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CHAIR'S CORNER

It is an honour to write to you as the newly elected Chair of the 17th Asia Oceania Service Meeting.

The 16th AOSM, held in October 2025 at the Metropolitan YMCA in Singapore, was a truly memorable gathering. Trusted servants travelled from across our vast zone to share experience, strengthen connections, and carry forward the spirit of A.A. unity. It was humbling to witness — and an even greater privilege to serve. Since the first AOSM was held in Tokyo in 1995, our fellowship has grown into one of the most diverse and vibrant zones in the world, and that growth was evident in every corner of the Singapore meeting.

At the 28th World Service Meeting in New York in October 2024, 74 delegates from 49 countries came together — the first in-person WSM since 2018. Ten delegates represented our Asia-Oceania Zone, a reminder that our voices matter on the world stage.

Looking ahead, I am delighted to share that the 17th AOSM will be held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, from 12–15 August 2027, under the theme "Serving from the Heart: Strengthening our Unity and my Recovery." When this was announced in Singapore, the joy in the room was unmistakable. We look forward to gathering on Mongolian soil.

In the meantime, I encourage you to visit our revamped website at aosmaa.org and stay connected with the fellowship across our region.

In fellowship and service,
Simon A.
Chairperson, 17th Asia Oceania Service Meeting



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COMMITTEE UPDATES



POLICY, ADMISSIONS AND FINANCE

 **PAF** 

The Policy, Admissions and Finance AOSM committee (PAF) have been developing an AOSM Service Manual. We are also formalizing the Hosting Policy for AOSM. These are currently a temporary policy but need formal adoption.

WORKING WITH OTHERS

 **WWO** 

The WWO has committed to completing a twice yearly newsletter to keep AA members aware of AOSM news, along with global AA news. The next newsletter will be published end of July 2026.

SIGHT SELECTION AND AGENDA

 **SSA** 

The committee finalized the updates for the 2029 bid form and as discussed at the Singapore AOSM the forms have been sent to all AOSM countries to give plenty of lead time to prepare the bids. Currently, we are working with Mongolia to confirm costs for accommodation, meals and facilities, with a November deadline. The agenda is in early development and will become a focus once WSM is over.

WEBSITE, LITERATURE, PUBLISHING

 **WLP** 

The AOSM website, literature and publishing (WLP) have been working extensively since our recent AOSM in Singapore to update our website www.aosmaa.org. This is now completed and we are looking to gain content in our History Section, Events and to highlight any new literature from our AOSM countries. A publishing flowchart has been added to the website for clarity, which shows a clear procedure for us to use. If any countries have upcoming events they would like added to the website, please forward to Andy at wlpchair@aosmaa.org

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COUNTRY FEATURE MONGOLIA



History of A.A Mongolia

The journey of Alcoholics Anonymous in Mongolia began on November 28, 1998, at the Department of Narcology of the State Medical Center. It started with just 3-4 pioneers who had undergone "Minnesota Model" treatment and formed the first AA group, the "We" group. Since those humble beginnings, the fellowship has seen remarkable growth. As of the XVII Mongolian AA Conference in January 2026, the Mongolian Alcoholic Anonymous NGO now supports 4,000 members across 180 groups. Over the past 28 years, we have successfully hosted 10 Conventions and 17 General Service Conferences.

Our Service Structure

The Mongolian AA Conference has approved a robust service structure to ensure our future. We currently operate with:

- A General Service Office (GSO) in Ulaanbaatar.
- AA Group, GSR, DCM, Area.
- General Service Board consisting of 9 'Class B' (alcoholic) trustees and 2 'Class A' (nonalcoholic) trustees.
- Conference, committees: Agenda & Nominating; Literature & International Relations; Finance & Archives; and C.P.C.

Literature Translation

We made significant strides in carrying the message through the written word. With permission from AA World Services, Inc., we have translated and printed several key titles into Mongolian, including:

- Alcoholics Anonymous (The Big Book) and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.
- Daily Reflections, Living Sober, As Bill Sees It, and The Twelve Concepts for World Service.
- Pamphlets such as The Twelve Traditions Illustrated and The Circles of Love and Service.

