



# Progress of **ASEM-DUO** Fellowship Programme



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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 **21<sup>st</sup> year of operation** as an ASEM Initiative since 2001
- Supported **4,368** students and professors

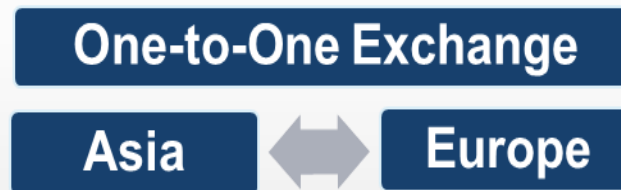
## ◆ Purpose

- 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)

## ◆ Basic concept

- The ASEM-DUO only supports **paired** exchange
- **balanced** exchange through **pairing** (one from Asia & one from Europe)
- **continuing** exchange through dealing with the international exchange offices under exchange **agreements**



## ◆ History of Extension of ASEM-DUO

- ▶ **2000.10** Proposed the ASEM-DUO by Korea, France and Singapore, ASEM3, Seoul, Korea
- ▶ **2004.10** The 2nd phase(2006~2010) extended, ASEM5, Hanoi, Vietnam
- ▶ **2010.10** The 3rd phase(2011~2015) extended, ASEM8, Brussels, Belgium
- ▶ **2014.10** The 4th phase(2016~2020) extended, ASEM10, Milan, Italy
- ▶ **2018.10** The 5th phase(2021~2025) extended, ASEM12, Brussels, Belgium

## 2. Core Principles and Value-Added (1/2)

- ◆ Contributing members can dictate terms of exchange other than **3 core principles**

### 1. Pairing

- One from Europe, one from Asia

### 2. Duration Unit

- Students : One semester(4 months)
- Professors : One month

### 3. Fellowship Unit

- Students : 1000~2000 Euros/pair for a month
- Professors : 1500~3000 Euros/pair for a month

- ✂ One of the pair comes from the contributing members, thus *half* of the support goes to the contributing member students

## 2. Core Principles and Value-Added(2/2)

### ◆ ASEM-DUO has following 3 value-added aspects

#### 1. Structure-based Exchanges

- Without exchange MOU, pairing is virtually not possible, thus many NEW MOU'S have been signed.

#### 2. Enables Sustainable Exchanges

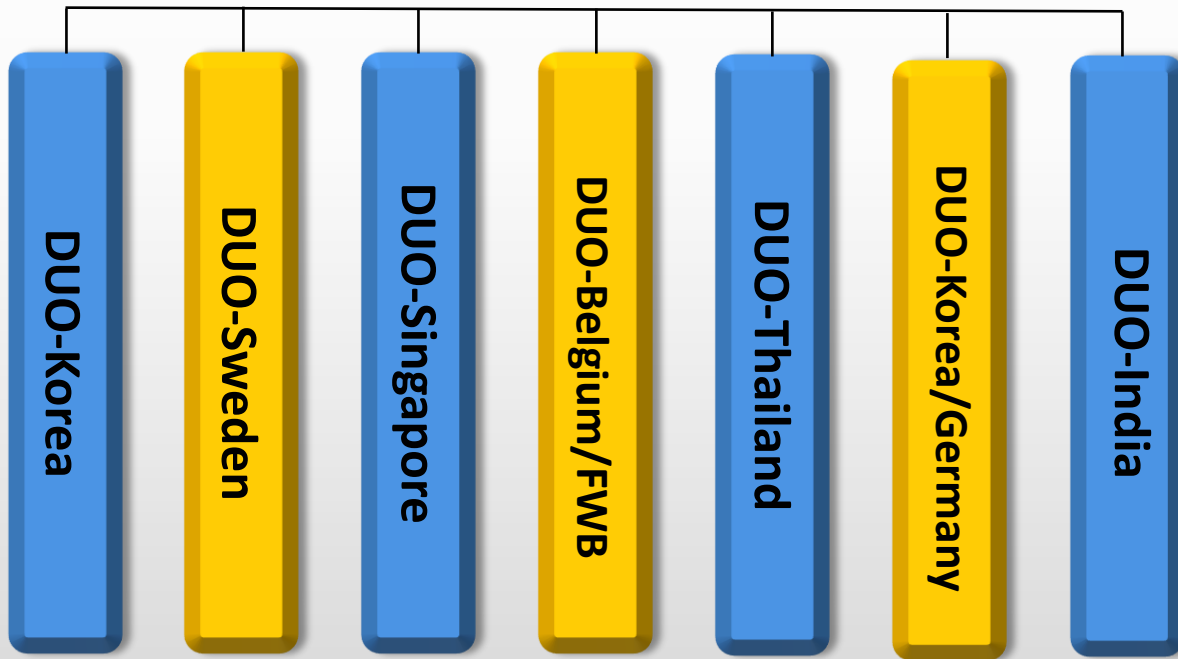
- Only staffs in International Exchange Office can find pairing students from the other region, and they encourage continued exchanges in the following years. (more than 90% of the exchanges continued)

