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Hong Kong Model European Union 2013

We cordially invite you to attend the first inter-university **Hong Kong Model European Union** organized by the European Union Academic Programme Hong Kong (EUAP), with the kind assistance from the Office of the European Union to Hong Kong and Macao.

A Model European Union is a **simulation of political decision-making processes in the EU**, conducted regularly for students of European affairs in the European Parliament in Strasbourg and a number of universities and non-profit organizations around the world.

In the Hong Kong version, students from four universities (Hong Kong Baptist University, the University of Hong Kong, the Chinese University of Hong Kong and Lingnan University) will simulate the **spring session of the European Council, i.e. the meeting of Heads of Government of the EU member states**. The main topic on the agenda will be a discussion of the “**Europe 2020**” strategy of the Union regarding **climate change** and **energy sustainability**, therefore major planks of global cooperation and EU-China relations in the decades to come.

Event Details

Date & Time: 13th April 2013 (Sat): 10:00 am – 7:15 pm
 Opening Session: 10:00 – 10:30 am
 Plenary Sessions (Simulation): 10:35 am – 7:15 pm
Venue: SWT 501, Shaw Tower, Hong Kong Baptist University (Please refer to attached map)

An interview session with the participants can be arranged upon request.

The event will be opened with a keynote speech by Mr. Vincent Piket, Head of Office of the European Union to Hong Kong and Macao. Mr. Asad Beg, Head of Political, Press and Information Section of the European Union Office to Hong Kong and Macao, will be acting as President of the European Council during the plenary sessions.

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Aims of the Model EU

The Hong Kong Model European Union aims to educate Hong Kong students about current events and salient topics in European politics and thereby contribute to a better understanding of the European integration process and the Union's external relations with Hong Kong and China.

What does the Model European Union offer to students and observers?

The Hong Kong Model European Union is an unprecedented opportunity to become familiar with the complex decision-making processes in the European Union. **The participants themselves will act as Heads of Member States in the discussion of future common policies of the Union.**

A series of five preceding training seminars were held for the participants by the Model EU coordinator Dr. Krzysztof Sliwinski so as to familiarize students with the topics of the debate and to hone their negotiation and research skills. *"These trainings have been intensive, so participants have worked very hard to prepare themselves for the final simulation. Some have taken it to the 'extreme' - to the enjoyment of all of us involved. After all, how often do you get to act as a Head of Government?"* noted Dr. Sliwinski, Assistant Professor of European Politics at the Department of Government and International Studies at HK Baptist University.

The three best participants in the simulation will be awarded as "Outstanding Heads of Government" and will also be able to visit European Union institutions in a week-long EUAP summer programme in Brussels / Belgium.

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香港模擬歐洲聯盟 2013

我們誠意邀請您出席由 European Union Academic Programme Hong Kong (EUAP) 與歐洲聯盟駐香港及澳門辦事處合作舉辦的香港模擬歐洲聯盟 2013。

模擬歐洲聯盟是一項模擬歐盟會議及決策過程的學術活動，並定期在斯特拉斯堡的歐洲議會、世界各地各地大學及非牟利機構舉行，目的是促進學生對歐洲時事和政治議題的了解。

是次香港模擬歐洲聯盟吸引了四所大學（香港浸會大學、香港大學、香港中文大學及嶺南大學）的學生出席，他們會模擬歐洲理事會（歐盟首腦會議）在春季的會議情況。議題為“歐洲 2020”，在關於氣候轉變及能源可持續性上作出討論，此議題將會在未來世界各國合作以及中歐關係佔一大位置。

活動詳情

日期及時間：2013 年 4 月 13 日（六）早上 10 時至下午 7 時 15 分

地點：香港浸會大學逸夫校園逸夫行政樓 501 室（附上地圖）

媒體採訪時間：下午 2 時 30 分至 2 時 55 分

出席嘉賓包括與歐洲聯盟駐香港及澳門辦事處主任彭家傑（Mr Vincent PIKET）、政治部、新聞及傳訊部主管白尚德（將於活動當日擔任模擬歐洲理事會主席）

請參閱附件的活動流程。

香港模擬歐洲聯盟是什麼？

香港模擬歐洲聯盟首次在本地舉辦，是新成立的 European Union Academic Programme Hong Kong 焦點活動之一。30 位參加者分別來自香港浸會大學、香港大學、香港中文大學和嶺南大學。他們透過此活動可以更了解歐洲時事，從而明白歐洲一體化的過程及歐盟與香港及中國的關係。表現優秀的參與者將獲得由歐洲外交官及學系教職員組成的委員會頒發“傑出政府首腦”獎，並可免費參加 European Union Academic Programme Hong Kong 於六月舉行的布魯塞爾歐盟考察團。

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參加者如何從是次活動得益？

香港模擬歐洲聯盟提供前所未有的機會讓學生親身了解歐盟的決策過程。他們不僅可以體驗歐盟的管治機制，同時亦擔當國家元首的重任，讓他們更深入了解在個人層面的決策。

為提高參加者的研究和談判技巧，香港模擬歐洲聯盟的負責人 Dr. Sliwinski Krzysztof 為參與者度身訂做了一系列熱身活動。進行實際模擬之前，參加者連續 5 個週末參加了不同的研討會和訓練。他們亦有機會跟代表歐盟成員國的外交官員見面及互動。壓軸的實際模擬環節將於 2013 年 4 月 13 日舉行，實不容錯過。

「是次的訓練十分密集，參與者們為了最後的模擬環節的確下了不少準備工夫。在各位的積極參與下，有參與者選擇盡情享受、浸淫在這片氣氛中；畢竟，我們可以有多少機會作為政府首腦？」其中一位參與者黎同學指出：「扮演政府首腦的角色感覺很好。它不僅給我一種錯覺，令我以為權力真的在我手上，同時亦給予我一份責任感，要解決當前歐盟面對的危機。」

關於 European Union Academic Programme Hong Kong

European Union Academic Programme Hong Kong (EUAP) 是一個由四所本地大學（浸會大學、香港大學、香港中文大學和嶺南大學）組成、獲歐洲委員會資助的團體。

EUAP 的成立旨在加強歐盟與香港的關係，透過學術工作以及與本地、亞太區及歐洲的合作夥伴建立合作網絡，促進大眾對歐盟的了解。自 2012 年 9 月成立以來，EUAP 已成功舉辦了一連串涵蓋各種主題的研討會和工作坊。EUAP 與歐盟駐香港及澳門辦事處、各歐盟成員國的外交代表和商會及其他位於歐洲的機構密切合作。

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