ESEAP
History and Perspectives

From Butch Bustria, your ESEAP coordinator

Origins

A first picture taken about an Asian meetup happened in Washington DC at a simple lunch during the sidelines of Wikimania 2012.

Though as early as 2009, the Wikimedia Asia Project is conceived & chapters met in 2010.

Wikimedia Asia

- *Contacts:* Deryck Chan, Yuyu
- *Date & Time:* Saturday, July 14th, 13:30 to 14:30 (conference lunchtime)
- *Location:* Lounge area, 1st floor, Marvin Center
- Wikimedia Asia project is having its annual lunch gathering at Wikimania again! All Wikimania attendees from Asia are invited; those interested in the development of Wikimedia in Asia are also welcome. We will discuss collaborations between Asian Wikimedia chapters for the coming year, including Wikimania 2013 in Hong Kong.

Activities History [edit]

September 2007, the idea of a Wikimedia Asia project was first coined and discussed by Anirudh Bhati, Cary Bass, THD and Jeromy Chan.

November 2009, Wikimedia Hong Kong started the discussion of Wikimedia Asia Project through e-mail. After the discussion between most of the Asian chapters, they decided to apply a mailing list to Wikimedia Foundation for Asian Chapters.

December 2009, Wikimedia Foundation approved the mailing list application of Asian chapters.

February 2010, the first draft of Wikimedia Asia Project was published.

April 2010, the first Asian Chapters Meet Up was held in the Chapter Meeting 2010 in Berlin, Germany.

July 2010, the panel of Wikimedia Asia and the second Asian Chapters Meet Up were held in Wikimania 2010, Gdańsk, Poland.

August 2011, an informal Asian Wikimedians' lunch was held in Wikimania 2011, Haifa, Israel.

After 2012: Asia Meetup

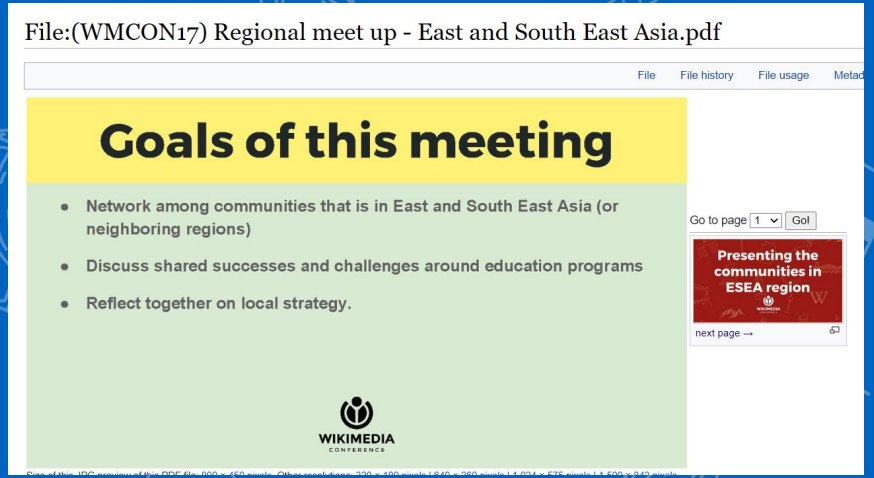
Asia Wikimedia Meetup became a regular occurrence during Wikimania 2013 in Hong Kong and in the Wikimanias it succeeded, Wikimedia Conferences in Berlin and Milan and the Wikimedia Summit.

2014 - 2015: ESEA

During the sidelines of Wikimania 2014 in London and in the Wikimedia Conference 2015 in Berlin, participants from East and South East Asia gathered and talked about the purpose to collaborate “in a regional way”.

2016-2017 : ESEA to ESEAP

This paved for the plan of a regional conference called "*ESEA Meeting*". Australia was part of the discussions, and during the Wikimedia Conference 2017 Pacific region was admitted to the group and ESEAP was formed.



