



HISTORY OF Y'SDOM • Southeast Asia Region

The first Y's Men's Club beyond the shores of the North American Continent was formed in Shanghai, China, in 1924. This began the expansion of Y'sdom to every continent on the globe. The growth of clubs in Southeast Asia, and particularly in Mainland China, was a most interesting development both as to the number and the quality of the clubs.

Eight years later, the 1932 International Convention in Detroit, Michigan USA provided for the creation of four regions beyond the shores of the North American Continent. These were named the Chinese, Australasian, European and Japanese Regions. Between 1924 and 1948, the majority of the Y's Men's Clubs in the Chinese regional area were on the Mainland of China. Many of the Chinese Clubs were forced to suspend operations or to move westward during the war years. Following the end of the war with Japan in 1945, internal warfare continued to disrupt activities of the YMCA and the Y's Men's Clubs in China so that by 1949 all official activity of Y'sdom on Mainland China had ceased.

During the period, new clubs were formed in Hong Kong and Singapore, and the name of the Chinese Region was carried on by Y's men in those clubs. Clubs organized later in Taiwan also became part of the Chinese Region. At the 1961 Chicago International Convention, the delegate from Singapore Beta, with the approval of the Australasian area vice president, recommended that the name of the Chinese Region be changed so as to be more inclusive and realistic. The Board voted to change the name to Southeast Asia Region, subject to the approval of the constituent clubs, and to include Myanmar, Thailand and Sri Lanka in the region. (For reasons not appearing in the Minutes, the Sri Lanka Clubs are still part of the India Region)

Nowadays, the Southeast Asia Region includes two Districts: Hong Kong (included 11 Y's Men's Clubs – see [Hong Kong District - General Information of Member Clubs](#) page for detail address and contacts) and the "SMIT" — Singapore (2), Malaysia (4), Indonesia, Thailand (2), Bangladesh (1) & Myanmar (1) :

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