#### 3. Attracts Students from the Other Region

- This scheme has been proven effective for smaller-sized members to attract foreign students from the other region in a BALANCED manner.

# 3. Structure & Contributors (1/2)

## <Structure of ASEM-DUO>



- Umbrella concept
- Governed by Core Principles

- Actual fellowship Programme determined by donating countries
- Individually tailored detailed criteria

✘ DUO-France, DUO-Denmark and DUO-Belgium/Flanders are no longer in operation

# 3. Structure & Contributors (2/2)

	Korea	Singapore	Thailand	Sweden	Belgium/ FWB	India	Korea/ Germany
<b>Starting year</b>	2001	2002	2006	2010	2014	2019	2021
<b>Related Division</b>	MOE, Korea	MFA, Singapore	OHEC, Thailand	UHR Sweden	Wallonie- Bruxelles International	MHRD, India	DAAD, Germany
<b>Time of calling</b>	April	January	August	April	February	July	April
<b>Selection</b>	June	May	November	June	June	November	June
<b>Beneficiary</b>	Under/Grad	Under/Grad	Under/Grad	Under/Grad	Professor	Under/Grad, Ph.D./ Professor	Under/Grad
<b>Selection Committee</b>	Selection Committee	Universities	Selection Committee	Selection Committee	Selection Committee	Selection Committee	Selection Committee
<b>Duration</b>	1 semester	1 semester	1 semester	1 semester	3 weeks – 2 months	Stu: 1 semester Pro: 1 month	1 semester
<b>Amount (Euro)</b>	4,000 Each	4,000 Each	4,800 for Thai 3,200 for European	3,500 Each	5,000 for one pair	Students: 7,000 for Indian 2,000 for European  Professors: 3,000 Each	4,000 Each
<b>Comment</b>		Science Technology Hospitality					Co-financing into DUO-Korea