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2018 ESEAP Conference

The first ESEAP Conference happened from 5-6 May, 2018 in Bali, Indonesia. That event brought together participants from Australia, Brunei, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Timor Leste, and Vietnam

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2019 ESEAP Strategy Summit

In lieu of the regional conference, the Wikimedia Foundation decided to involve ESEAP in a Strategy Summit in Bangkok, Thailand in June 2019.

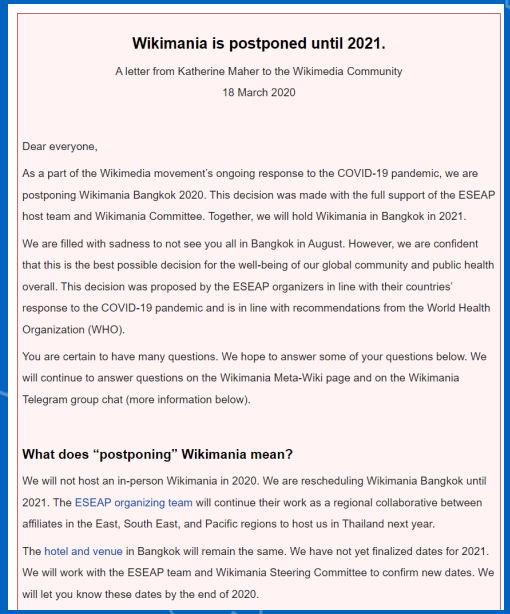
ESEAP to host Wikimania 2020

The Wikimania Steering Committee in March 2019 offered hosting of Wikimania 2020 to ESEAP and the host location will be in Bangkok, Thailand. Plans for having the ESEAP Conference were shelved and planned to integrate to Wikimania.

Oops... COVID-19 happend

The ESEAP Wikimania Core Organizing Team made a tough decision to postpone Wikimania till 2021 and eventually cancel it.

On August 2020, ESEAP decided to hold virtual meetings. Every month since, ESEAP had been gathering virtually.



Wikimania is postponed until 2021.

A letter from Katherine Maher to the Wikimedia Community

18 March 2020

Dear everyone,

As a part of the Wikimedia movement's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are postponing Wikimania Bangkok 2020. This decision was made with the full support of the ESEAP host team and Wikimania Committee. Together, we will hold Wikimania in Bangkok in 2021.

We are filled with sadness to not see you all in Bangkok in August. However, we are confident that this is the best possible decision for the well-being of our global community and public health overall. This decision was proposed by the ESEAP organizers in line with their countries' response to the COVID-19 pandemic and is in line with recommendations from the World Health Organization (WHO).

You are certain to have many questions. We hope to answer some of your questions below. We will continue to answer questions on the Wikimania Meta-Wiki page and on the Wikimania Telegram group chat (more information below).

What does "postponing" Wikimania mean?

We will not host an in-person Wikimania in 2020. We are rescheduling Wikimania Bangkok until 2021. The ESEAP organizing team will continue their work as a regional collaborative between affiliates in the East, South East, and Pacific regions to host us in Thailand next year.

The hotel and venue in Bangkok will remain the same. We have not yet finalized dates for 2021. We will work with the ESEAP team and Wikimania Steering Committee to confirm new dates. We will let you know these dates by the end of 2020.

2022 [edit]

- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/11 December 2022 - 29th (virtual)
- **ESEAP Conference 2022/18-20 November 2022**
- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/9 October 2022 - 27th (virtual)
- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/18 September 2022 - 26th (virtual)
- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/21 August 2022 - 25th (virtual)
- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/17 July 2022 - 24th (virtual)
- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/12 July 2022 - 23rd (virtual)
- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/10 July 2022 - 22nd (virtual)
- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/9 June 2022 - 21st (virtual)
- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/5 June 2022 - 20th (virtual)
- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/15 May 2022 - 19th (virtual)
- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/9 April 2022 - 18th (virtual)

