



Strategies for Better Balanced Mobility between Asia-Europe: AEI-ASEM Summer School

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AEI BACKGROUND

- One of Southeast Asia's leading institutions for social science postgraduate research and teaching.
- Established under the provisions of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) initiative in 1996.
- The Government of Malaysia established the Asia-Europe Centre (ASC) in 1997.
- Transformed into a full-fledged academic institution in 2000 and renamed Asia-Europe Institute (AEI).
- Strives to be a renowned institution of higher learning with academic programmes and research on inter-regional relations between Asia-Europe .
- Promotes collaborative research with academics as well as government and private sector institutions.



INTRODUCTION TO SUMMER SCHOOL

- The AEI-ASEM Summer School is an on-going initiative to enhance balanced mobility of students, researchers and academics between Asia and Europe (ASEMME4).
- For every 15 students and academics going to Europe for education, only one European comes to Asia
- Objective is to bring more European students to Asia
- In promoting **Balanced Mobility**



ASEM AND 'BALANCED MOBILITY'

- The 4th ASEM meeting of Ministers for Education (ASEMME4) held in Kuala Lumpur on 12th – 14th May 2013 and the Ministers agreed as follow:
“welcomed the willingness of Malaysia and its Asia-Europe Institute at the University of Malaya to develop - in cooperation with other interested ASEM members, a strategy for a better balancing mobility for ASEMME5 in Latvia. The strategy will include proposals for concrete activities to overcome the imbalance in mobility between Asia and Europe”
- The proposal was presented at ASEMME5 at Riga, Latvia and Ministers agreed as follow:
“.....supported the Proposal of Malaysia and the Asia-Europe Institute (AEI) to organise AEI-ASEM Summer Camps (AEI-ASC). The Ministers encouraged the delegates of ASEM Member Countries to nominate and sponsor their national participants to the AEI-ASC Pilot Project, to be held on 2 - 16 August 2015 in Malaysia, aimed to foster better balanced mobility of students, academicians and researchers between Asia and Europe”



AIMS OF AEI-ASEM SUMMER SCHOOL

**To increase
participants
from European
countries**

**More
collaborations
from European
institutions**

**Invite more
experts to be
part of the
programme**

**Invite ASIAN
countries to
co-host the
summer
school with
Malaysia**



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UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA

AEI Asia-Europe Institute

Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence
Asia-Europe Institute
University of Malaya

BRIDGING ASIA, EUROPE AND THE WORLD

**THE 4th AEI-ASEM
SUMMER SCHOOL 2018**

30 JULY - 10 AUGUST 2018
THEME: CULTURAL DIVERSITY
IN ASIA AND EUROPE

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REFLECTION OF PREVIOUS SUMMER SCHOOL

- **Pilot Project: AEI-ASEM SUMMER CAMP 2015**
 - **Date: 2 – 16 August 2015**
 - **Theme: Biodiversity and Cultural Heritage**

9 PARTICIPANTS
(1 each from Italy,
China, Japan & South
Korea, 3 from Indonesia
and 2 from Malaysia)



11 LECTURE MODULES with
with field visits, talks and
other related activities



ACTIVE PARTICIPATION
and would consider
coming back for
subsequent summer
camps



PARTICIPANTS' TESTIMONIES (2015)...



"... being a group of 9 people brought enrichment instead of impoverishment, because we really stuck together and **created life-long relationships, teaching each other about our cultural backgrounds and sharing our interests and dreams.** I really treasured the conversation and discussions held to improve a project that was perfect with its imperfections. "

- Noemi Spatola, ITALY

" As a biologist, I would say that I expected more on the biodiversity modules because I know there are still more that Malaysia can offer. Culturally, I was very refreshed after each experience. As a Filipino Catholic, it was enlightening to be exposed to a lot of Muslim culture, since I am seldom exposed to it back home.

I gained a new appreciation towards Muslim culture. And the best part was gaining new friends from the camp and eating a lot of delicious spicy Malaysian food. I will definitely recommend this to all my colleagues next year. "

-Manuel Eduardo De La Paz,
PHILIPPINES



" We definitely didn't just learn about biodiversity and cultural heritage, but we also learned about how to be a good leader by exercising soft skill s . We also visited some amazing places in Malaysia like Putrajaya, Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM), Melaka, and so on. **It was a great opportunity to learn about the richness and diversity of Asian culture.** "

- Vira Maulina, INDONESIA



REFLECTION OF PREVIOUS SUMMER SCHOOL

- **2ND AEI-ASEM SUMMER SCHOOL 2016**
 - **Date: 7 – 21 August 2016**
 - **Theme: Multiculturalism and Multiethnicity in Asia and Europe**

21 PARTICIPANTS
(1 each from Korea,
Germany, Palestine &
Nigeria, 6 from Thailand,
4 from Czech Republic, 3
from Japan and 2 from
Malaysia and Indonesia)



11 LECTURE MODULES with
field visits, talks and other
related activities including
a special dialogue with
Minister of Higher
Education



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PARTICIPANTS' TESTIMONIES (2016)...



"I am impressed with the Malay culture and history because it is so unique and different from my Japanese culture. I never have a chance to be friend with Muslim people before, but after knowing them, I believe we should respect their culture and vice versa. This is one of the precious experience for me because I get to know about other culture. I am able to exchange knowledge and experiences through this AEI-ASEM Summer School programme."

