

ASIA HOUSE NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2025



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Welcome to the September 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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September has been an exciting month at Asia House, marked by new beginnings, global engagement, and cultural exploration. We welcomed our new CEO, Dewi Dylander, and thanked former Executive Director, Susanne Rumohr Hækkerup, for her contributions. Highlights include our participation at the AVPN Philanthropy Summit in Hong Kong, Masterclasses with upper secondary students, and 'Living Asia Fall 2025', exploring Asia through research, culture, and journalism.

Looking ahead, we invite you to join us for Copenhagen's Culture Night (Københavns Kulturnat) and continue connecting with Asia through education, culture, and dialogue.

Join us soon for:
KBH K-Night: A Night in South Korea
Asia House x Kulturnatten



See the full program [here](#) or at the bottom of this newsletter!
...and find the event on [Facebook](#)!

We are excited to be part of Copenhagen's Culture Night (Københavns Kulturnat) on Friday, 10th of October, from 18:00 to 23:00. Step into Asia House and experience the richness of Korean culture through food, soju, crafts, games, makeup, fashion, K-pop (including movie success KPop Demon Hunters) and more; explore activities for all ages!

Here's a glimpse of what awaits you:

- **Taste Korea:** Sample authentic Korean flavors
- **Play & Explore:** Try traditional games and cultural hand crafts
- **Art & Culture:** Experience traditional and modern Korean expressions

The event will be realized in collaboration The Embassy of South Korea in Denmark, Waku Waku, Dubbu Mart, Nava Maé, DKPopevents, Denmark Korean School, Koreaklubben, The Korner and KOPAN

Please note: A Kulturpas is required for entry.

Stay tuned on Instagram: [here](#).

Welcome Reception for New CEO: Dewi Dylander



We were delighted to initiate the month by hosting a welcome reception for our new CEO, [Dewi Dylander](#). The reception brought together partners, colleagues, and friends for an afternoon of engaging conversations, networking, and reconnecting with familiar faces.

Introduction to Dewi Dylander:

Dewi is an experienced leader with a strong international background in investment, ESG, and diplomacy. She most recently headed the secretariat of IMCA – Investment Mobilisation Collaboration Alliance, founded by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which drives blended finance investments in renewable energy projects in developing countries.

Her previous roles include Deputy Executive Director for ESG, Policy & International Affairs at PKA, Group General Counsel at ATP, and Denmark's chief negotiator at the UNFCCC climate talks.

Dewi brings extensive boardroom experience including the roles of Chair of SustainSolutions, Vice Chair of CONCITO, and board member of SDG Invest.

Thank you to Susanne Rumohr Hækkerup:

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to our former Executive Director, [Susanne Rumohr Hækkerup](#), for her leadership, dedication, and contributions to Asia House. We wish her every success in her future endeavors.

Follow along on LinkedIn!

Asia House & The EAC Foundation at The AVPN Philanthropy Summit in Hong Kong



In September, [Asia House](#) and the EAC Foundation joined The [AVPN](#) Philanthropy Summit in Hong Kong, gathering changemakers from across Asia to explore how philanthropy can drive impact through innovation and collaboration. Represented by our CEO, [Dewi Dylander](#), Head of Partnerships, [Torben Krab](#), Senior Advisor, [Tom Sebastian](#), and EAC Foundation Board Chairman, [Ove Ullerup](#) (*picture: right side*), we engaged with the Philanthropy Asia Alliance, Asia Philanthropy Circle, and other key partners.

The summit highlighted Asia's role as a global thought leader in philanthropy. Our [SPACES](#) initiative, together with [The EAC Foundation](#) and [Grundfos Foundation | PDJF](#), offers Danish foundations a unique opportunity to join this dialogue. Building strong partnerships with Asia is crucial for Denmark's ambition to lead in the green transition.

In January 2026, SPACES will bring a Danish delegation to Singapore for a workshop with Asian peers, continuing cross-border collaboration and knowledge exchange.

Get into SPACES [here!](#)

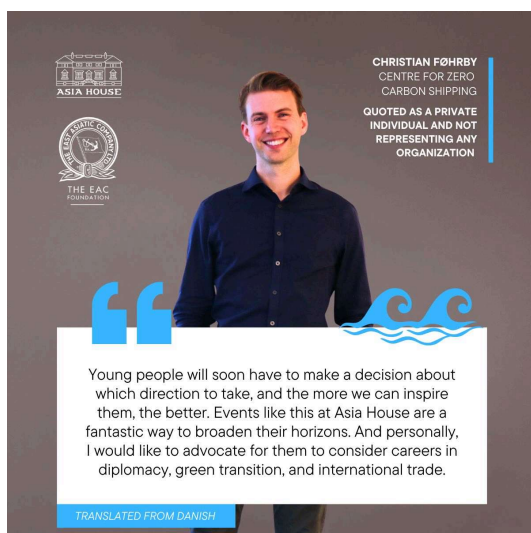
A Packed Season of Masterclasses

Late August, we hosted a Masterclass on cultural understanding for 140 students from [Det Internationale Gymnasium Niels Brock](#).

