



# ANNUAL REPORT

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Facing the unthinkable

Wikimedia Community User Group Hong Kong

## Summary

Wikimedia Community User Group (“The User Group”) was recognized by the Wikimedia Foundation on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2018. The group had seen rapid expansion at the first year after it’s recognition by the foundation, and locally have got into the second year, with unseen turbulence in the history of Wikimedia movement.

There are currently 35 members, as the board approved a more strict policy of accepting new members due to unseen issues stated in the first annual report.

The User Group is committed to provide support to all Wikipedia-related activities hosted in Hong Kong, and, during our plan, had originally planned to host new activities (with successful application of grants from the Wikimedia Foundation). However, due to the current pandemic situation, the User Group cancelled most of its plans and moved online.

However, unlike most countries and regions where the pandemic created the most significant challenges to country chapters and user groups, it is the political environment in Hong Kong within the past 12 months that made the operation of a NGO-like User Group in Hong Kong unforeseeably hard. The usage of Emergency Regulations Ordinance (Cap. 241) and the introduction of National Security Law may endanger free speech within the city.

Our “offline” activities expanded, particularly from the increase in the number of students participating in courses offered by HKU’s Centre for Applied English Studies which had a Wikipedia component.

## List of User Group's Activities

### Local presence

#### Meetups

In total, the Hong Kong User Group organized 4 meetups in the current reporting year. These meetups can be dated back to the foundation of Wikimedia Hong Kong. Meetups after Jan 2020 are held virtually due to COVID-19.

	Date	Venue
Hong Kong 122	23 Nov 2019	Sheung Wan
Hong Kong 123	2 May 2020	Virtual
Hong Kong 124	6 Jun 2020	Virtual
Hong Kong 125	11 July 2020	Virtual

#### Seminars, Workshops and Forums

	Date	Venue	No. of participants
Wikipedia Workshop Wikipedia for Project Learning	7 Oct 2019	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	10+

#### Edit-a-thons

	Date	Venue	No. of participants	Co-organisers (if any)
Edit-a-thon on Exhibition Histories (English Wikipedia Asian Month Event)	23 Nov 2019	Sheung Wan	15+	Asia Art Archive / Hong Kong West Kowloon Authority - MPlus
WikiGap 2020	Mar 2020	Wan Chai / Virtual	10+	Consulate-General of Sweden In Hong Kong

Art+Feminism: Wikipedia Edit-a-thon on Women in Art in Asia	7 Mar 2020	Sheung Wan	15+	Asia Art Archive / Hong Kong West Kowloon Authority - MPlus
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### Education Projects

	Date	Host / Co-organizers
WikiEDU in HK with the Centre of Applied English Studies, HKU	1 Jan - 31 Aug 2020	Centre of Applied English Studies, the University of Hong Kong

### Overseas Presence

There is no overseas presence of the User Group within the past Reporting Year.

(We have originally planned to send delegates to participate in the Wikimedia Summit and Wikimania 2020. However, given the situation of the Covid-19 pandemic worldwide, these events were either postponed or cancelled. We intend to resume our overseas presence if public health situation allows.)

### Grants Summary

Wikimedia Community User Group Hong Kong did not receive any grants from outside organizations nor from the Wikimedia Foundation itself for general operation in the Reporting Year of 2019-2020. All activities are self-funded.