

ASIA HOUSE NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2025



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## Welcome to the August Asia House Newsletter

*Discover this month's highlights, updates, and cultural delights*

Stay tuned for real-time updates on Asia House activities [here!](#)

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Welcome back from the summer break!

We are kicking off the new season at Asia House with several exciting updates. This month, we announce a leadership transition as Dewi Dylander will become the new CEO of the EAC Foundation and Asia House.

We also look back at the heartfelt Korea Klubben closing ceremony hosted at Asia House and ahead to the next edition of Living Asia, our youth initiative exploring Asia through research, culture, and journalism. You can also read about our ongoing collaboration with Niels Brock, meet our new intern Anne Sofie Yoon Persson, and in This Month's Asian Insight discover how Seoul is tackling loneliness through its "Warm-hearted Convenience Stores."

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## Dewi Dylander Appointed New CEO of the EAC Foundation and Asia House Denmark



We are pleased to welcome **Dewi Dylander** as the new CEO of the EAC Foundation and Asia House on 1 September 2025, succeeding **Susanne Rumohr Hækkerup** after nine years of impactful leadership.

Dewi brings extensive experience from diplomacy, sustainable investments, and international cooperation, having held senior roles at IMCA, PKA, and ATP.

Her appointment marks a new chapter for Asia House and the EAC Foundation, where her leadership will help strengthen strategic, commercial, and cultural ties between Denmark and Asia.

We warmly welcome Dewi and thank Susanne for her dedicated service.

[Read the full press release here!](#)

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## Korea Klubben Ceremony Concludes Festival at Asia House

Following the vibrant Korea Festival on Strøget, [Korea Klubben](#) hosted a heartfelt closing ceremony for Korean adoptees from around the world at Asia House on 13 July.

The event, organized by [Korea Klubben](#) in collaboration with the [International Korean Adoptee Association \(IKAA\)](#) and sponsored by the EAC Foundation, brought participants together to mark the festival's conclusion.

It was an emotional day filled with reflection, shared stories, and connections across borders, highlighting the strong community formed during the festival days.



*Photos by Korea Klubben*

See updates on our Instagram here!

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## Niels Brock's Educators Back on the School Bench

This month, [Asia House Denmark](#) welcomed 65 educators and the leadership team from [Det Internationale Gymnasium Niels Brock](#) for a competence seminar, part of our year-long collaboration on Asia, cultural understanding, and the maritime world.



It was an important milestone in a partnership aimed at broadening students' global perspectives and preparing them for an interconnected future. The participants' curiosity, insight, and openness made for a truly engaging

exchange.

We look forward to continuing this meaningful cooperation and strengthening bridges between Denmark and Asia.

**Looking for the perfect setting for your next lecture or conference? Click the button below to learn more about hosting your event at Asia House!**

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## Living Asia – Engaging Young People in Asia

*Living Asia* is one of Asia House's key youth initiatives, bringing together young people in Denmark with an interest in Asia and representatives from our youth strategy partners. Held twice a year, the event serves as a dynamic meeting point for learning, discussion, and networking. Each edition focuses on a specific theme, explored through talks, workshops, and interactive sessions.

Previous themes have been *Why Asia?*, which examined Asia's importance from educational, cultural, and artistic perspectives. Martin Jes Iversen and Rapolitics gave presentations here. Last time the theme was *Navigating Asia*, where Christian Føhrby offered insights into how to engage with the region personally, academically, and professionally.



In September, *Living Asia* returns for its fifth edition under the theme *Investigating Asia*. This time, the focus will be on research, culture, and journalism, with keynote speaker **Malene Jensen** reflecting on her work in and with Asia and the cultural and political contrasts she has encountered.

Keep an eye on our [website](#) and [LinkedIn](#) for sign-ups opening soon.

Read more about Asia House's Youth Initiatives [here!](#)

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## New Addition to the Asia House Team

In line with our youth strategy, we're excited to introduce our new intern, [Anne Sofie Yoon Persson](#).

Through her internship with us this fall, she will play an important role in our upcoming projects, events, and more. Through her own words, Anne tells us about her background, why Asia House is a unique place for students of Asian Studies, and what she looks forward to in the months ahead:



“I am finishing my bachelor’s in Korean Studies. At Asia House, I can contribute with knowledge about Korea and Asia, while gaining insight into how an organization works.”

“Now we don’t have many places to choose from when we want to do internships. It is not very common that we can find a place that can accept an intern who works with Asia or specific Asian countries. Asia House Denmark offers a unique chance to work with Asia-focused projects, and I find its vision very important and inspiring for my career path.”

“I am excited about everything happening during my time here, especially becoming part of the team and contributing wherever I can.”

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## This Just in - Your Monthly Asia Insight



## Seoul's "Warm-Hearted Convenience Stores"

This month, BBC reported on Seoul's innovative "warm-hearted convenience stores" (마음편의점), welcoming spaces where people can enjoy instant noodles, foot spas, or simply rest, with optional on-site counselling. The initiative targets the city's rising loneliness rate, as nearly 40% of households are single-person.

Part of a wider 451 billion won, five-year plan to make Seoul "a city without loneliness," these stores provide comfort and connection, one quiet visit at a time.

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