The European Union, through the Joint Research Centre (JRC) and the European External Action Service (EEAS), in collaboration with the Asia- Europe Foundation (ASEF), the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) and the Center for China & Globalization (CCG) have the honour to inform you of the organisation of the Asia-Europe Sustainable Connectivity Scientific Conference (AESCON) to be held in Singapore, from Wednesday 23 to Friday 25 September 2020.

1. Conference venues

- **Day 1 (Opening Day) - 23 September**
  Park Hotel Alexandra
  Address: 323 Alexandra Road, Singapore 159972
  Tel: +65 6828 8888
  Website: [https://www.parkhotelgroup.com/en/alexandra](https://www.parkhotelgroup.com/en/alexandra)

- **Day 2 & 3 (Scientific sessions) – 24 and 25 February:**
  Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) Headquarter
  Address: 31 Heng Mui Keng Terrace, Singapore 119595
  Tel: +65 6874 9700
  Website: [http://www.asef.org/about/contact](http://www.asef.org/about/contact)

More information on our website [https://www.aescon.org](https://www.aescon.org)

2. Accommodation

AESCON has negotiated a special rate at the Park Hotel Alexandra (this is also the venue for the first day of the conference) where you can benefit from a special rate of 223.63 SGD NETT with breakfast per room per night (single room) secured by the event team. To book your room, please contact Ms Jennifer Xue.

Contact person: Jennifer Xue, Director Corporate Travel
Email: jennifer.xue@parkhotelgroup.com / rsvn.phal@parkhotelgroup.com
Address: 323 Alexandra Road, Singapore 159972 | Tel: +65 6828 8888
Booking code: AESCON
Participants are free to book into any hotel - we remind you to check the time it will take to travel from the hotel to the conference venue.
3. Transportation

From Changi Airport

Participants should make their own travel arrangements from the airport to the hotel and back.

Directions from Changi Airport to Park Hotel Alexandra:
- Public transportation: The journey takes approximately 1 hour. Take MRT train at Changi Airport MRT Station to Tanah Merah Station (2 stops). Board the train towards Tuas Link and stop at Queenstown Station (15 stops). Take Exit B and board Bus Service 195 for 2 stops (before IKEA). Walk 1 minute to Park Hotel Alexandra.
- Taxi: The journey takes approximately 30 minutes and costs between S$20 and S$40. All fares are metered.

To conference venue on 24 and 25 September:
For participants staying at Park Hotel Alexandra, complementary transfer will be provided to the conference venue (ASEF) on 24 and 25 September.

See more in Getting Around Singapore.

4. Visa and Insurance

Singapore offers visa-free entry or visa on arrival to citizens of 44 (out of 51) Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) countries – see the ASEM Sustainable Connectivity Portal for an interesting overview. Specific information on visas can be found here.

Participants requiring an entry visa should make their own arrangements to obtain such visa and any further documentation that may be required. In some particular cases a nominal invitation letter may be required in order to obtain a visa. AESCON Organising Committee will issue such a nominal invitation letter to enrolled participants upon request.

Participants should take care of any travel & health insurance at their own expenses. We advise that insurance should cover health and medical issues, travel insurance (such as unexpected cancellations or delays) and luggage insurance.
5. Local Information

**Updates on COVID-19 Local Situation**
Updates by the Ministry of Health on COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) can be found [here](#).

**Weather**
The climate in Singapore in September is warm, with temperatures averaging around 31°C in the daytime. September marks the end of the Southwest Monsoon Season. Read more [here](#).

**Currency and Money Exchange**
Singapore’s official currency is the Singapore Dollar (SGD). ATMs are widely available across Singapore, and major credit cards are accepted in most places.

**Electricity Supply**
In Singapore the electricity supply is 230V at 50Hz. The plugs are type G – these are the same plugs as used in the UK, and participants from most countries will need a plug adaptor. You can find out more details [here](#).

6. Sites of Interest

- **Singapore Botanic Gardens**: The Singapore Botanic Gardens was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2015. It is the first and only tropical garden on the UNESCO’s World Heritage List. [Guided Tours](#) are organised on Saturdays.
- **Garden by the Bay**: Located by the Marina Bay Waterfront in the heart of Singapore, Gardens by the Bay is a sanctuary for nature lovers and budding horticulturalists alike.
- **Jewel Changi Airport**: Discover how artistry and nature intertwines at Jewel Changi Airport.
- **Cultural Performances**: you can check the programme of performances and exhibitions of Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay art centre and the Arts House.

Visit [www.visitsingapore.com](http://www.visitsingapore.com) to find out what Singapore has to offer.

7. Queries

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to address them to [info@aescon.org](mailto:info@aescon.org)

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