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## Speakers Profile



Asia-Pacific  
Broadcasting  
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## PANELLIST: WHAT MAKES A GOOD STORY?



**Vikram Channa**

Vice President, Warner Bros.  
Discovery

Vikram, born in India, joined Discovery in 1995 and has since produced over 2,000 documentaries, with around 100 hours airing annually on Discovery's global network. A long-time mentor for the First Time Filmmakers bootcamp since 2003, he received the 2023 Mentor of the Year Award at The Buzzies Congress in Seattle.

His notable works include History of Singapore, Ecopolis, Fun Taiwan, Man Made Marvels, How China Works, and the Emmy-nominated Wild but True. His productions have earned numerous international awards and festival recognitions.



**Marc Fennell**

Journalist & Filmmaker



**Abid Hussain**

Producer, Director & Content Maker, Creative Stew



**Keiko Bang**

Media Entrepreneur



**Vikram Channa**

Vice President, Warner Bros. Discovery



**Claudine Ryan**

EP & Manager, Screen Production, ABC



**Craig McCosker**

Head of Digital Innovation & AI Strategy, ABC



**Nusrat Akter Lovely**

Regional Manager & Application Engineer, Aste & AI



**Ta Bich Loan**

Founder & Director, Media AI Lab



**Kanokporn Prasitphon**

Digital Media Director, ThaiPBS



**Miki Mori**

CEO of Forestra Inc. / Producer



**VERBAL**

Music Producer, AMBUSH® CEO



**Jasmine Low**

Television Producer & Media Executive



**Jin Ishimoto**

Producer, Director & Content Maker



**Azusa Maruyama**

Director/Producer, NHK Enterprise



**Devi Fitrah Megawati**

Cultural Audio Producer & Podcast Host, RRI



**Dr Mohsen Sohani**

DG of Radio Drama & Performing Arts, IIRB



**Yuri Yazawa**

Sony Music



**Shiva Ruppeni**

Strategic Media Advisor & Digital Content Specialist



**Sumeyya Olcay Yaman**

Growth Lead, TRT



**Syuhaida Ariffin**

TV Presenter, Journalist & Event Emcee



**Zaidel Baharuddin**

Policy Researcher & CentGPS Director



**Justine Kelly**

Manager of Audio Output & Strategy, ABC



**Yuko Fukuyama**

Senior Producer, Content Value Development Center, NHK



**Jinsu Shin**

Producer & Commissioning Editor, EBS



**Ben Ibrahim**

TV Presenter, MC, Commentator & Academic Lecturer



**Shinichiro Honda**

Strategic Media Advisor & Digital Content Specialist, Sony Music



**Andi Permadi**

Head of New Media Content & Collaboration, RRI



**Nurashikin Zaharuddin**

Filmmaker & Co-Founder of Happy Campers



**Esra Demirci Altansunar**

Deputy Coordinator of Dramas, TRT



**Can Ozcanli**

Drama Manager, TRT



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Chairman, Supervisory Board of LPP TVRI



**Christine Lee**

MediaPrima



**Stevenson Liu**

Head of Content, Vanuatu Broadcasting & Television Corporation



**Dr Seemantani Sharma**

Legal Manager of Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU)



**Weng Cai Lin**

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Co-Creator of Move8 & AFT Podcasts

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