2021 [edit]

- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/11 December 2021 - 17th (virtual)
- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/13 November 2021 - 16th (virtual)
- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/9 October 2021 - 15th (virtual)
- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/11 September 2021 - 14th (virtual)
- **Get Together with ESEAP at Wikimania Unconference** via Remo on August 14
- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/8 August 2021 - 12th (virtual)
- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/17 July 2021 - 11th (virtual) -- Etherpad
- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/19 June 2021 - 10th (virtual) -- Etherpad
- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/15 May 2021 - 9th (virtual) -- Etherpad
- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/16 April 2021 - 8th (virtual) -- Etherpad
- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/13 March 2021 - 7th (virtual) -- Etherpad
- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/13 February 2021 - 6th (virtual)
- Wiki 20 Countdown/Asia-Pacific, 16 January (virtual)
- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/9 January 2021 - 5th (virtual)

2020 [edit]

- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/12 December 2020 - 4th (virtual)
- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/14 November 2020 - 3rd (virtual)
- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/10 October 2020 - 2nd (virtual)
- ESEAP Hub/Meetings/13 August 2020 - 1st (virtual)

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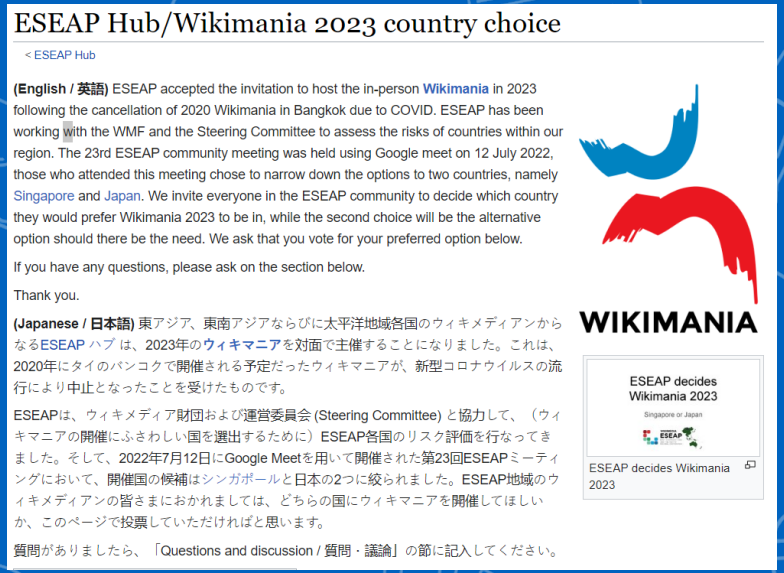
ESEAP to host Wikimania 2023

The Wikimania Steering Committee allowed ESEAP to choose a location for Wikimania 2023.

Singapore is selected through a multiple round selection via virtual meeting and on meta-wiki.



ESEAP Hub/Wikimania 2023 country choice

< ESEAP Hub

(English / 英語) ESEAP accepted the invitation to host the in-person **Wikimania** in 2023 following the cancellation of 2020 Wikimania in Bangkok due to COVID. ESEAP has been working with the WMF and the Steering Committee to assess the risks of countries within our region. The 23rd ESEAP community meeting was held using Google meet on 12 July 2022, those who attended this meeting chose to narrow down the options to two countries, namely Singapore and Japan. We invite everyone in the ESEAP community to decide which country they would prefer Wikimania 2023 to be in, while the second choice will be the alternative option should there be the need. We ask that you vote for your preferred option below.

If you have any questions, please ask on the section below.

Thank you.

