



## **CALL FOR PARTICIPATION**

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### **3<sup>RD</sup> ASEM Rectors' Conference (ARC3)**

#### ***Universities, Businesses and You: For a Sustainable Future***

Groningen, The Netherlands | 25-26 September 2012

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), University of Groningen (RUG) and ASEAN University Network (AUN) are pleased to invite university leaders from Asia and Europe to participate in the **3<sup>rd</sup> ASEM Rectors' Conference** to be held from 25-26 September 2012 in Groningen, The Netherlands.

The ASEM Rectors' Conference is a biennial leadership dialogue established in 2008 aimed at enhancing education co-operation among ASEM countries by providing a platform for higher education policy discussions between the two regions.

Building on the results of the [2<sup>nd</sup> ASEM Rectors' Conference](#) and the [3<sup>rd</sup> Asia-Europe Meeting of Ministers for Education](#), the Conference will convene **rectors and heads** of universities and higher education institutions from ASEM member states to:

- Strengthen the stakeholder process and enhance its articulation within the ASEM Education Process
- Integrate student participation into the stakeholder process
- Contribute actively to enhancing working relations, institutional exchange and cooperation of universities within and between the regions
- Develop recommendations for the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Meeting of Ministers for Education (Malaysia, 2013)

The organisers will provide travel subsidies (EUR 900 for participants travelling from Asia to The Netherlands and EUR 450 for participants travelling within Europe) as well as accommodation for a 3-night stay in Groningen during the Conference.

Interested parties are invited to complete the online Registration Form **no later than Monday, 30 April 2012**. Prospective participants are requested NOT to make any travel arrangements until they receive an official confirmation from the organisers.

Please visit [www.asef.org](http://www.asef.org) for the online Registration Forms and guidelines.

<sup>1</sup> The ASEM process is based on an equal partnership and its activities are grouped into three pillars: political, economic and socio-cultural. ASEM now brings together 46 member states (Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Laos, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, United Kingdom, Vietnam) plus the European Commission and the ASEAN Secretariat. [www.aseminfoboard.org](http://www.aseminfoboard.org)

## ABOUT THE ORGANISERS



The **Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)** promotes greater mutual understanding between Asia and Europe through intellectual, cultural and people-to-people exchanges. Through ASEF, civil society concerns are included as a vital component of deliberations of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM). ASEF was established in February 1997 by the participating governments of ASEM and has since implemented over 500 projects, engaging over 15,000 direct participants as well as reaching out to a much wider audience in Asia and Europe. [www.asef.org](http://www.asef.org)



Founded in 1614, the **University of Groningen (RUG)** enjoys an international reputation as one of the oldest and leading research universities in Europe with around 28,000 BA, MA and PhD students and more than 5,000 staff members. More than 10% of the student population is international, whereas 20% of the academic staff comes from abroad. RUG is an active member of the Coïmbra Group and has built partnerships with universities in all continents. [www.rug.nl](http://www.rug.nl)



The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was established in 1967. The main objective of the **ASEAN University Network (AUN)** is to strengthen the existing network of co-operation among leading universities in ASEAN, by promoting co-operation and solidarity among ASEAN scholars and academicians, developing academic and professional human resource, and promoting information dissemination among the ASEAN academic community. [www.aun-sec.org](http://www.aun-sec.org)