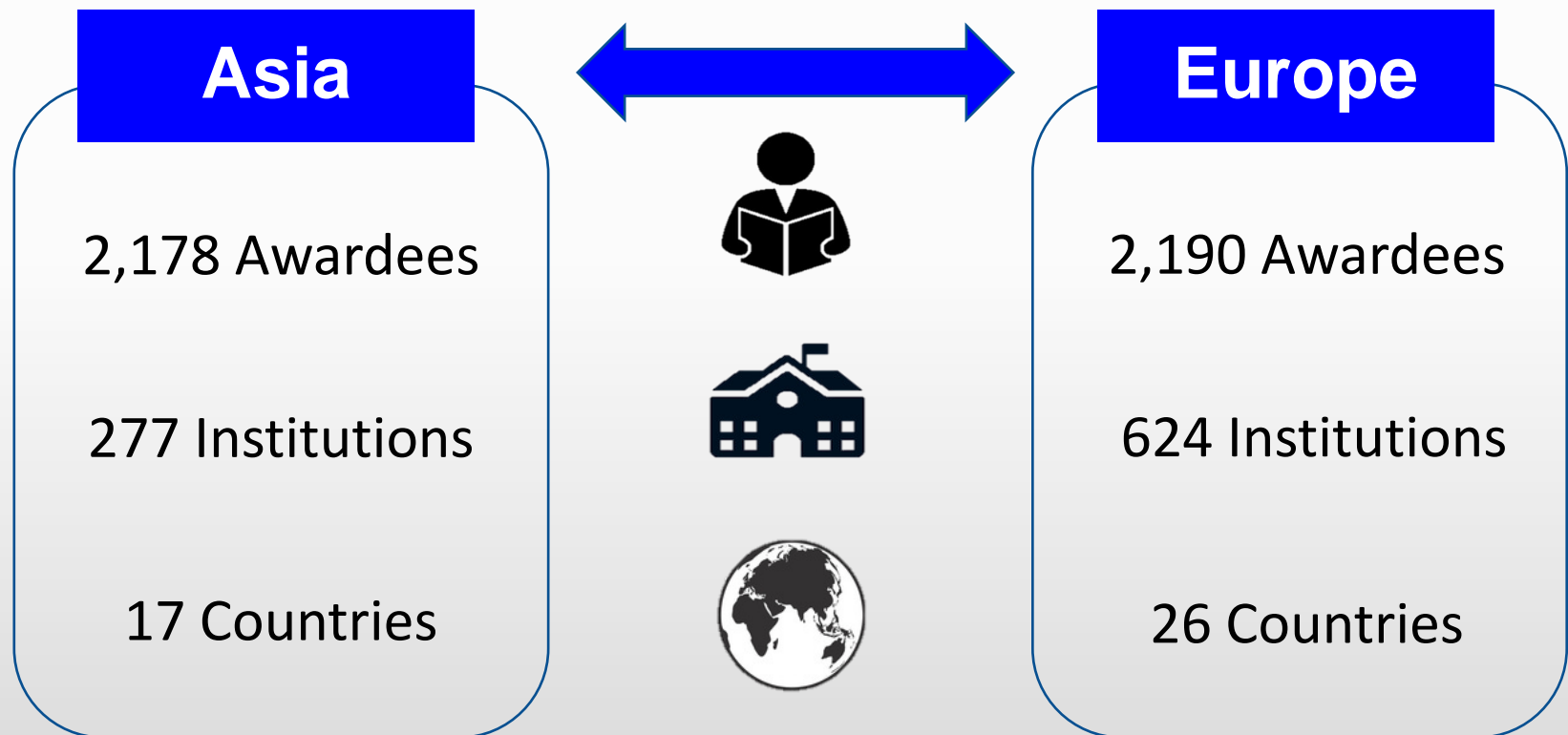
# 4. Achievements (1/5)

Year	Number of Nominated Beneficiaries of Each Programme										
	Denmark	France	Korea	Korea/ Germany	Singapore	Thailand	Sweden	Belgium/ Flemish	Belgium/ Wallonia	India	TOTAL
2001	-	-	30		-	-	-	-	-		30
2002	-	92	68		36	-	-	-	-		196
2003	48	102	94		54	-	-	-	-		298
2004	42	82	102		36	-	-	-	-		262
2005	-	50	112		36	-	-	-	-		198
2006	-	96	120		36	46	-	-	-		298
2007	-	58	140		36	72	-	-	-		306
2008	-	-	88		36	64	-	-	-		188
2009	-	-	76		24	56	-	-	-		156
2010	-	-	90		18	24	24	-	-		156
2011	-	-	96		18	6	26	-	-		146
2012	-	-	98		18	12	28	33	-		189
2013	-	-	112		18	6	28	34	-		198
2014	-	-	112		18	6	28	35	2		201
2015	-	-	116		18	10	28	35	-		207
2016	-	-	99		22	8	24	36	-		189
2017	-	-	100		22	16	34	37	6		215
2018	-	-	103		24	2	26	37	18		210
2019	-	-	100		24	2	27	36	20		209
2020	-	-	71		0	4	4	11	20	224	334
2021	-	-	103	12	0	2	45	-	20	-	182
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>2,030</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>4,368</b>



