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6TH ASIA-EUROPE CLASSROOM NETWORK (AEC-NET) CONFERENCE

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Secondary Schools

1. The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) will be organizing the 6th Asia-Europe Classroom Network (AEC-NET) Conference in Serres, Greece on October 9-13, 2006. This is in collaboration with the Gymnasium of Livadia, with support from the Regional Directorate of Primary and Secondary Education of Central Macedonia-Greece, the Hellenic Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, and the European Commission.
2. The AEC Conference is an activity under the AEC framework that gathers secondary school teachers and educators from Asia and Europe who take a keen interest in developing ideas for online collaborative learning projects.
3. The programme is open up to three secondary teachers from each of the 38 ASEM countries.
4. The registration of interest to participate in the 6th AEC Conference should be done online at <http://www.aec.asef.org/register/register2006.html> before Tuesday August 15, 2006. All participants are strongly encouraged to prepare on line collaborative learning projects for discussions and development at the conference. Enclosed is the letter from the ASIA Europe Foundation for reference.
5. For further clarifications, please contact **Ms. Angie Toh**, at angietoh@asef.org. For coordination, please contact the Center for Students and Co-Curricular Affairs (CSCA), DepED Central Office, Pasig City c/o Executive Director **Joey G. Pelaez**, tel. nos. 631-84-951/636-35-03.
6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Secretary

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Dear Mr Pelaez

ASIA-EUROPE CLASSROOM NETWORK (AEC-NET) AND THE 6TH ASIA-EUROPE CLASSROOM CONFERENCE FROM 9 TO 13 OCTOBER 2006 IN SERRES, GREECE

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) is an international organisation that was borne to carry out the objectives of a trans-regional political process called the Asia-Europe Meetings (ASEM). ASEM comprises the 25 member countries of the European Union, the European Commission, and 10 members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, together with China, South Korea and Japan. Its mission is to forge a comprehensive partnership and strengthen linkages for mutual benefit. ASEF carries out this mission at the level of the civil society, by promoting awareness and understanding between the peoples of both regions through exchanges at the intellectual, cultural and people-to-people levels.

We are pleased to announce that the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) will be organising the 6th Asia-Europe Classroom Conference (AEC-NET) in Serres, Greece, from 9 to 13 October 2006, in collaboration with the Gymnasium of Livadia, with support from the Regional Directorate of Primary and Secondary Education of Central Macedonia-Greece, the Hellenic Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, and the European Commission.

Launched in 1998, the Asia-Europe Classroom (AEC) is ASEF's main platform to forge networks amongst secondary or high schools in Asia and Europe, harnessing the potential for Infocomm Technologies to promote intercultural collaborative learning among teachers and students. ASEF is working in order to expand this project to a larger number of partners and, at the same time to involve the different key stakeholders in secondary education including the respective Ministries of Education or National Education Agencies. Please visit <http://www.aec.asef.org> to find out more about the AEC.

The AEC Conference is an activity under the AEC framework that gathers secondary / high school teachers and educators from Asia and Europe who take a keen interest in developing ideas for online collaborative learning projects. For more information on the AEC-NET initiative, please refer to the AEC factsheet enclosed.

The programme is open to up to three secondary or high school teachers from each of the 38 ASEM countries. The tentative programme is attached for your information. In brief, the main elements are:

- (a) Discussion on Proposals to Strengthen the AEC Network;
- (b) Professional Enrichment for AEC members;
- (c) Presentations of AEC Projects, and the presentation of the AEC Awards; and
- (d) Discussion and Development of future AEC Projects

I would therefore, encourage your Ministry to be actively supportive of this project and to favour the participation of teachers representing your country. We are confident that the teachers in your country would benefit substantially from the programme. The participants will be able to plug into a network of dynamic teachers in Asia and Europe, who share similar interests in promoting intercultural learning and maximising the use of technology in education. Both aspects of education are becoming increasingly important in preparing students adequately for the future. In addition, the participants will be able to participate in developing online projects that would also involve and directly benefit their schools and students.

At the same time it is crucial for us that secondary / high schools in your country are aware that the Ministry of Education / National Education Agency is endorsing the project and is encouraging them to take part in this AEC-NET initiative. We would therefore be grateful for your assistance in disseminating information on Asia-Europe Classroom Network and promoting the 6th AEC Conference to teachers in your country, as well as in identifying suitable participants.


The organisers will be pleased to cover all local costs in connection with the Conference (including accommodations, meals, local transport and other costs to be incurred during the programme). Participants are, however, requested to cover the travel costs to and from Serres, Greece either on their own, or with the support of their secondary/high schools or other agencies.

Registration of interest to participate in the 6th AEC Conference should be done online at <http://www.aec.asef.org/register/register2006.html> before **Tuesday, 15 August 2006**. All applicants are strongly encouraged to propose online collaborative learning projects for discussions and development at the Conference. I am also sending you a sample copy of the online application forms to take part in the conference as well as to join the AEC network. We hope that your Ministry will disseminate this information and encourage schools to be part of this Asia-Europe Classroom Network.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or my colleague, Ms Angie Toh, at angietoh@asef.org should you need further clarifications.

Thank you for your attention and assistance. I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely


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