

India-Pakistan Regional Young Leaders Initiative

The Asia Society is delighted to announce the Class of 2012 India-Pakistan Regional Young Leaders, a group of 12 select young leaders from India, Pakistan, and the U.S., representing diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise. The India-Pakistan Regional Young Leaders Initiative (IPRYLI) seeks to help nurture a community of next generation leaders in **India** and **Pakistan** committed to working together on a cross-border public service project addressing the most fundamental issues facing the region. We are fortunate to have the Jinnah Institute, a non-profit public policy organization as our local partner in Pakistan, and Asia Society's India Center, based in Mumbai, as key partners on the ground.

As part of a process designed to build this regional network of leaders, IPRYLI members will:

- attend an India-Pakistan Regional Young Leaders Forum, scheduled for July 20-22 in New Delhi, and the annual Asia 21 Young Leaders Summit in Dhaka, Bangladesh from Dec. 7-9;
- collaboratively develop a cross-border public service project, as part of the community-building process;
- actively communicate via a specially dedicated section of the Asia 21 Young Leaders social networking site;
- work with a media consultant to implement a broad media outreach strategy on the challenges of leadership for India and Pakistan that also highlights the profiles and work of the young leaders; and
- be connected to Asia 21 sector groups which link leaders from across Asia within particular sectors (media, government, business, arts, etc.)

The Asia Society believes that making a long-term investment in the development of a regional next generation leadership network can help lay a foundation for the kind of long-term change that can ultimately help stabilize the region. With its seven-year track record, the Asia 21 program is a model vehicle to foster and sustain such leadership in the region.

The IPRYLI will be closely associated with the Asia 21 Young Leaders Initiative, the Asia Pacific region's leading next generation leadership initiative. Asia Society launched the Asia 21 Young Leaders Initiative in 2006 to develop next generation leaders across the Asia-Pacific region. In seven years, Asia 21 has become the leading next generation network in the Asia-Pacific, with over seven hundred active members from 30 countries and economies and across all sectors (see <http://asiasociety.org/policy-politics/asia-21>). Established with support from Founding International Sponsor, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, the Asia 21 Initiative annually convenes a pre-eminent gathering of Asia's most dynamic young leaders from the Asia-Pacific region, from every sector including business, government, media, culture and civil society. To date, the network counts more than 700 of the most accomplished young leaders in the Asia-Pacific among its members, including businessmen, documentary filmmakers, environmental activists, human rights advocates, members of parliament, military personnel, performance artists, and social entrepreneurs.

ABOUT THE ASIA SOCIETY

The Asia Society is an international organization dedicated to strengthening relationships and deepening understanding among the peoples of Asia and the United States. It seeks to enhance dialogue, encourage creative expression, and generate new ideas across the fields of policy, business, education, arts, and culture. Founded in 1956, the Asia Society is a nonpartisan, nonprofit educational institution with offices in Hong Kong, Houston, Los Angeles, Manila, Melbourne, Mumbai, New York, San Francisco, Seoul, Shanghai, and Washington, DC. For more information, contact the Asia Society, 725 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021.

For more information about the Asia Society's Asia 21 Young Leaders Initiative, including details about previous conferences and Fellows, please visit www.AsiaSociety.org/Asia21.

Inaugural Class of Fellows

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Ziad Bashir, Director, Gul Ahmed Textile Mills

Zafar Iqbal Choudhary, Journalist & Policy Analyst

Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy, Academy Award and Emmy Award winning documentary filmmaker

Sarath Babu Elumalai, Founder & CEO, FOODKING

Menaka Guruswamy, Advocate, Supreme Court of India

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