- **Nakanishi Moe, Japan** -



"The AEI-ASEM Summer School was a great opportunity to learn in-depth about the different facets of Malaysia. It was a great mix of seminars, cultural activities and sightseeing. Lecturers from both Malaysia and abroad taught on various subjects ranging from history, culture, business and current affairs. They shared their knowledge and experiences with us."

- **Timotheus J. Krahl, Germany** -



REFLECTION OF PREVIOUS SUMMER SCHOOL

○ 3RD AEI-ASEM SUMMER SCHOOL 2017

In collaboration with Maastricht University and supported by Jean Monnet Network, EU Centre Singapore

○ *Date: 24 July – 4 August 2017 in Malaysia, 7 August – 11 August in Belgium*

○ *Theme: Cultural Pluralism in Asia and Europe*

30 PARTICIPANTS
(1 each from Italy, Netherland, Poland & Cambodia, 8 from Indonesia, 5 from German & Singapore, 2 from Malaysia, Bulgaria, UK & Japan)



11 LECTURE MODULES with field visits, talks and other related activities and 2 days of Asia-Europe Conference



Additional segment: 1 week of interactive lectures / seminars and visits to European institutions in Brussels, Belgium.



PARTICIPANTS' TESTIMONIES (2017)...



"What an incredible two weeks! I have made some incredible friends and met some frankly fascinating people. Malaysia is a beautiful country that I luckily have not left quite yet. It has such a rich past and present that I am so fortunate to have had the chance to learn about and experience. So many insightful lectures, field trips, and of course the two day Asia Europe conference, have given me much food for thought (and perhaps some inspiration for my thesis!!!)"

- Antonia Gough, British-



"AEI-ASEM Summer School gives me opportunity not only to learn serious stuff such as regionalism and multiculturalism, but also gives me the opportunity to understand the people. The friendship that is created by this event would last a lifetime!"

-Ghifari Athallah Ramadhan, Indonesia-



"There are experiences which happen once in a lifetime but they are so unique that they leave a lasting mark on you. The Summer school both in Kuala Lumpur and Brussels was one of them for me because of the incredible opportunity to meet passionate young people full of ideas from all over the world and to spend three unforgettable weeks with them exploring the peculiarities of the European and South-East Asian culture, historical heritage and, of course, delicious cuisine. Those were three rewarding and personally enriching weeks for me during which not only did I learn a lot thanks to the diverse academic lectures but also through peer-to-peer sharing and experiencing for myself the differences and similarities between the Malaysian and Belgium multicultural societies".

- Yordanka Vasileva Dimcheva, Bulgaria-



4th AEI-ASEM SUMMER SCHOOL - 2018

“Cultural Diversity in Asia and Europe”
30th July – 10th August 2018; Malaysia



UPCOMING SUMMER SCHOOL

- **4TH AEI-ASEM SUMMER SCHOOL 2018**
- **Date: 30 July- 10 August 2018**
- **Theme: Cultural Diversity in Asia and Europe**

40 PARTICIPANTS
60% (Europe)
40% (Asian)



11 LECTURE MODULES with
field visits, talks and other
related activities



For registrations please
visit:
<https://aei-asc.edu.my/>
Closing date: 15 June
2018



MODULES

Malaysia: The Past, Present and Future

Malaysia: The Road to Nationhood

**Peranakans in Malaysia and Singapore:
Multiculturalism in Asia**

**Multiculturalism in Europe: Identity, Ethnic, and
Diversity**

**Religious Pluralism in Asia: Southeast Asia and
Beyond**

**Music and Movements: Dances Through
Heritage**

Cultural Diversity in Asia and Europe

Culture and Heritage Tourism

**Crisis Migration in Asia and Europe: Challenges
and Reactions**

**The World of Cinema: Through the Lenses of Asia
and Europe**

**Roundtable: The Challenges of Pluralism and the
Future of Cultural Diversity**



UNIQUENESS OF AEI-ASEM SUMMER SCHOOL



**Intercultural
Experiences**



**Exchange of
Knowledge**



**Field Trips to
Exciting Places**



**Experiential
Learning**



**Networking
Opportunities**



WAY FORWARD FOR BETTER BALANCED MOBILITY

- Increase networking among higher education institutions in ASEM
- Establish special working groups to increase mobility between Asia and Europe
- Encourage partnerships with other universities to host the summer school
- Obtain special funds to support mobility programmes
- Create credit transfer for mobility programmes
- Encourage research on mobility in Asia and Europe



OTHERS INITIATIVES FOR BALANCED MOBILITY

○ Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence (JMCoE)

- Development of EU studies with a comparative ASEAN dimension in Malaysia
- Promoting comparative regionalism and ASEAN-EU Studies
- Mobility of EU academics to Malaysia
- Knowledge transfer between EU experts and ASEAN
- Improved curricular to meet the needs of ASEAN-EU studies
- Domestically trained young ASEAN-EU or EU scholars
- Contribution to the policy dialogue through publications which will add knowledge and resources of EU studies

○ Erasmus+ Key Action 2: CBHE- A Joint Multicountry Project BRECIL

- Erasmus + Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE) Building Social Research Capacities in Higher Education Institutions in Lao PDR and Malaysia (BRECIL)
- Mobility of EU researchers and academics to Malaysia and Laos



Terima kasih
Thank you

We look forward to have you join
us in August 2018.

Experience multicultural Malaysia!