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EU-MALAYSIA NEWS



FINDING EUROPE IN MALAYSIA PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Is there something or some place in Malaysia which reminds you of Europe? Take a photo of it, and complete the slogan "The best example of EU-Malaysia cooperation is..." (in 25 words or less) for a chance to win a trip to Paris as well as other fabulous prizes.

The competition is being held in conjunction with Europe Day (9 May) and the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Delegation. Closing date for submissions is 26th April 2013. Find out more at www.facebook.com/EUinMalaysia.

ASEAN PEATLAND MEDIA AWARD

Organised by the Global Environment Centre and ASEAN Secretariat, the Award honors individuals or journalists for their reporting on peatlands that covers sustainability, biodiversity, community livelihood and environmental issues in Southeast Asia region. You are welcome to submit any articles, writings and reports published from 1 January. Submissions close at the end of the year. [➤ More](#)

CALL FOR PROPOSALS UNDER THE EU-FAO FOREST LAW ENFORCEMENT, GOVERNANCE AND TRADE PROGRAMME

Deadline for submissions is 31 May 2013. [➤ More](#)

MARIE CURIE ACTIONS: BIDS FOR €227 MILLION IN RESEARCH NOW OPEN

Marie Curie individual fellowships support the mobility of researchers within and beyond Europe - as well as helping to attract the best foreign researchers to work in the EU. The fund will be awarded to some 1,000 experienced researchers. Deadline for applications is 14 August. [➤ More](#)



THE EU DELEGATION IS NOW ON FACEBOOK!

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NEWS FROM EU INSTITUTIONS

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (21 MARCH)

"In times of economic crisis, the dangers of rising racism and xenophobia, fuelled in part by increasing unemployment, and insecurity about the future, are very real. It is in these challenging times that our commitment to combating racism must be relentless," said EU High Representative Catherine Ashton.

She further called on all states that have not yet done so, to become parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination. [➤ More](#)

VIOLENT CLASHES IN THE TOWN OF MEIKTILA IN MYANMAR: STATEMENT BY HIGH REPRESENTATIVE CATHERINE ASHTON

Ashton urged the authorities to protect the civilian population from violence, and to investigate the causes of this disturbing state of affairs. [➤ More](#)

EU-WIDE CIVIL LAW PROTECTION FOR VICTIMS OF STALKING OR GENDER VIOLENCE

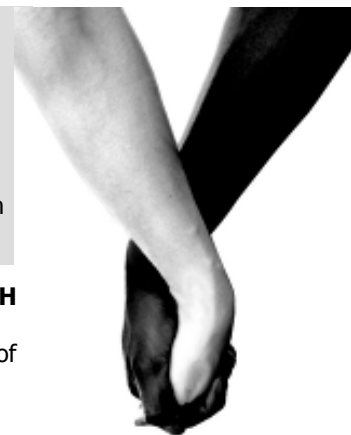
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EUROPEAN COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS (14-15 MARCH)

The European Council had a comprehensive discussion on the economic and social situation and set the orientations for the economic policy of the Member States and the European Union in 2013. The focus, it concluded, should be on the implementation of decisions taken, particularly with regards to the Compact for Growth and Jobs. [➤ More](#)

MAKING THE EU MORE ATTRACTIVE FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS

The European Commission has proposed to make it easier and more attractive for non-EU national students, researchers and other groups to enter and stay in the EU for periods exceeding three months. New legislation will set clearer time limits for national authorities to decide on applications, provide for more opportunities to access the labour market during their stays and facilitate intra-EU movement. [➤ More](#)



ECONOMIC NEWS



EU AND JAPAN AGREE TO OPEN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT TALKS IN APRIL

As major economic powers accounting for one third of global output, highly interconnected, and faced with similar challenges, the EU and Japan have a shared responsibility to boost growth, jobs and competitiveness. The Economic Partnership Agreement /Free Trade Agreement (EPA/FTA) will seek to address issues of shared interest in order to stimulate economic growth in both the EU and Japan and thus, contribute to the development of the world economy. [➤ More](#)

Photo: Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan with Presidents Van Rompuy and Barroso

EUROGROUP REACHES AGREEMENT ON PROGRAMME FOR CYPRUS

[On 25 March](#), the Eurogroup reached an agreement with Cypriot authorities on the key elements necessary for a future macroeconomic adjustment programme. [Further note](#) was also taken of the temporary restrictions on the free movement of capital, including capital controls, imposed by the Republic of Cyprus. The Eurogroup has stated in current circumstances, the imposition of temporary restrictions was justified as the stability of financial markets and the banking system in Cyprus constituted a matter of overriding public interest and public policy.

EU TIMBER REGULATION IN EFFECT FROM 3 MARCH 2013

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GREEN PAPER ON THE LONG-TERM FINANCING OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMY

The European Commission has adopted a Green Paper that launches a three-month public consultation on how to foster the supply of long-term financing and how to improve and diversify the system of financial intermediation for long-term investment in Europe. [➤ More](#)

EURO AREA INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN GOODS DEFICIT €3.9 BILLION

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ENVIRONMENT NEWS



DEVELOPING A 2030 FRAMEWORK FOR EU CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY POLICIES

"Europe's dependence on foreign fossil fuels is growing every year. That means more expensive and unaffordable energy bills for Europeans. It's obviously not wise for the climate, but it's also not wise for our economy and our competitiveness. That is why we have decided that in Europe we want a low-carbon society for 2050. We have targets for 2020, but for most investors 2020 is around the corner. It's time to define the targets for 2030," asserted Commissioner for Climate Action Connie Hedegaard.

On 27 March, the Commission announced a Green Paper to launch public consultations on the content of the 2030 framework. It has also published a Consultative Communication on the future of carbon capture and storage (CCS) in Europe, aimed at initiating a debate on the options available to ensure its timely development. [➤ More](#)

Photo: Commissioner for Energy Günther Oettinger and Commissioner for Climate Action Connie Hedegaard at the briefing

EU RESOURCES

EU-MALAYSIA PUBLICATIONS

The EU Delegation annually publishes various material which gives an overview of the cooperation between the EU and Malaysia. Latest publications include the Key Facts Leaflet, Trade & Investment 2012 Booklet, Cooperation 2012 Booklet and the Study in Europe Guide for Malaysian Students. To obtain a copy, please contact delegation-malaysia-press@eeas.europa.eu

NEWSLETTERS from the EU Institutions by subject

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