between Asia and Europe. At the 11th ASEM Summit, which was held in Mongolia from 15 to 16 July 2016 in celebration of the 20th anniversary of ASEM, the Heads of State and Government yet again underscored the importance of education in promoting people-to-people connectivity between the two continents. In the coming November, the Republic of Korea will strive to contribute to the development of education cooperation in ASEM through proposing the adoption of "Seoul Declaration," an embodiment of both a decade-long progress and a collective vision for the next decade, while presenting a set of future-oriented plans for further enhancing the connectivity between Asia and Europe.

I very much look forward to meeting you at ASEMME6 in Seoul, where we will not only discuss ways to lay out a new landscape for a closer cooperation between Asia and Europe, but also to further expand the bilateral cooperation in the field of education between Korea and your country.







Please kindly note that the online registration for ASEMME6 and SOM2 will be open until **31 October 2017** at the official website, **http://asemme6.kr** 

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