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Detailed dimensions of History

Lightning talk

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The usage of the record from commons materials provide a sequential understanding of places and people where commons materials include historical material and commons capture now over 10 years of subsequent photo shoots

If time available - or further readings:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Wikipedia_Takes_Perth_Foreshore

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Wikipedia_takes_Elizabeth_Quay

Dimensions of History from the
Working with
Wikidata/Commons/Wikipedia

When I went to the Hong Kong wikimania in 2013, ten years ago - I became very aware of the relatively one dimensional perspective of the explanation of a place, or building in Western Australia, Tasmania or Indonesia - subject areas of my interest at the time. It was very close to conventional encyclopedia format - maybe a single photo and an explanation of the item with a very short collection of key references, for most topics and subjects of interest.

When I come to the Singapore wikimania in 2023, ten years later - I have become quite enthused by the extra dimensions available to the editor/contributor, the reader, and the actual history of the item considered.

Wikipedia - may have a history of a place -

Wikisource - may have texts and materials related to the history

Commons - may have a set of photos - ranging from historical to recent

Wikidata - may have identified components of the details of the history -
the location identified as well as OSM identification
topics or other places related
the persons associated
representative image(s)

And the potential for each of the four identified parts of the larger wikipedia project -
Is able to offer the depths of knowledge well beyond the conventional encyclopaedia entry, and
A process by which the larger project can offer a level of understanding beyond a simple statement
In a conventional narrative about a place, or region - and with the operation of linkages between
The various properties in Wikidata - a 'place' in networks not otherwise captured by traditional
Explanations.

The potential for discrete collections of information dealt with above can offer a national, state, region and smaller areas - utilising key terms and properties in Wikidata - a dimension in historical understanding that is well beyond the type of entry possible and used in 2013.

The proposal from this short talk about understanding dimensions of history, is that at the editing level by interested persons -should be facilitated by any improvements in the interplay between the four projects mentioned above, and that education and training of editors beyond the English wikipedia project alone - into the linking between the projects.

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