



## Asia-Link Programme

EU-supported programme for  
Higher Education Institutions  
in Europe and Asia

### What is the Asia-Link Programme?

The Asia-Link Programme was established in 2002 as an initiative to foster regional and multilateral networking between higher education institutions (HEIs) in European Union (EU) Member States and in Asia. This five-year programme was aimed to provide support to European and Asian HEIs in the following three main areas: (1) human resources development (2) curriculum development and (3) institutions and systems development.

### Asia-Link projects - Indonesia

As a result of five annual Calls for Proposals (2002-2006), the Asia-Link Programme selected a total 17 Asia-Link projects in Indonesia, located in different provinces and involving 37 European HEIs and 23 Indonesian HEIs with a total EC contribution of € 6.6 million.

Results of the Asia-Link projects in Indonesia include among others the development of early screening diagnostic for Nasopharyngeal Cancer, dissemination of a low-cost screening and treatment technique of cervical cancer for low settings clinic and hospitals, establishment of a research centre for TB, HIV/AIDS, malaria and dengue for Asian Region, establishment of an Indonesian Conflict Studies Network (ICSN) which has provided supports to conflict areas, strengthening of a network of European and Asian experts in human origins patrimony in Southeast Asia and the development of state-of-the-art of university's curriculum in the field of business education and entrepreneurship, Intellectual Capital, Cervical Cancer and Biomedical Engineering.

### European Higher Education Fairs

Apart from cooperation projects among HEIs, the Asia-Link Programme also funded a series of European Higher Education Fairs (EHEF) as a forum for European HEIs to introduce their international programmes to a large audience of Asian students. During 2006-2008, the EHEF was organised in seven Asian countries: Thailand, India, Malaysia, China, Vietnam, Philippines and Indonesia and have successfully attracted a total of more than 100,000 visitors. In Indonesia, the EHEF was organised in Jakarta on 1-2 November 2008 with the presence of 71 European HEIs and 18 EU Member States' Embassies and attracted more than 15,000 visitors, an impressive result that was far beyond the expected target of 3,000 visitors.

Following the success of EHEF, the second EHEF will be organised in Jakarta, in October 2010.



### **Future Programme**

Asia-Link Programme has been discontinued and is replaced by the Erasmus Mundus Programme. This programme is a worldwide cooperation and mobility programme that aims to enhance quality in higher education and promote intercultural understanding. Further information of the Erasmus Mundus Programme is available at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/external-relation-programmes/doc72\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/external-relation-programmes/doc72_en.htm)