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Welcome to the October Asia House Newsletter

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

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As autumn settles in, Asia House has once again seen a lot of activity: from our colleagues joining the largest-ever New Nordic delegation to Singapore, strengthening connections between the Nordics and Asia within innovation, education, and the maritime sector, to a record-breaking Copenhagen Culture Night filled with Korean culture and creativity. We've also engaged in inspiring discussions at CBS Asia Days 2025, celebrated cultural collaboration through our hosting of an Ayurveda Day, and continued our annual partnership with the Royal Thai Embassy for the Memorial Day of King Chulalongkorn (King Rama V).

We are also proud to share the upcoming release of our colleague Peter Johansen's new book on Indian history.

This month's Asia Insight turns to Japan, where Sanae Takaichi has made history as the country's first female prime minister.

From Innovation to Education Asia House in Singapore



This week, the largest-ever New Nordic delegation to Singapore, consisting of 23 Swedes, 12 Finns, 11 Estonians, 3 Norwegians, 2 Lithuanians, and our two Danish Asia House colleagues, Honar and Peter, who proudly represented Denmark.



The delegation consisted of startups, VC investors, innovation hubs, and multiplier-organisations, with the massive SWITCH conference as the anchor event. Peter had the honour of having the first keynote at the opening event.

Here, Peter spoke on the importance of New Nordic collaboration when engaging with Asia, and presenting NAVA's showcase of Nordic innovations hub. In the meantime, Honar was exploring opportunities for educational collaboration. She met with partners from DS NORDEN and local universities, and representatives from the Ministry of Education. This was to groundwork future youth-related activities and delegations to Singapore, promoting Asia and the Maritime sector for future generations in Denmark.

KBH K-Night: A Night in South Korea Asia House x CPH Culture Night

This month, we were once again part of Copenhagen Culture Night - and what a night. In just over two hours, we surpassed last year's attendance record and wrapped up the night with 1,100 guests. To our amazing guests and our fantastic partners: THANK YOU for bringing KBH K-Night to life.



The entirety of our house was put in use; our lower floor, converted into a temporary and scary 'Squid Game Dungeon' was full of people of all ages. Here, they could momentarily enter the universe of a Squid Game player by trying various traditional Korean games.



Our ground floor, converted into a Korean night market, was also full of attendees who amongst many things could try soju and Dalgona from Waku Waku and taste Korean street food from KOPAN. They could also show their music knowledge in a K-pop music bingo by DKpopevents, try Korean handcrafts and facepainting with Koreaklubben, explore Korean fusion fashion from Nava Maé as well as Korean makeup and skincare from dubbu, and buy cute stationary 'K-merch' from The Korner. The Embassy of South Korea were also present with complimentary Korean food samples and a Korean Hanbok dress-up station. To see a video wrap-up from the night, hit the button below!

[KBH K-Night Wrap-Up Video](#)

Cultural Events at Asia House

Thai King Rama V Memorial Ceremony & 'Ayurveda Day'

In recent weeks, we hosted two colorful events celebrating cultural exchange and collaboration. Latest, we hosted the **Annual King Chulalongkorn (Rama V) Memorial Day Ceremony** in collaboration with the Royal Thai Embassy to Denmark. Representatives from the Embassy, Buddhist monks, Asia House and students from Niels Brock International Gymnasium gathered to honor the late King.



The day featured many activities, including the annual ceremony of respect to the King, led by Buddhist monks from Thailand and brought further to life by traditional Thai dance performances and presents to the King statue located in the courtyard of Asia House. The scope expanded this year, however, and also included talks for the attendees to learn more about the King as well as an exhibition. All in all an eventful and important day, as well as a unique experience for the high school students!



Earlier this month, we also provided venue for the **Third Ayurveda Conference**, organized by the Danish Ayurveda Association and with support from the Embassy of India.

Here, experts from Denmark, Europe, and India gathered to discuss Ayurveda's role in modern healthcare. The day included talks, debates, a Sanskrit concert, and an exhibition of Ayurvedic products. Complemented by delicious vegetarian gut-healthy food.



CBS Asia Days 2025 feat. Asia House



Asia House took part in CBS Asia Days 2025, where our CEO, Dewi Dylander, and Project Manager, Peter Johannsen, joined as speakers. They discussed sustainability, collaboration, and the importance of building connections between Denmark and Asia.

It was great to see CBS students take the lead in organizing such a well-executed event that encourages dialogue on current global issues. Asia House - The EAC Foundation also once again sponsored and hosted the evening networking session, giving participants the chance to meet, share ideas, and continue the discussions from the day.

Book Release Announcement "Kampen om Indiens Historie" *Translated: "The Battle for India's History"*

NEW BOOK ON INDIAN HISTORY FOR THE DANISH HIGH SCHOOLS



We're proud to share that our colleague, [Peter Johansen](#), Head of Projects at Asia House Denmark, has written a new book.

This is the first book in Danish covering India's entire 5,000-year history, from the rise and fall of the Indus civilisation to the landslide victory of Narendra Modi in 2014. The book especially explores how history has been used throughout time to shape political narratives and agendas.

The book is published through [Systime](#), the largest publisher of school books in Denmark.

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This Just in - Your Monthly Asia Insight

Sanae Takaichi appointed as Japan's 104th prime minister, making her the first woman ever to hold the position.

Often referred to as Japan's "Iron Lady" and known as a protégé of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Takaichi secured a simple majority in both houses of parliament after her third attempt at the role.

She now faces the task of forming her new cabinet, which will be formally confirmed

at the Imperial Palace before holding its first meeting.



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