# **Evaluating Educational Outreach**

Awareness Building within the Houston Metropolis



### — Navigating Shared Futures —

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### **Background Information**

- Asia Society promotes awareness and understanding of Asian cultures through art and education.
- Asia Society Texas (AST, circa 2012) is the newest physical branch.
- AST currently operates three educational programs:
  - 1. Explore Asia (onsite)
  - 2. Louisa Stude Sarofim Gallery (onsite)
  - 3. Asia in the Classroom (offsite)



### **Current Educational Programs**

#### • Explore Asia (EA)

- Six interactive experiences highlighting China, India, Japan, South Korea, and Vietnam
- Popular among younger audiences
- Asia Society's prioritized program

- Asia in the Classroom
  - Free and paid online material that integrates into current curriculum
  - Educational comics made by Asian artists for younger audiences
  - Focuses on K-12 education

#### • Analyze existing data

- Extract visitor information
- Evaluate outreach effectiveness
- Review exhibition performance through Key Performance Indicators (KPI)
- Summarize recent financial trends

#### • Revise and innovate Explore Asia's survey system

- Simplify feedback documentation
- Determine survey metrics

#### Finances



- Financial Feasibility
  - Stable expenses
  - Overall profitable
- Revenue Stream
  - Donations
  - Grants
  - Program fees

### **Visitor Demographics**





- K-12 students: ~80%
  - High School: 36%
  - Middle School: 15%
  - Elementary: 28%
- Explore Asia remains the primary interest for visitors

#### **School Type Distribution**



- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> HISD
- Public school majority: ~57%

• <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> Title 1 Schools

#### **Outreach Potential**



Diversity

21

54

99

306

- Density of Asian Population
- **Projected Population** Growth

## **EA Survey Analysis**



 Majority report increased knowledge about Asian cultures.

- Favorite countries include China, Japan and India.
- Favorite exhibition activities include the drums and bullet train.
- Continued learning and cultural commonalities

### **EA Survey Development**

- Individualized survey redesign
  - Redirection depending on respondent classification (families, educators, students)
  - Reduced free response questions
  - Implemented slider questions
  - Expanded demographic information collection
- New surveys
  - Incoming v.s outgoing feedback system

#### **Attendance Analysis**





#### **Membership Sales Analysis**



- Overall sufficient marketing effectiveness
- 75% of FY24 membership goal already attained
- Membership sales are recovering from pandemic levels

Membership: YTD Totals vs FY24 Goals



#### Conclusion

#### • Data Analysis

- Explore Asia is an effective educational tool for all ages.
- Key performance indicators are up-to-date and effective.
- Annual growth is aligning with 15% benchmarks.
- Expand outreach to Alief, Fort Bend, and Katy.

#### • Explore Asia Survey System

- Curated user-friendly survey metrics.
- Implemented family and educator feedback.

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