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Welcome to the December Asia House Newsletter

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

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As the holiday season approaches and 2025 comes to an end, we're looking back on the year at Asia House. From a new CEO to hosting events and building partnerships, it's been a busy and exciting time.

Thank you for your interest and support this year. We wish you a happy holiday season and all the best for 2026!

Asia House A Year of Growth

As 2025 comes to a close, we're excited to look back at a year defined by new milestones, partnerships, and global engagement. Here are some of the highlights that shaped our work at Asia House.

Multiple Master Classes

This year, our youth-focused masterclasses continued to grow, engaging hundreds of students and educators across Denmark. Through hands-on sessions on globalisation, cultural understanding, sustainability, and the maritime sector, we helped young people explore the realities of an interconnected world. Together with partners such as Danske Rederier, ShippingLab, Rapolitics, Kabadiwalla Connect, and several upper-secondary schools, we strengthened global awareness and inspired the next generation to think beyond borders. In the new year, the youth and education initiatives will be scaled up, starting with a delegation trip for educators to Chennai in January, focusing on cross-cultural work within shipping.



SPACES Conference

In March, SPACES hosted the first-ever high-level conference between Asian and Danish foundations in Asia House. Over two days, leaders from both regions explored how

philanthropy can drive global solutions and how Denmark can engage more strategically with Asia's expanding philanthropic landscape. SPACES will hold its second conference in the beginning of the new year in Singapore.

New Indian History Book

Our Head of Projects, Peter Johansen, released *Kampen om Indiens Historie*, the first Danish book aimed at high school students to cover 5,000 years of Indian history in a single volume. The book highlights how narratives of the past shape politics today and aims to bring India into Danish classrooms. A proud milestone for Peter and for Asia House's work in strengthening Asian perspectives in Danish education.



Asia House on the Global Stage

Throughout the year, we represented Denmark in key international forums, from the Asian Venture Philanthropy Network (AVPN) Conference in Hong Kong to SWITCH in Singapore. Our Chairman, Ove Ullerup, together with Dewi Dylander and Torben Krab, attended the AVPN Conference in September, where they observed how the Asian philanthropic sector is emerging as a global thought leader shaping the future of philanthropy. Honar Abdollahi represented Asia House at SWITCH together with Peter Johansen, who delivered an inspiring opening keynote on why the New Nordics, including the Baltics, must join forces to successfully engage with Asia.

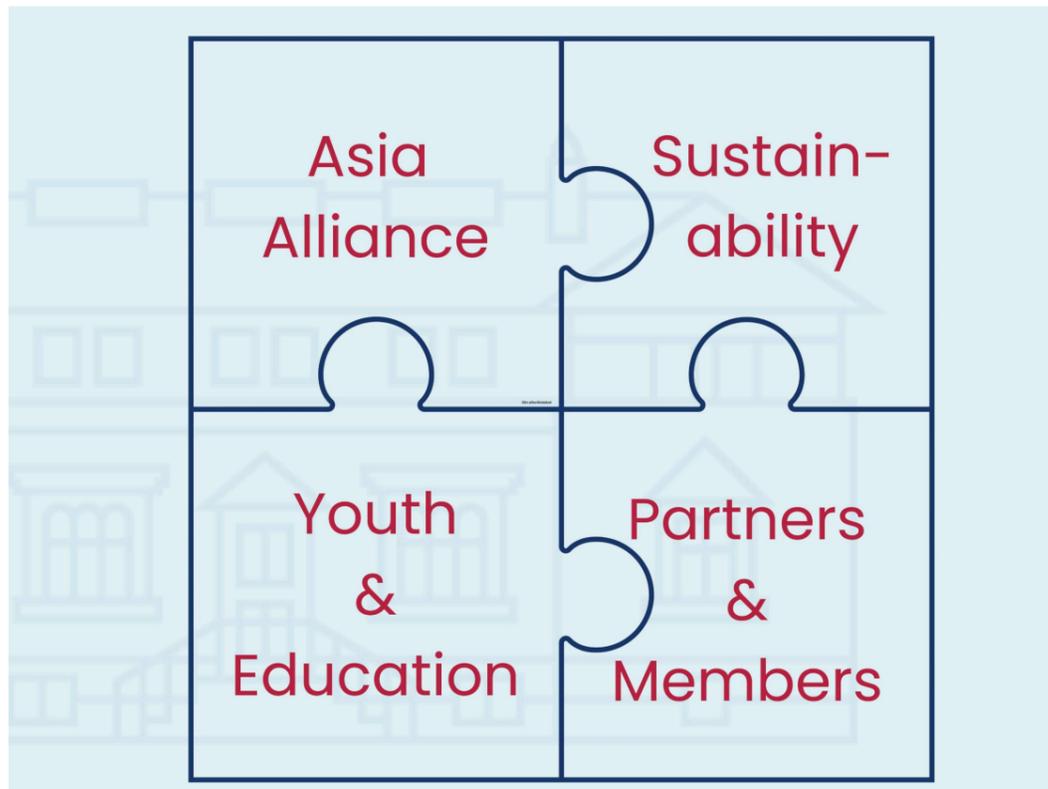
An Eventful Year

From world-class design to cultural celebration, 2025 was a vibrant year at Asia House. In June, Lee Broom's *FROM HERE NOW* installation transformed our historic building during 3daysofdesign, drawing hundreds of visitors. In October, we were part of Copenhagen Culture Night with our Korean-themed "KBH K-Night" setting a new personal attendance record with over 1,100 guests, showcasing the power of cultural exchange and community.



Thank you for following our journey, and stay tuned on LinkedIn for the projects, partnerships, and new initiatives we'll unveil in the coming year.

