



**L-R (standing) – Sumedha Sharma**, ASPBAE staff; **Heribert Hinzen**, Regional Director of *dvv*, South and South East Asia; **Choi Don Min**, President of the East Asia Forum for Adult Education (EAFAE); **Kim Shinil**, EC Representatives for East Asia (1992-1996); **Yoko Arai**, Japan Association for Promotion of Social Education (JAPSE); **Maria Khan**, ASPBAE Secretary-General (1995-date); **Sandy Morrison**, ASPBAE President (2005-2008); **Robbie Guevara**, ASPBAE President (2009-date); **Helen Dabu**, ASPBAE staff; **Timote Vaioleti**, ASPBAE EC Representative, South Pacific (2009-date).  
**L-R (sitting) - Rajesh Tandon**, ASPBAE President (1990-2000); **Lim Hoy Pick**, ASPBAE President (1984-1990); **W.M.K. Wijetunga**, ASPBAE Secretary-General (1985-1995); **Chij Shrestha**, ASPBAE EC Representative, South Asia (1992-2000); **Chris Duke**, ASPBAE Secretary-General (1974-1985); **Lawrence Tsui**, ASPBAE EC Representative, East Asia (1997-2000).

As a key part of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary preparatory and build up activities, ASPBAE and *dvv international* jointly convened a one-day Reflection Seminar in Hong Kong. The Seminar brought together stalwarts in ASPBAE's history whose philosophies on adult learning helped shape the thinking, vision, and work of the organisation as it developed from its modest beginnings to a significant regional civil society network.

Nineteen participants from across the region participated in the Reflection Seminar. This was one of the most unique gatherings in the history of ASPBAE where 4 ASPBAE Presidents (past and present) were at the Seminar along with 3 Secretary-Generals (past and present). Executive Council members from across the years also participated in this historical meeting.

Deliberations were divided into 4 eras of ASPBAE's life –

1. **Daring to Grow** – 1964 to late 1988
2. **Daring to Change Course** – 1989 to 1999
3. **Daring to Make a Difference** – 2000 to present
4. **Daring to Persist** – beyond 2014



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Conversations were reflective and brought out significant events in ASPBAE and how they shaped and helped the organisation grow. Text written by Secretary-Generals in different eras was read out before each session, highlighting milestones in ASPBAE's history. A slide show presentation featuring ASPBAE events and personalities who influenced ASPBAE through the years reminded participants of the rich history of the organisation for over half a century.

A new brochure highlighting ASPBAE's journey since 1964 was disseminated at the seminar. A timeline showcasing significant years, people, and events in ASPBAE's life was also presented as a tool for discussion and reflection.

A detailed report of the Seminar will be shared soon. Keep watching this space for more.

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