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Charleston Conference Expands to Asia with New Event in Bangkok, Thailand

The Charleston Conference—a leading forum for librarians, publishers, and vendors—announces a new event, Charleston Conference Asia, taking place January 2026 in Bangkok, Thailand.

San Mateo, CA, USA, October 16, 2024 — Nonprofit organization Annual Reviews is pleased to announce the inaugural Charleston Conference Asia. This three-day gathering will bring together librarians, publishers, and vendors to discuss regional and global challenges and opportunities. It will take place at the Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel, Bangkok Thailand, January 26-28, 2026.

Key topics to be explored during the event include:

Generative AI: Examining both the promising potential and the concerns it raises for libraries and scholarly publishing.

Equity: Developing strategies to ensure research from all regions is equally recognized and valued, while making learning opportunities accessible to everyone.

Sustainable Development Goals: Advancing regional and global efforts to leverage academic knowledge in support of the UN's SDGs.

Leah Hinds, Executive Director of the Charleston Hub, shared her excitement about expanding the conference's reach: *"The Charleston Conference has always fostered open, meaningful dialogue in an informal setting. We're thrilled to bring this approach to the library and publishing communities across this region and to share knowledge, spark innovation, and build community."*

The headline sponsor for the event is the iGroup (Asia Pacific) Limited, a Hong Kong-registered multinational organization with offices in 20 countries. Pote Lee, Chairman of iGroup noted that, *"Information science and publishing are changing rapidly. This conference will give underserved stakeholders in Asia and Africa a great opportunity to participate in conversations and the decision-making process. It will have impact regionally and globally."*

Annual Reviews and iGroup team members will be attending the Frankfurt Book Fair and the Charleston Conference and will be happy to discuss initial plans at either event. Stop by the Annual Reviews booth in Frankfurt (4.0 F93) for more information or contact sales@annualreviews.org or Charleston.Conference@igroupnet.com to arrange a meeting. Contact Caroline Goldsmith at cgoldsmith@annualreviews.org for information about supporting this new event.

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