## 4. Achievements (2/5)

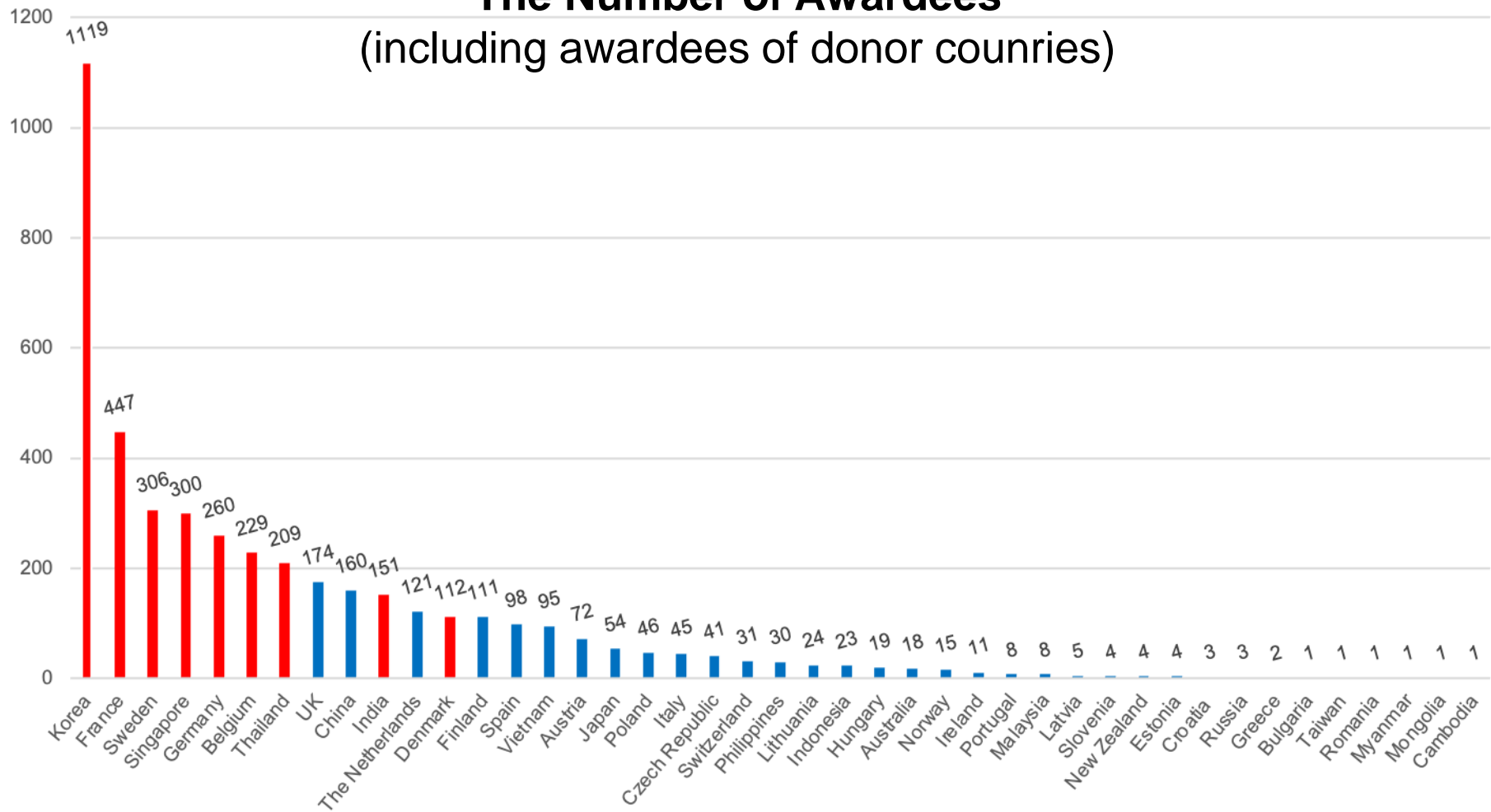
### ◆ Number of Beneficiaries Awardees, Institutions and Countries



\*Number of Imbalance between the two regions was caused by the COVID-19 pandemic

