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An estimated 280 million people in India, as well as 280 million in China, regularly speak English. If ASEAN and other Asian countries are included, the tally reaches an astonishing 800 million people now using "Asian Englishes" on a regular basis.

That's just one of the key facts found in an award-winning volume discussing the spread, status and roles of English across the Asian region.

The new 900-page volume, "The Handbook of Asian Englishes," co-edited by Professor Kingley Bolton (Stockholm University), Dr. Botha (Flinders University) and Andy Kirkpatrick (Griffith University), has just won a prestigious PROSE Award from the Association of American Publishers.

The Association of American Publishers (AAP) last week honored the new volume as a Subject Category Winner in Language & Linguistics in the prestigious 2021 Professional and Scholarly Excellence (PROSE) Awards, for best scholarly works published in 2020.

A panel of 23 judges selected 45 category winners from a total of 130 finalists from an overall pool of 595 entries for this year's PROSE Awards competition.

"These 45 works all represent exceptional scholarship, and significant contributions to their various fields," says AAP Vice President of Programs and Administration Syreeta Swann, noting the overall five PROSE excellence awards will be unveiled in coming weeks.

The book, titled "The Handbook of Asian Englishes," is edited by Kingsley Bolton, Werner Botha and Andy Kirkpatrick, and includes six chapters by Dr. Botha. The book covers the history, cultural, contemporary dynamics, and linguistic features of the English language in use throughout the Asian region.
