

Report on the Asia Pacific Region Participation at the Inclusion International World Congress 2025 Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

How many people attended the World Congress?

600 people from 74 countries came together to reconnect, share ideas, and shape the future of inclusion.



How many people from the Asia Pacific Region attended the World Congress?

Over 100 people from the Asia Pacific Region. They were from 16 countries.

The organisations marked in **red** are **not** members of Inclusion International.

Country	Organisation
Australia	All Means All – The Australian Alliance for Inclusive Education Belonging Matters Down Syndrome Australia Individual Inclusion International Members
Bangladesh	Down Syndrome Society Bangladesh (DSSB)
Cambodia	Komar Pikar
China	China Disabled Persons Federation (CDPF) Inclusion Beijing
India	Keystone Human Services (KHS)
Indonesia	YAPESDI (Yayasan Peduli Sindroma Down Indonesia - Indonesian Down Syndrome Care Foundation)
Japan	Lean on Me Muginoko New Inclusion Japan Pansy Media
Malaysia	United Voice
Myanmar	Inclusion Journey
Nepal	PFPID Nepal
New Zealand	IHC New Zealand People First New Zealand
Pakistan	National Disability & Development Forum
South Korea	Korean Association on Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (KAIDD) Korean Parents' Network for People With Disabilities (KPNPD) People First Korea

	National Council of Disability Family Support Centres
Taiwan	Inclusion Taiwan (this is the SA group supported by PAPID they're not formally a member yet) PAPID Taiwan
Tajikistan	IRODA
Vietnam	IMAJO Work

How did the people from the Asia Pacific region participate in the World Congress?

Families Summit

The Families summit was held the day before the World Congress officially began. The Families Summit was a gathering of families of people with intellectual disabilities. It was a space for families to connect, share experiences, and work together to make inclusion a reality.



22 people from 8 countries in the Asia-Pacific region attended the family summit.

More information about what happened at the family summit can be [found at this link.](#)

Self-Advocacy Summit

The Self-Advocacy Summit was a special event for self-advocates and their supporters. This was a chance to connect with self-advocates from around the world, share experiences, and talk about what matters for self-advocates.



50 people from 12 countries in the Asia-Pacific region attended the self-advocacy summit.

More information about what happened at the self-advocacy summit can be [found at this link](#) (we will have this report finalised by next week)

World Congress Sessions

In total 28 people from the Asia-Pacific Region spoke at 15 different sessions at the World Congress. These sessions were about lots of different issues.

The areas people spoke about included:

- Health

- Closing Institutions
- Media
- Employment
- Families
- Data
- Education
- Self-Advocacy
- Easy to Understand Resources
- Inclusive communities
- People with complex disabilities and little or no speech

[The programme is still available here if you want to take a look at the sessions.](#)

The Asia Pacific Regional Meeting

This was the first opportunity in many years for members of the Asia Pacific meeting to meet face-to-face.

The meeting was chaired by the Regional Representatives, Shiva Shrestha (PFPID Nepal) and Stephanie Gotlib (Individual Member & also from All Means All – Australia).



Over 75 people from 16 countries attended the meeting and shared what work they do. We also talked about how we can strengthen our relationships and work together.

Detailed notes of the meeting and the outcomes are available [at this link](#)



Reflections from the Regional Representatives

The World Congress was a fabulous opportunity for many members of the Asia Pacific Region and others working in our region to meet each other face to face, build relationships and plan how we can work together in the future to progress rights and inclusion for people with intellectual disability.



The high and strong representation of those from the Asia Pacific Region at the World Congress was a joy to experience but also reflected our strong commitment to our movement.

We thank everyone who attended the World Congress.

We also reach out to members in the Asia Pacific region who were unable to attend. We will continue to share our discussions and learnings with you.

Our unity and commitment to inclusion as a movement is incredibly powerful. It is such a strong driver of the change we need to see in the world.

#We are Inclusion.

Contact:

If you would like to talk further about the World Congress, the actions that will result from the congress, or any other matters, please contact Stephanie or Shiva, regional representatives, or Ailis Hardy from Inclusion International, who provides much-valued support to the Asia Pacific Region.

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