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The ASEM LLL Hub Advisory Board Information-Sharing Meeting, 21 July 09, Bangkok.

In order to engage more Asian partners, representatives of the Ministries of Education and Labour responsible for national LLL strategies in Asian ASEM countries were invited to the ASEM LLL Conference "Lifelong Learning: e-Learning and Workplace Learning" and an information meeting about joining the Advisory Board of the ASEM LLL Hub. 11 senior ministerial representatives from 9 countries (Cambodia, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Korea, Slovakia, Thailand and Vietnam) and 5 representatives from international organisations exchanged their understandings of LLL concepts and national policies. The discussion also focused on national representation at the Advisory Board and emphasised the coordination between ministries and concerned institutions within each country.

The participants expressed their interest in and support to the expansion of the ASEM LLL Hub:

- to include more ASEM countries.
- to intensify research activities according to policy challenges,
- to create more comprehensive and sustainable partnerships.

in order to exchange and utilise existing knowledge in the field, produce new knowledge and transfer this knowledge to education policy development in member countries.



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The meeting welcomed Thailand's willingness to take up the role of Co-chair of the Advisory Board in order to further facilitate the expanding partnership in the field of LLL between ASEM countries, especially Asian members.

By and large, the meeting created ground for achieving the objectives of raising awareness, getting to know each other, identifying mutual interests and key issues of LLL, building trust for networking and learning partnership, and reinforcing commitment among the AdvisoryBoard members.