(Japanese / 日本語) 東アジア、東南アジアならびに太平洋地域各国のウィキメディアンからなるESEAP ハブ は、2023年の**ウィキマニア**を対面で主催することになりました。これは、2020年にタイのバンコクで開催される予定だったウィキマニアが、新型コロナウイルスの流行により中止となったことを受けたものです。

ESEAPは、ウィキメディア財団および運営委員会 (Steering Committee) と協力して、（ウィキマニアの開催にふさわしい国を選出するために）ESEAP各国のリスク評価を行なってきました。そして、2022年7月12日にGoogle Meetを用いて開催された第23回ESEAPミーティングにおいて、開催国の候補はシンガポールと日本の2つに絞られました。ESEAP地域のウィキメディアンの皆さまにおかれましては、どちらの国にウィキマニアを開催してほしいか、このページで投票していただければと思います。

質問がありましたら、「Questions and discussion / 質問・議論」の節に記入してください。

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ESEAP decides Wikimania 2023

Singapore or Japan

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Let us discuss it later.

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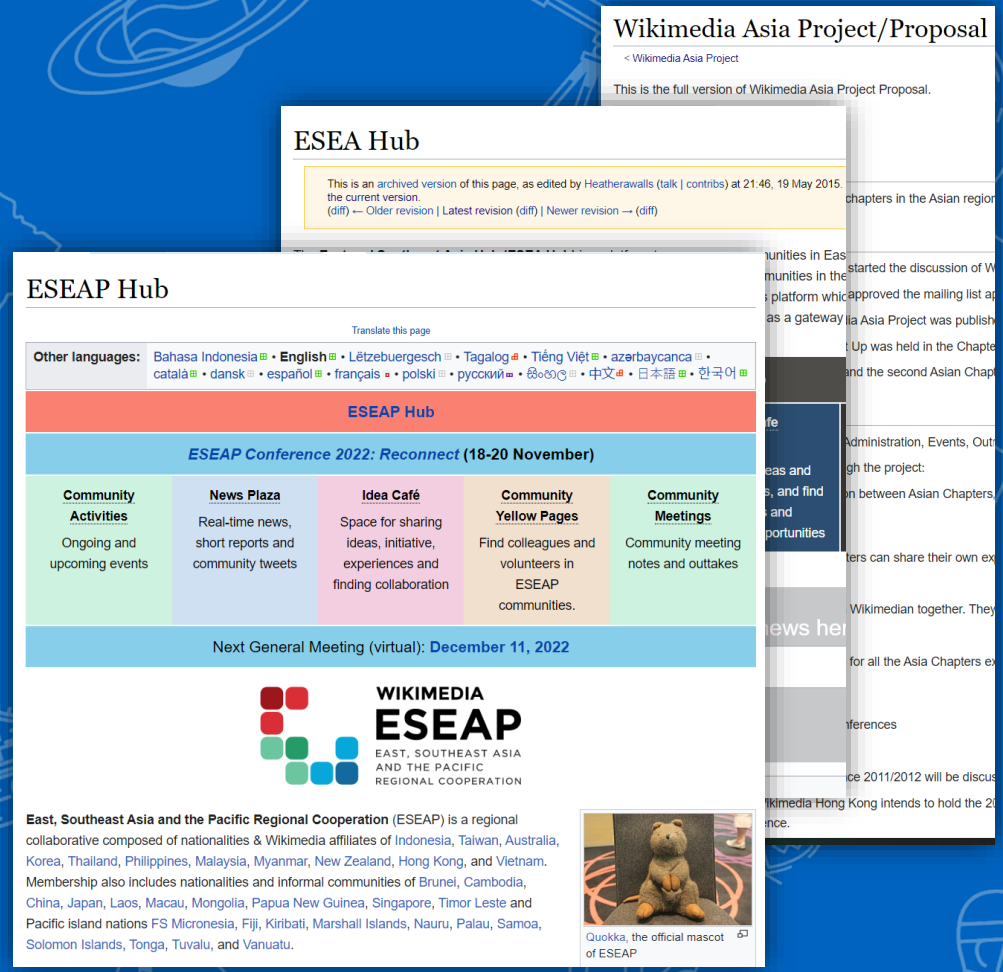

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