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**PRITI RADHAKRISHNAN SELECTED
TO PARTICIPATE IN
ASIA 21 YOUNG LEADERS SUMMIT IN MALAYSIA**

**Multi-cultural, multi-sectoral dialogue brings together
over 150 young leaders from the Asia Pacific**

(Kuala Lumpur, November 20, 2009) – **Priti Radhakrishnan, Co-Director of I-MAK**, has been chosen among more than 150 emerging leaders from some 30 countries in the Asia-Pacific region who will participate in the Asia Society’s fourth annual Asia 21 Young Leaders Summit, to be held in Kuala Lumpur from November 20-22, 2009.

Ms. Radhakrishnan joins other young leaders from various sectors, all under age 40, who will explore “*The Changing Face of Leadership: Crisis and Opportunity*” at the Summit.

The Asia Society’s Asia 21 Young Leaders Summit is part of a larger initiative designed to help emerging leaders from across the region to develop common approaches to meet its shared challenges. “*Asia 21 seeks to build networks of trust across geographic boundaries and help next generation leaders to educate one another in the highest ideals of values-based leadership,*” said Asia Society Executive Vice President Jamie Metzl, who spearheads the program. “*We need new types of leaders from every country who can both understand the*

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transnational nature of the challenges we face and work together to address them, and are thrilled that Priti Radhakrishnan will be joining our network.”

Priti’s work involves improving access to medicines through the patent system. She will be facilitating a session on access to health at the summit.

Established by the Asia Society with support from Founding International Sponsor, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, the Asia 21 Summit is the pre-eminent gathering of Asia’s most dynamic and accomplished young leaders from the Asia-Pacific region. To date, the network counts more than 500 alumni, including businessmen, documentary filmmakers, environmental activists, human rights advocates, members of parliament, military personnel, performance artists, and social entrepreneurs.

“We’re proud to support the Asia Society’s Asia 21 Young Leaders Summit,” said Tom Montag, president of Global Banking and Markets at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. *“As a global organization committed to deepening and strengthening our public and private sector relationships in the Asia-Pacific region, we’re honored to be part of an initiative that encourages prominent young leaders to collectively confront Asia’s challenges and opportunities.”*

This year’s main corporate sponsors include Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Sime Darby and YTL Corporation Berhad. Partners include AirAsia, Thomson-Reuters, GoComm, Malaysiakini, PricewaterhouseCoopers, ISIS, Zain & Co., with special support from Maxis, ASTRO, Powertek and KasehDia. Official venue of the 2009 Asia 21 Summit is the JW Marriott KL.

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