



Asia–Oceania Service Meeting (AOSM) Report

October 2025

Theme: “One Message – Many Languages – One Fellowship”

Statement of Purpose

The primary purpose of the Asia–Oceania Service Meeting (AOSM) is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the alcoholic who still suffers. AOSM provides a forum for delegates across Asia and Oceania to share their experience, strength, and hope, representing the group conscience of the region and serving as a link to the World Service Meeting (WSM) for countries unable to attend. Experience has shown that sound service structures enable more effective message delivery. The AOSM therefore encourages the development of such structures and the expansion of AA service through spoken word, literature, and institutional work. The AOSM recognises it has no authority over any AA group or service body; its decisions affect only its own meetings. AOSM gatherings are held bi-annually.

Theme Reflection

This year’s theme — “One Message – Many Languages – One Fellowship” — reminds us that while our words and cultures may differ, the message of recovery remains one and the same. It calls on us to maintain the clarity and integrity of AA’s principles while ensuring accessibility to all, regardless of language or location.

Meeting Details

Location: Singapore

Dates: Wednesday 15th – Saturday 18th October 2025

Next Meeting: Mongolia, 12th – 15th August 2027

Theme for 2027: “Serving from the Heart – Strengthening Our Unity and My Recovery.”

Attendance

Delegates from: Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan, Fiji, Israel, Korea, Vietnam, Thailand, New Zealand, India, MERCAA (Middle East Convention of AA), Mongolia and Bhutan Bhutan.

Delegates who attended via Zoom: China, Indonesia, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, and The Philippines.

Other attendees: Bob W – GSO USA/Canada (Office Manager), Irene D – Outgoing GSO International Desk, and 15–20 observers.

AOSM Officers

Chairperson: Doug G (Incoming Chairperson 2025–2027: Simon A, Singapore)

Secretary: Simon M (Incoming Secretary 2025–2027: Laura, South Korea)

Treasurer: Steve K (continuing to complete 4-year term).

AOSM Committees and Highlights

1. Working with Others – Member countries will contribute to the AOSM Newsletter, available at aosmaa.org.
2. Website, Literature and Publishing – Each country's AA website will link to the AOSM website.
3. Policy, Admissions and Finance – A new AOSM Service Manual will be uploaded. Observer numbers set by host countries; all expenses are self-funded.
4. Site Selection and Agenda – 17th AOSM confirmed for Mongolia (12–15 August 2027) with the theme “Serving from the Heart – Strengthening Our Unity and My Recovery.”

Financial Contributions

Australia contributed \$9,140 over the past two years to the AOSM Country Contribution Fund. Funds raised primarily through the Brown Paper Bag Appeal (75% AOSM / 25% International literature Fund). Japan's adoption of the appeal has raised approximately \$6,000 per year, or about \$1 per member.

Presentations and Reports

World Service Delegates presented on topics such as Country-to-Country Sponsorship (Brian F, Australia), Specialised Groups (Laura S, South Korea), Consistent Literature (Sarah N, MERCAA), Extending the Hand into All Communities (Deegi O, Mongolia), Translations and Licensing (Irene D, GSO USA/Canada), and Cooperation with Professional Communities (Christine H, New Zealand/Aotearoa).

Workshops included Country-to-Country Sponsorship and Cultivating Unity Within a Country.

Presentations from GSO USA/Canada

Bob W (General Manager, GSO USA/Canada): International Literature and World Service Meeting Fund.

Irene D (International Desk): Translation and Licensing Report.

Key Guidelines for Translated Literature:

- AAWS literature may only be sold by an official GSO or General Service Board.
- Standard translation license term: 10 years.
- AI or online translation tools are not accepted for AA literature.
- AAWS does not charge for translation rights.
- The New York GSO manages all copyright registrations for translations.

Discussion Points

The option of a fully hybrid AOSM meeting was discussed but found to be cost-prohibitive and would also lose the benefit of personal contact and networking away from formal meetings etc.

Fellowship and Closing

The conference concluded with a Gala Dinner on Saturday evening. On Sunday, the Singapore Round-Up coincided with the AOSM, featuring Brian F as guest speaker sharing his experience with Steps One through Five.

Closing Remarks

It is both a pleasure and an honour to serve the Australian Fellowship and represent our community at the Asia-Oceania Service Meeting. The spirit of unity and service remains strong across the region, and Australia continues to play an active role in carrying our message of recovery across borders and languages.

In service,

Andy P – World Service Delegate (Term 1)

Brian F – World Service Delegate (Term 2)



