

Asia Kudo Seminar 2025 Report

Introduction

The Asia Kudo Seminar 2025 in Singapore has recently been concluded. The event was held over the weekend of 20 and 21 September, with other fringe events occurring before and after the seminar. The seminar was led by Jukucho Kenichi Osada and Sensei Ryota Azuma. The entire event was organised by the Kudo Federation (Singapore), the governing authority for all Kudo activities in Singapore.



Participants

More than 60 people from 8 countries participated in the seminar. These included current active Kudo members as well as non-kudo members who were interested to learn more.

The participating countries were:

Singapore	South Korea	Vietnam
Indonesia	Malaysia	Sri Lanka
Australia	Pakistan	

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With almost half the participants coming from overseas, the Asia Seminar was a platform where both Kudo members and non-members came together to learn, share, and collaborate. Many friendships were made during the seminar, as we all came together to better ourselves through the practice and self-discipline that comes with practicing Kudo and martial arts.



Branch Chiefs Meeting

At the Branch Chiefs meeting, new developments were shared among the branches. The biggest to note came from Vietnam Branch Chief Neo, who shared that now there are 4 countries within South-East Asia that have official Kudo Branches, it is possible that Kudo can be registered as a competing event with the South-East Asian Games (SEA Games). Subsequently, it is proposed that the first South-East Asian Kudo Cup will be held in 2-3 years' time, to allow the fighters in each South-East Asian country to develop and be ready to compete at the same level.



Collaboration with other Organisations

Jukucho Osada also met with the President of the Asian Mixed Martial Arts Association (AMMA) of Singapore, Mr Vincent Ng.

The AMMA organises MMA events where fighters can compete in 2 categories: Traditional (with Gi) or modern (no Gi).





Mr Vincent Ng expressed the possibility for Kudo fighters to participate in AMMA, especially in the Traditional category due to the similarities they have. He expressed interest in collaborating with KIF in this regard. With AMMA to be a medalled event at the Asian Games 2026 in Nagoya, Jukucho Osada is interested to see how we can send Kudo fighters to participate and represent their countries in the Asian Games.

Developing Regional Branches

During his visit to Singapore, Jukucho Osada also visited the local dojos, as well as the newly formed Johor Branch in Malaysia. Jukucho shared with the students his philosophy and expectations as practitioners of Kudo and encouraged all members to continue striving to better themselves.



Conclusion and Thoughts



The Asia Seminar was a resounding success. It was the first time that Kudo Federation (Singapore) organised an international event together as a newly formed team. The team trusted and supported each other's efforts in the preparation for the event. This event would not have been possible without all the contributions from the team, as well as the support given to Kudo Federation (Singapore) from KIF.

I am proud of what the team has managed to achieve, given the challenges we faced as well as the uncertainties we had. However, as is the spirit of Kudo, we challenged ourselves to overcome with an open mind, and bit by bit, we achieved what we envisioned in our minds.

We are looking forward to further develop Kudo in Singapore and regionally together with the help of our regional members. Through this seminar, we have affirmed our commitments to each other to help and support our growth. The best success comes when we help each other to grow and become strong together.

Looking forward to meeting everyone again at the next big event.

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Best regards,

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