

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

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Wikimedia Community User Group Hong Kong (WMHKG)

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# I. Preface

Wikimedia Community User Group Hong Kong (WMHKG) is a recognised Wikimedia Movement Affiliate representing Wikimedians residing in, or with a connection to Hong Kong. WMHKG received formal recognition on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

This is the fifth annual report prepared by WMHKG. It represented and summarised the activities of WMHKG during the reporting year from October 2022 to September 2023. Stakeholders in the Wikimedia Movement may freely utilise the information from this report under the CC BY-SA 4.0 licence.

**Board of Directors** 

Wikimedia Community User Group Hong Kong

# II. Governance Report

## A. Membership

As of the end of reporting year 2022-2023, WMHKG has 38 ordinary members. A member who used to keep our membership rejoined WMHKG, and a new member joined.

#### **B.** Directors

There were four directors served in the reporting years from 2021 to 2023:

- User:AINH
- User:WhisperToMe
- User:だ\*ぜ
- User:無聊龍

As of the end of reporting year 2022-2023, WMHKG has not elected directors. Seats are empty as of the date of report being made.

#### C. Structure

The current structure of WMHKG can be seen in the following table:

Board of Dire	ectors	• Nil
	Permanent Committees	External Affairs Committee
		Education Programmes Committee
	Ad-hoc Committee	Registration Affairs Committee

## D. Events and Meetup

### 1. ESEAP Conference 2022

User:1233 and User:WhisperToMe represented WMHKG to participate in the ESEAP Conference 2022 (hosted in Sydney, Australia). The conference discussed matters that happened and related to the region.

### 2. Representation in the ESEAP Interim Hub Committee (IHC)

User:1233 represented WMHKG as the Hong Kong/East Asian representative within the ESEAP Interim Hub Committee.

#### 3. Wikimania 2023

WMHKG did not sponsor any user to participate in the 2023 Wikimania, which is hosted at Singapore. However, User:1233 represented the Hong Kong User Group (voluntarily) as a full Wikimania scholarship recipient, funded by the Wikimedia Foundation, and as a member of the Interim Hub Committee, on Wikimania.

### 4. GLAM in Hong Kong

User:1233 represented WMHKG and continued the collaboration with M+ and Asia Art Archive in their annual edit-a-thons hosted in March 2023 and November 2022.

### E. Education Programmes

We are reaching the University of Hong Kong for any potential outreaching education programme. Such a potential project will likely be assigned to User:だ\* せ, User:1233 and User:SCP2000.

## F. Issues and Challenges

#### i. Lack of Activeness

The residual affection of COVID-19 policies implemented by the Hong Kong government and the concerns raised by the promulgation of the National Security Law still remain and significantly reduced the activeness of WMHKG. Coupled with the busy academic and career schedules of members, WMHKG found itself lacking hosters to maintain a series of routine activities for members.

### i. Human power and capacities

Recalling our Annual Report last year, the conditions of human power have not improved. WMHKG has a skeleton crew of 4 directors without any permanent or temporary staff, and several active members. All directors are engaged in either full-time education or employment, and are serving in volunteer roles. Other members have no obligations to work or volunteer for WMHKG. This leaves us with little time and capacity to prepare events and activities. Again, we are unlikely to have the resources to expand beyond our current limited scope of work unless there is a major shift in membership/volunteer composition.

# G. Future Development

While the AAA/M+ Edit-a-thon is ongoing during the drafting period of this Annual Report, we raise our concerns about the capability of this User Group and anticipate WMHKG to be one of the backbones to support local Wikipedia edits. On this view, we positively consider hiring and employing staff.

# III. Financial Statements

No fees were claimed; there is no financial statement.