

REPORT OF THE VP SKÅL ASIA SEA (Southeast) 2020

Despite Covid-19 I am happy to announce that Skal is alive and well in Southeast Asia.

Most of the clubs saw little activity in the months of April-May-June, the darkest days of the virus for many, some are still faced with second waves others not. Since July 2020 clubs started to re-emerge from behind their screens and zoom meetings, to once again have in-person meetings and get together with appropriate precautions for hygiene and social distancing.

Countries without new local infections have moved ahead more quickly than others. Since July I have attended 5 meetings of different clubs including my own club Bangkok in July and August 2020.

SEA clubs are having a somewhat roller coast ride with regards membership. Of 13 clubs 3 are actually showing growth and 2 no change in membership numbers comparing TY/LY. Overall however we are 1/3 down.

YS accounts for less than 9% of membership in SEA at 34 pax.

Clearly some clubs are well managed others not. If you have never attended an overseas conference; or logged into skal.org, updated your profile or updated the exco members after an AGM, or simply sent a club press release or a post on social media about your activities, chances are your club may fail to progress and develop. Have you communicated the new lower rates to your members if they pay early and on time? If not ask yourselves WHY? Only you as club members and exco members can make your club work well. It's really simple and it's REALLY upto you!

As Sk Dushy will be presenting an overview of club numbers I will not do so here. But will close with an invitation. That you might all join us at the 1st ever Skal Thailand National Congress next year and if not then, I hope to meet you all in person at next year's SKAL ASIAN AREA CONGRESS IN 2021.



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SKÅL ASIA: With members in 44 Clubs, 29 grouped in 5 national committees and 15 affiliated clubs, the Skål Asian Area is the most diverse Area in the world of Skål, spanning from Guam in the Pacific Ocean over more than 10,000 km to Mauritius in the Indian Ocean with clubs in 17 fascinating countries in between. The Asian Area accounts for almost twenty per cent of all Skål International's global members.

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