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ASEAN Puppets Exchange

About

Puppetry is an art form and a piece of shared ASEAN culture that brings people together even if they do not speak the same language. The ASEAN Puppets Exchange (APEX) helped to let more people know about ASEAN, and learn about the unique aspects of each culture within ASEAN. From November 2014 to December 2016, 10 puppet exchanges were held. During each exchange, puppet artists and practitioners spent one week in a selected ASEAN country to learn about the puppetry of that country and other ASEAN countries, and put up a performance at the end of the week. Each performance had a theme and the 10th performance was themed "ONE ASEAN", symbolising the unity of the different cultures across ASEAN as one ASEAN Community.



Over 6,000 participants consist of facilitator, observers, organisers, volunteers and audience from ASEAN Member States and Dialogue Partners



Outcomes

A total of more than 160 puppet artists and practitioners from around ASEAN attended APEX. Some participants came from ASEAN Dialogue Partners like Japan, the United States, and Australia. More than 4,000 people in total watched the three APEX performances live and online.





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