

ICOM-CECA Report 2024

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Following a successful ICOM CECA Annual Conference 2023 in Singapore, I have been keeping in touch with CECA members in the Asia Pacific region and encouraging them to be more involved in CECA activities.

Glad to report that we have more members from this region participating in the ICOM CECA Annual Conference 2024 in Athens, Greece this year. The Asia Pacific countries represented at the conference included Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan.



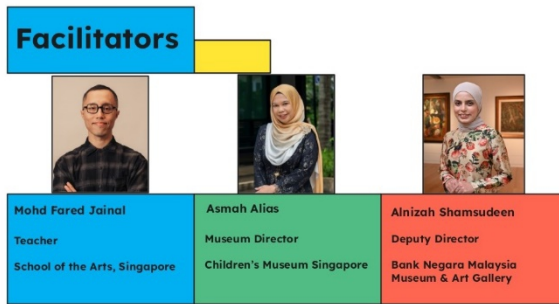
(ICOM-CECA members from Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore at opening ceremony of ICOM CECA Annual Conference 2024 in Athens, Greece)

There were several presentations from Asian members at the conference and these range from thematic paper, market of ideas and poster presentations as shown in the photos below:



During the annual conference in Athens, the Asian members also conducted two workshops which were opened to all conference participants. For the first time, Singapore and Malaysia members collaborated to conduct a workshop on how museums can use theatrical tools and thinking routines to address delicate or sensitive topics, which was in line with the conference's theme.

The workshop was led by me and a theatre practitioner and educator from Singapore as well as a museum professional from Malaysia. The 2-hour workshop was attended by more than 20 museum professionals and students from various countries, and it provided a good platform for exchange of ideas and networking. The feedback received from the workshop was also very positive.



Above : Workshop conducted by Singapore and Malaysia CECA members on using theatrical tools to address delicate or sensitive topics in museums



Above: Another workshop conducted by CECA member from Singapore on sitting with difficult emotions.

Overall, 2024 has been a good year for the Asia Pacific region but moving forward I hope to see more active involvement from members in this region. We are also aiming to bring the next annual conference to Asia in 2026.

If you have any suggestions on the type of activities that you hope to see in this region, feel free to contact me to share your suggestions or ideas.