International Fellowship

Mongolia is an active participant in the global AA community, sending delegates to both the World Service Meeting and the Asia-Oceania Service Meeting (AOSM). We are deeply grateful to our sponsor country, Japan, for their constant assistance and for guiding our service staff on official procedures.



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COUNTRY UPDATE FROM JAPAN



In March 2025, A.A. Japan celebrated its 50th Anniversary Convention. We were grateful to welcome members from overseas and guests from the U.S./Canada General Service Structure. To commemorate the occasion, we published the 4th revised Japanese edition of the Big Book, featuring a traditional green hemp-leaf design. Approximately 1,250 copies were distributed during the convention.

Shortly before the convention, our GSO was required to relocate after receiving a significant rent increase from the landlord. Although increased literature sales helped us avoid a financial crisis, the experience highlighted the need to review the adequacy of our prudent reserve. We are also discussing how emergency financial measures can remain consistent with the spirit of Tradition Seven.

Internationally, we experienced encouraging developments. More than 50 members from Korea attended our anniversary convention, strengthening the friendship between our two fellowships. In May 2026, an English edition of an A.A. Japan original comic book was published in Hong Kong following a request from the Hong Kong Intergroup.

Like many countries, A.A. Japan continues to face challenges following the COVID-19 pandemic. The number of groups, members, and registered General Service Representatives has declined, resulting in fewer trusted servants and weaker communication throughout the General Service Structure. We are exploring ways to strengthen participation and rebuild connections across the Fellowship.

Cooperation with the professional community continues to expand. Our Class A Trustee participates in a mailing list for healthcare professionals involved in alcoholism treatment, helping to share information about A.A. We have also begun cooperating with medical institutions using the SBIRTS program so that patients seeking recovery can be connected promptly with A.A. members.



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UPDATES FROM RUSSIA

Warm greetings from Russia!

The AA Russian General Service Delegates inform you that the 37th General Service Conference was held from the 9th to the 12th of April in Moscow. 129 people participated in the 37th General Service Conference, 68 of them with voting rights. The total number of AA groups represented by General Service Delegates is 1,046. The theme of the Conference was "Service - gratitude in action."

More than 50 issues were discussed and several important decisions were made, such as:

-  An updated translation of the book "Alcoholics Anonymous" has been accepted (approved) and it has been decided to publish it in an updated translation;
-  Create and implement a system for storing and securing AA literature in digital format for electronic distribution;
-  To hold the next All-Russian AA Forum in Cheboksary in 2027 and so on.

In Conclusion, I would like to mention that the AA movement in Russia is rapidly developing and open to cooperation.



MESSAGE FROM CHINA

In May, 90 AA groups in China voted to elect the host city of China's 2026 AA Country Meeting and the final decision will be held in Hangzhou. Traditionally, this Meeting is held on the last weekend of October.

The 2025 AA Country Meeting was held in Jinan, with 434 participants. The AA members of the Huaihai Interregional Region created a working group and began to updated translation Big Book and 12 Steps and 12 Traditions.



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MESSAGE FROM KYRGYZSTAN



Challenges and Experience

In Kyrgyzstan, the Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) community continues to develop, but it faces a number of significant challenges. One of the main issues is the low level of public awareness about the AA program. In particular, the limited number of recovering members who are able to share their experience in the Kyrgyz language makes it more difficult to spread information and ensure accessibility of the program to a wider audience.

Another challenge is the limited number of groups and resources, especially outside the capital. In the regions, access to AA meetings is significantly restricted. Although new groups are periodically established, many of them close quickly due to the lack of literature in the Kyrgyz language and insufficient support.

- Weekly meetings are held to edit and translate the “Big Book” into the Kyrgyz language
- Regular organizing committee meetings are held in preparation for the Central Asian Forum (August 20–23), dedicated to the 30th anniversary of AA in Kyrgyzstan
- Monthly Intergroup meetings are conducted

The AA community in Kyrgyzstan is making active efforts to develop and expand the program. Work is being carried out to establish cooperation with medical, correctional, and municipal institutions. Brochures, informational materials, and literature are being distributed. Forums, round tables and joint events with local media are regularly organized to raise public awareness.



CURRENT AA ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS



- Myanmar website <https://alcoholics-anonymous-myanmar.org/>
- Thailand Round Up <https://www.thailandaaroundup.com/>