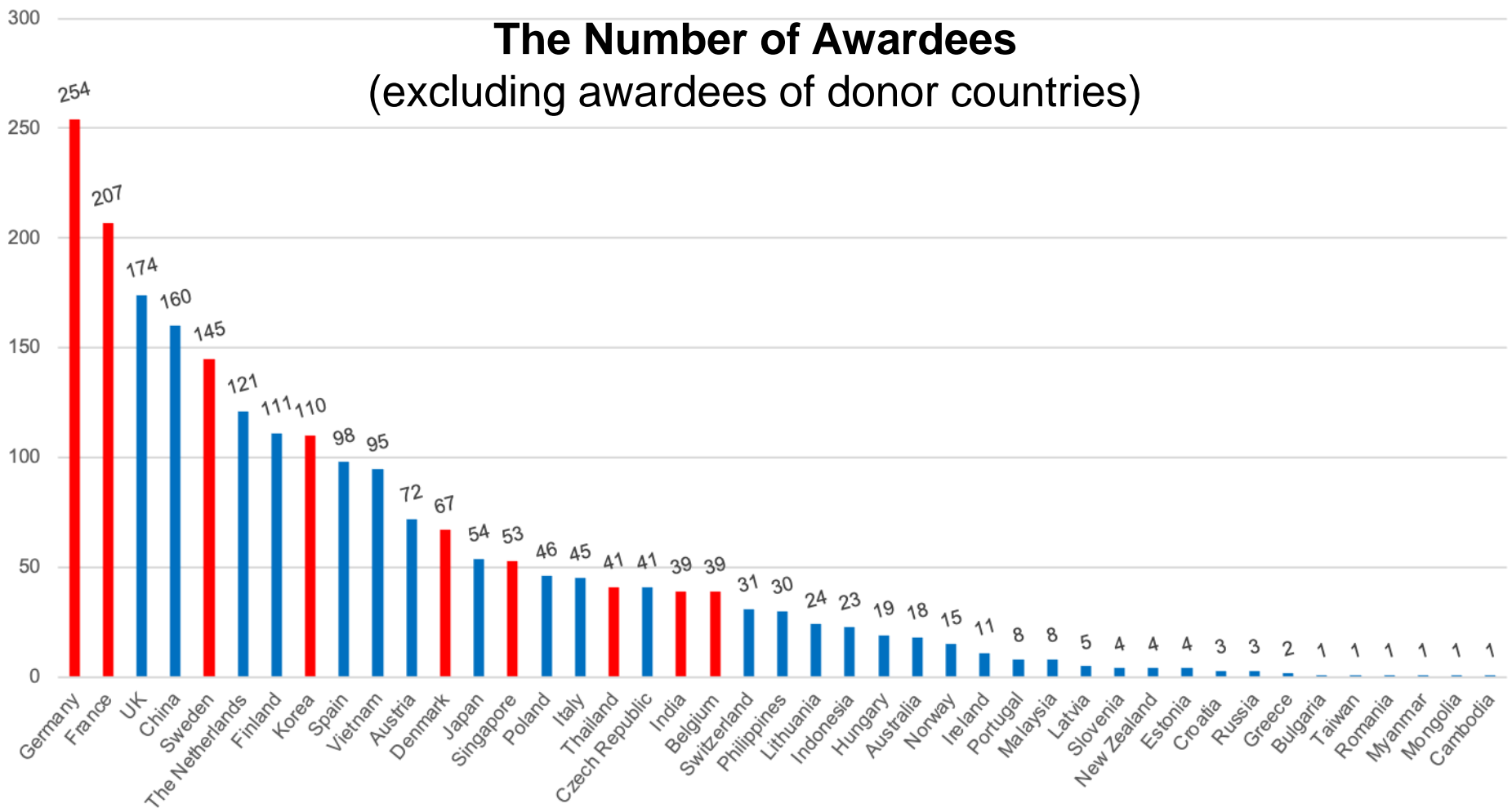
# 4. Achievements (3/5)

**The Number of Awardees**  
 (including awardees of donor countries)



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## 4. Achievements (5/5)

### Remarks from German Stock-taking (2019)

- ◆ 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

## 5. The impact of COVID-19 (1/2)

- ◆ **Many programmes continued as usual**
  - **5 Out of 7** ASEM-DUO programmes operated as usual
  - Competition rate was reduced in AY20/21, however, it increased in AY21/22 than the previous year
- ◆ The **postponement of the exchange period until 2022** and **single mobility** were approved in most programmes
  - In AY20/21, other than DUO-India, which started exchanges mostly in 2020, about 65% completed exchanges as scheduled
  - In AY21/22, most awardees are participating in the exchange as planned
  - **Cancellation** cases increased about 10% due to safety reasons in AY20/21, however, cancellation proportion is reduced in AY21/22 to the past usual rate

