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In 2022, most of the museums in Asia are gradually recovering from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. With the lifting of travel restrictions globally, we are seeing more visitors to our museums in this region and museum professionals are also able to attend conferences and training courses overseas this year.

With the ease of travel, a number of the ICOM-CECA members in Asia were glad to be able to participate in the 26th ICOM General Conference in Prague from 20 to 28 August.

It was an opportunity for us to finally network with other CECA members from other parts of the world face to face. The conference also provided us with opportunities to learn from one another and discuss areas of collaboration for the future.



(ICOM-CECA members from Singapore at 26th ICOM General Conference)



(ICOM-CECA members from South Korea and Singapore during a CECA presentation at the National Pedagogical Museum and Library of J.A. Comenius)



(With ICOM-CECA members from Malaysia during CECA's poster presentation)



(Networking tea session with ICOM-CECA members from Singapore and South Korea)

During the General Conference, three of our members from Asia (two from Singapore and one from Malaysia) also received the Best Practice award for their outstanding museum education programmes. Congratulations!



(Winners of ICOM CECA Best Practice Award 2022)



(Lunch meeting with ICOM SG)

While in Prague, I also arranged for a meeting between ICOM SG and ICOM-CECA President and some CECA Board members to discuss the possibility of Singapore hosting the CECA annual conference in 2023. Given the value that hosting the conference will bring to Singapore and the Asian region in terms of putting our museums and programmes on the international stage, Singapore is open to the proposal to host the conference next year.

Upon further discussion, I am glad to announce that the next ICOM-CECA annual conference will be held in Singapore in the later part of 2023.

If you have any suggestions on the conference theme or ideas on the type of programmes that you would like us to organise for the next annual conference, do contact me to share your ideas. I look forward to welcome all of you in Singapore next year!