Looking Ahead Asia House Strategy 2026–2028



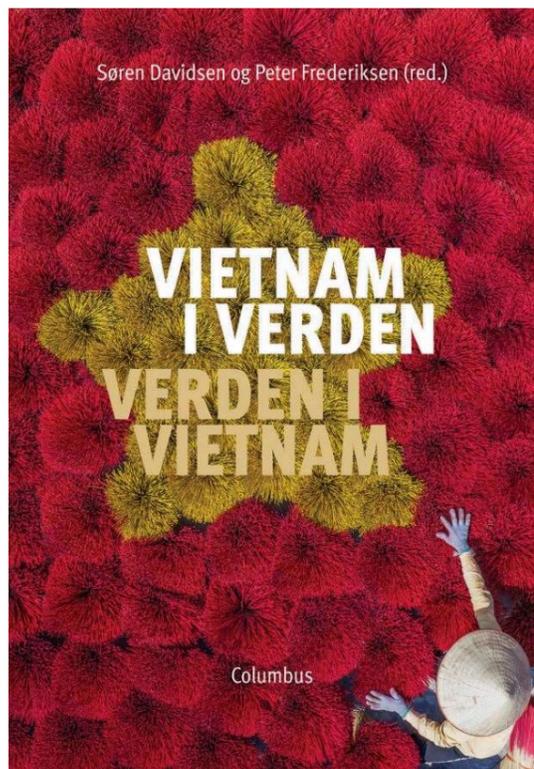
As we prepare for the next strategic period, Asia House is introducing a renewed strategy for 2026–2028 that builds on the strengths of recent years while setting a range of new initiatives.

The strategy centres on three pillars: Asia Alliance, Youth and Education, and a revitalised Partner & Membership Programme. Asia Alliance will continue advancing initiatives such as NAVA and SPACES and expand into new partnership- and network-driven activities. Our Youth and Education Initiatives will deepen collaborations with Danish educational institutions through masterclasses, competence seminars, and delegation trips abroad.

A major focus of the new strategy is the relaunch of the Asia House Partner & Membership Programme in a more modern and value-driven format, as an integrated part of our outreach and activities in Asia House.

Sustainability is now a core, cross-cutting value in the work of the EAC Foundation and Asia House. With Asia at the center of the global green transition, we focus on driving sustainable solutions through strong Denmark–Asia partnerships, aligned with UN SDG 17.

Come to Book Reception in Asia House



Come and participate in the book reception for the the Danish book *VIETNAM I VERDEN – VERDEN I VIETNAM*. The book is written by Tine Gammeltoft, Amalie Rørholm Vestergaard, Peter Frederiksen, and Søren Davidsen. It paints a nuanced picture of Vietnam's modern development and the country's role in a global world, focusing on the country's history, culture, economy, politics, and international relations.

The launch will take place on Tuesday, January 13, at 5:00 p.m.

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Registration

[Please let us know if you can attend via this link no later than January 9, 2026.](#)

A Festive Season for the EAC Club



November and December were bustling for the EAC Club, filled with holiday cheer. Members gathered for a festive Christmas lunch, enjoying delicious food and warm camaraderie. The celebrations continued from November into December with a lively bingo event, spreading even more holiday joy.

[Learn more about the EAC Club here!](#)

Dewi Dylander reflects on her first months as CEO of the EAC Foundation and Asia House



Dewi Dylander joined the EAC Foundation and Asia House as Chief Executive Officer in September. After her first months in the role, she reflects on her initial impressions, key experiences, and strategic priorities going forward.

Initial impressions at Asia House

One of Dewi Dylander's early observations has been the strong and close collaboration between Asia House, the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Asian embassies in Denmark.

"I have been positively surprised by the close cooperation Asia House maintains with both the Danish Foreign Ministry and the Asian diplomatic representations."

Among the highlights of her first months, Dewi points to Cultural Night, which attracted more than 1,100 visitors, as well as the Annual King Chulalongkorn

(Rama V) Memorial Day Ceremony. The latter was marked by close engagement with the Thai community in Denmark, including the Thai Embassy, monks, and long-standing friends of Thailand.

“Through these activities, I have experienced a form of cultural and people-to-people diplomacy that differs from my previous work as a diplomat in the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It has been rewarding to see the significant role Asia House plays as a meeting place for Asian communities in Denmark.”

Sustainability as a strategic priority

With a background in diplomacy, investments and sustainability policy, Dewi Dylander brings valuable expertise to the continued development of the EAC Foundation and Asia House’s programme portfolio.

“At Asia House, communication and events are already cross-cutting priorities. Going forward, sustainability will also become a key transversal focus. Denmark has a strong international profile in sustainability, while many Asian countries are experiencing the direct impacts of climate change and are simultaneously at the forefront of developing solutions. Strengthening Nordic–Asian partnerships around the green transition therefore represents a significant opportunity.”

Strengthening youth and education engagement

Looking ahead, Dewi Dylander identifies youth and education as areas with considerable growth potential for Asia House.

“We are unfortunately seeing a declining academic focus on Asia at some Danish universities. This is a development we would like to help reverse. Through initiatives such as masterclasses, Living Asia, and delegation trips, we have seen strong engagement from upper secondary and vocational education institutions. There is also substantial interest among university students, and we aim to strengthen connections between academia and the labour market.”

Expanding the use of Asia House as a platform

Finally, Dewi emphasises Asia House’s ambition to further activate its physical facilities in the years ahead.

“Asia House is a unique venue with strong architectural qualities and a highly professional team capable of hosting both major conferences and smaller, targeted gatherings. In the coming years, we will open the house even further, inviting new partners and stakeholders to engage. In doing so, Asia House will continue to serve as a key platform for dialogue and collaboration between Denmark and Asia.”





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