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MONGOLIA HOSTS 11TH ASIA-EUROPE SUMMIT

/Ulaanbaatar, 14.07.16/ The 11th Asia-Europe Summit (ASEM11, Summit) is to commence tomorrow in Ulaanbaatar, capital city of Mongolia, under the theme **“20 Years of ASEM: Partnership for the Future through Connectivity”**.

ASEM11 will be the highest-level international event Mongolia has ever hosted. Under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Elbegdorj Tsakhia, President of Mongolia, leaders and delegates from 51 countries, European Commission and ASEAN are participating in the Summit. Presidents and Vice Presidents from 11 countries, Prime Ministers from 23 countries, 16 Foreign Ministers, as well as President of the European Council Donald Tusk and President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker along with Secretary-General of ASEAN Le Luong Minh are attending the Summit.

The two-day Summit will start at 9am on Thursday, the 15th of July with an opening ceremony, followed by a session on the four ASEM forums: the representatives of the Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership (ASEP), the Asia-Europe People’s Forum (AEPF), the Asia-Europe Business Forum (AEBF) and the Model ASEM.

The ASEM11 Summit has two plenary sessions under the topics of **‘Two decades of partnership: taking stock and looking forward’** and **‘Promoting ASEM partnership for greater connectivity’**. Session One will assess the 20 years’ experience of political dialogue, economic cooperation and socio-cultural exchange. At the second session, discussions will continue on developing both ‘hard’ and ‘soft’ connectivity between Asia and Europe.

Upon attending the Summit, delegates are welcomed to participate in the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of ASEM. At the celebration, the delegates will have an opportunity to experience Mongolian **‘Nomadic Naadam’** festival. This year is marking the 810th anniversary of the establishment of Great Mongol Empire.

On Saturday, 16th of July, a retreat session under the title of ‘Enhancing the three pillars of ASEM’ will take place. The session will look into both regional and international issues including counter-terrorism and migration. Following the closing ceremony, ASEM Coordinators’ press conferences will be held by H.E. Mr. Elbegdorj Tsakhia, President of Mongolia, H.E. Mr. Donald Tusk, President of the European Council, H.E. Mr. Htin Kyaw, President of Myanmar and by H.E. Mr. Robert Fico, Prime Minister of Slovakia.

The Summit will end with the Chair’s Statement followed by “Ulaanbaatar Declaration” on the Future of ASEM, marking the ASEM’s 20th Anniversary.

In parallel to the Summit, various bilateral meetings will be taking place.



Ahead of the Summit, ASEM11 International Media Centre was opened at the Shangri-La Centre for press and media. Activities of the four ASEM Forums and ASEM11 Summit will be live-tweeted on @ASEM11en. Follow #ASEM11 hashtag for live coverage of the Summit.

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About ASEM11 Summit

The 11th ASEM Summit is the most significant international dialogue event Mongolia has ever hosted since 1600's. Over 5,000 delegates are expected to attend at the 11th ASEM Summit including heads of states, governments, parliaments and business leaders from [51 member countries](#) across Europe and Asia and delegates from European Union and ASEAN. The 11th ASEM Summit is also going to be a significant event as it is marking the 20th Anniversary of Asia-Europe meeting dialogue process inaugurated in 1996 in Bangkok, Thailand.

For more information:

ASEM11 Summit official site at www.asem11.mn

Official photos from ASEM11 Summit & Four ASEM Forums at <http://tvnewsroom.consilium.europa.eu> & <https://www.flickr.com/photos/142860653@N02>

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