

Project Goals

Promote friendship, better understanding and respect for each other's culture among students in Asia and Europe ;

Encourage students to **gain a broader perspective** by seeing other parts of the world through the eyes of a fellow student;

Enable students to compare lifestyles and **debunk existing stereotypes** and misconceptions through concrete and fun exchanges;



Contribute to the improvement of foreign **language proficiency** of students;

Promote **communication among teachers** as well as cooperation in the field of education;

Offer the opportunity to schools to build **enduring and fruitful relationships** with Asian or European counterparts.

ASEFUAN



The Asia-Europe Foundation University Alumni Network (ASEFUAN) is an association of former participants of the Asia-Europe Foundation University, a two-week intensive scholarship programme for undergraduates at venues alternating between Asia and Europe. Founded in Bali, Indonesia in April 2002, ASEFUAN now has over 450 members in 38 Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) countries.

The network organises activities to maintain and reinforce the relationships forged among its members and undertakes projects to promote a meaningful intercultural dialogue between Asia and Europe, particularly among the younger generation.



Culture Capsule



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Overview

ASEFUAN Culture Capsule is

a **partnership among two classes** at the primary or secondary level one in Asia, one in Europe;



the **exchange of parcels** the so-called Culture Capsules that contain culturally relevant items;



contacts between students who describe one's **daily life** using letters, emails and pictures;

a **look at life in another country** through the eyes of a fellow student.



Exchanges

A Culture Capsule starts with ASEFUAN members **contacting schools** and proposing them to take part in the project. Once a class in Europe and one in Asia with about the same number of students of the same age have been found, they are put in touch through the Culture Capsule website.



Teachers agree on a schedule for parcels to be exchanged. Students are asked to **gather objects** that best describe their

environment, to write letters introducing themselves, their country and an object of their choice. One student in each class may be given a disposable or a digital camera with which he or she records the course of a normal school day.

Once parcels have been received, the local ASEFUAN member participates in the **opening of the Capsule** and the distribution of objects and letters. He or she also provides extra explanations on the other country as well as on the items that were included in the box.



The exchange of a Culture Capsule is hopefully only the **beginning of an enduring relationship** between students, classes and schools of Asia and Europe!

Participation

Participation in a Culture Capsule is open to **primary and secondary schools** of ASEM member countries.

It is intended to **establish a partnership** between classes with about the same number of students of the same age.



A **common language** of communication among students has to be decided upon. In this respect, ASEFUAN members as well as language teachers of involved schools could help with translation work.

Mail parcels and letters, but also internet and Culture Capsule's **online discussion** board can be used as communication means between students and teachers.



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