Our colleague and Head of Youth Initiatives, [Honar Abdollahi](#), shared insights on international work, highlighting common challenges Danes face in cross-cultural communication, while [Alexander Engel](#) from [Rapolitics](#) explored the dynamic and diverse nature of Danish culture.



Then a week into September, another grand Masterclass took place. Here, we hosted a Masterclass for [Stenhus Gymnasium & HF](#) on the maritime industry ('The blue Denmark') and its meeting with globality and culture.



Our Masterclasses caught the attention of the web news outlet, [Maritime Denmark](#), which resulted in an article. This article highlights the value of Asia-focused education and the strong partnerships, engaged students, and dedicated teachers behind it. Read the article [here](#) or click the button below.

As the article writes: "Over the past eight months, Asia House has hosted 11 maritime masterclasses with approximately 700 students from [Det Internationale Gymnasium Niels Brock](#), [Slotshaven Gymnasium](#), [Stenhus](#)

[Gymnasium & HF, ZBC - Zealand Business College, and Københavns Mediegymsium - NEXT UDDANNELSE KØBENHAVN.](#)" [Translated from Danish into English]

[Read the full article here \(in Danish\)](#)

Living Asia: Investigating Asia - and Celebrating the EAC Prize Winners



On September 24th, Asia House hosted this year's Living Asia under the theme "*Investigating Asia*". The event brought together students, young professionals, and educational leaders to explore Asia through research, culture, and journalism.

The evening began with the EAC Prize Ceremony (sponsored by the EAC Foundation), recognizing outstanding bachelor's projects focused on Asia. Congratulations to this year's winners:

- **CBS – International Business in Asia:** *Japan's Strategic Engagement with the European Hydrogen Economy*, Magnus Thorkild Lærke-Hall and Vania Valbusa
- **KU – Korea Studies:** *Your 'Noize', My Music: The Interplay between Soundscapes and Discourses in the Korean Mountain Hiking Experience*, Lena Kjeldgaard Mason

Keynote speaker, [Malene Jensen](#), shared insights from her journalistic work in Asia, highlighting cultural and political contrasts that have shaped her reporting.

The evening concluded with networking over light refreshments, fostering connections between participants and reinforcing Asia House's mission to strengthen Denmark–Asia ties.

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

EAC Foundation Sponsors Book Reception for Thomas Bo Pedersen's new book



The EAC Foundation has sponsored the book reception for the recent book, *Hvad Folk Fortalte*, by Journalist, Thomas Bo Pedersen.

The book takes readers on a journey across four decades, beginning with meetings with victims of chemical warfare in Vietnam. Along the way, we encounter voices from Hiroshima, Burma, Peru, and many other places, offering powerful insights into resilience and human experience.

See the Final Program for Kulturnatten!



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traditional Korean
Hanbok (traditional
Korean clothes)
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Taste and have fun
with Korean snacks
and drinks!



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As seen in Squid Game

21:30: Soju Tasting ✨



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flavors as you would on
a food market in Seoul!

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part in K-beauty all the
way from skincare to
makeup!



Explore the exclusive
pop-up of curated fashion
items from Seoul's upcoming
designers and craftsmen!



Try your luck with K-pop
quizzes and more - you
can even win prizes!
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18:30: K-pop Music Bingo ✨

20:30: K-pop Music Bingo



Learn Korean hand-
crafts and write your
name in Hangeul -
keep it as a souvenir!

...and get your hands
on KPop Demon Hunters
merch from Korea!



Head down to our SQUID
GAME DUNGEON and
survive the various games!

Costumes sponsored by Korea Klubben



Take in and engage with
even more K-pop culture
and cute K-merch!



This Just in - Your Monthly Asia Insight

Vietnam celebrates 80 years since declaring independence with
flags, boba tea and a military parade

At the beginning of September, Vietnam marked its 80th National Day with more than just flags and boba tea.

Crowds packed Hanoi's Ba Dinh Square, where Ho Chi Minh declared independence in 1945, for the country's largest military parade in decades.

The parade was joined by honor guards from China, Russia, Laos and Cambodia, which Vietnamese state media said reflected the country's "international friendships."



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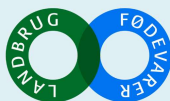
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