# 5. The impact of COVID-19 (2/2)

## ◆ Current Exchange Status in ASEM-DUO

Programme	Academic year 2020/2021				Academic year 2021/2022	
	Selected Awardees	Actual number of Awardees	Completed as scheduled	Postponement to AY21/22	Selected Awardees	Actual number of Awardees
<b>DUO-Korea</b>	49 pairs (98 students)	71 students (27% Canceled)	90%	10%	52 pairs (104 students)	103 students (0.01% Canceled)
<b>DUO-Korea/Germany</b>	-				6 pairs (12 students)	12 students
<b>DUO-Belgium/F</b>	19pairs (37 students)	11 students (70% Canceled)	100%		-	
<b>DUO-Sweden</b>	4 pairs (8 students)	4 students (50% Canceled)	75%	25%	23 pairs (46 students)	45 students (0.02% Canceled)
<b>DUO-Thailand</b>	2 pairs (4 students)	4 students	75%	25%	1 pairs (2 students)	2 students
<b>DUO-India (S)</b>	15 pairs (30 students)	30 students	36%	64%	-	
<b>DUO-India (P)</b>	97 pairs (194 professors)	194 professors	5%	95%		
<b>DUO-Belgium/W*</b>	20 pairs (40 professors)	40 professors	8%	92%	10 pairs (20 professors)	20 professors
<b>Total</b>	411 awardees	354 awardees (13% Canceled)	104 awardees (30%)	250 awardees (70%)	184 awardees	182 awardees (0.01% Canceled)

\*In case of DUO-Belgium/W, all awardees of 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 are included in AY20/21

## 6. Challenges and Recommendations (1/2)

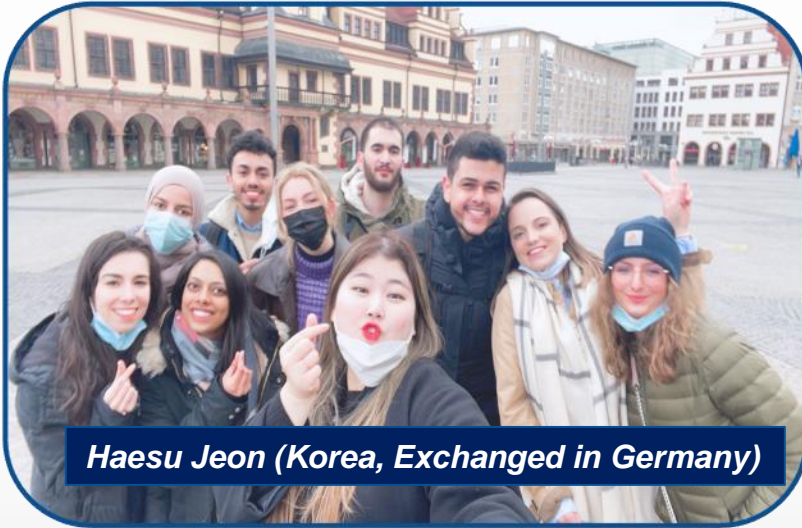
- ◆ Even with the same number of contributing member countries from the two regions, the amount of **contribution is tilted towards Asian members** with 76% of contribution being made by Asian members since 2008 : **imbalance** exists
- ◆ More contribution from **ASEM European partner** is highly encouraged 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. Challenges and Recommendations (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



# 7. Testimonials & Photographs (1/2)



*Haesu Jeon (Korea, Exchanged in Germany)*



*Meriton Duraki (Germany, Exchanged in Korea)*



*Kusum Saini (India, Exchanged in UK)*



*Prof. Alexei Lyulin  
(The Netherlands, Exchanged in India)*

## 7. Testimonials & Photographs (2/2)

*I hope this program will remain active, and that many students will be encouraged to move all over the world thanks to the tremendous support from ASEM-DUO.*

*Hanji Kim (Korea, Exchanged in France)*

*My time abroad has opened my mind to a wide range of possibilities. Knowing I had their support was a great reassurance and I will be forever grateful to ASEM-DUO for giving me this opportunity.*

*Amelia Hayes (Australia, Exchanged in Sweden)*

*I honestly never expected to meet so many new people which I spend an extraordinary time within Shanghai. I really want to thank the ASEM-DUO scholarship for supporting me in order to be able to experience the best moment of my life.*

*Sabrina Bouzid (Belgium, Exchanged in China)*

*There is no doubt that the DUO Programme offers a highly valuable opportunity for working out and pursuing forms of collaboration that are professionally productive exactly.*

*Pro. Zeno Ackermann (Germany, Exchanged in India)*

# ***Thanks for Your Attention***

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