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IYCr outcome in SE Asia

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Crystallography has been extensively practiced in a number of Asian countries such as India, China, Japan, S. Korea, Taiwan, Australia, New Zealand and Singapore, and to a lesser extent in Malaysia and Thailand for decades, but not in many parts of South East Asia. The International Year of Crystallography (IYCr 2014) provided an opportunity to reach out some of these countries to initiate or intensify the crystallographic activities in terms of workshops, conferences, crystal growing competition, etc. As a part of this initiative, the IUCr with the help of the Asian Crystallographic Association contacted various academicians and researchers in Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and Fiji to increase the awareness of the science of crystallography through various activities, to promote education and research in crystallography and to inspire young people through hand-on demonstration in school, among the activities planned in 2014. The speaker will collate the details of these activities and present in his talk. He will also discuss details of the Crystal Growing Challenge in Singapore among the other activities planned to celebrate IYCr 2014 in Singapore.

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