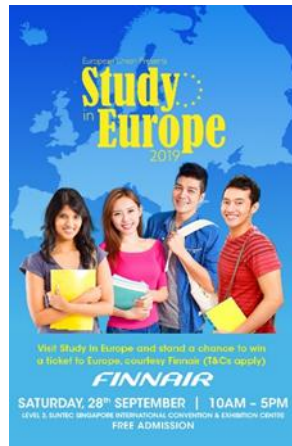


## SUMMARY | STUDY IN EUROPE 2019 SINGAPORE | BY MATTHIJS VAN WAGTENDONK



On Saturday 28 September 2019, the study grant fair 'Study Europe 2019' was organized by the EU in Singapore. The scholarship is intended to introduce secondary school children and their parents living in Singapore to study opportunities in participating European countries. The Dutch Embassy in Singapore, together with Nuffic Neso, organised a booth to promote Dutch tertiary study opportunities.

Lewis Lau, the international relations officer of the customs department of the Dutch Embassy in Singapore, was the coordinator for the Dutch booth. Lewis had tracked the WUR alumni through our recent WUR Alumni Network Singapore meeting on September 12. Lewis has asked me to be present at the booth on behalf of WUR.

The booth was manned by:

- Nuffic Neso: Inty Dienasara from Jakarta
- Education Promotion Officer Leiden University: Rosalia Damayanti from Jakarta
- Staff of the Dutch Embassy
- Students from Delft, Leiden and Amsterdam. These students are on exchange at NTU (Nanyang Technical University).
- The undersigned

Dutch Ambassador Margriet Vonno was present at the opening of the exhibition. The fair was very well attended. From 10.00 till 17.00 hrs. the booth saw a lot of visitors at the Dutch table.

The side session where the Netherlands presented itself was busy (seats had to be added). A presentation was given by Inty Dienasar of Nuffic Neso (Netherlands Education Support Offices). Not only Singaporean students came to the fair, but also expat students who currently live in Singapore.

Many questions concerned costs and connection / acceptance of the Singapore high school system with / by Dutch tertiary advanced education.

Furthermore, there were people who were specifically interested in which university would be best for which "study subject".

The WUR bachelor flyers were out of stock very quickly. This flyer was the only one on the table which was specifically intended for international bachelors. Later in the afternoon of the education fair we put the remaining master flyers in the Dutch gift bags that could be taken by participants at the end of the fair.

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