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Abstract : This project aims to explore methods supporting the education sector and the public to deeper understand various kinds of real-life stories, and to promote social connectedness and inclusiveness. The project website (humans.asia) was launched in 2019, it publishes character interviews, with an extended reading section for each story; it also organizes a wide array of storytelling activities, such as online chitchat programs, narrative workshops, and dramas. Participants' psychometric outcomes are measured, including the need for cognitive closure, critical openness, self-esteem, curiosity, and perspective-taking mindset..

Social Impact : Findings showed that story retelling activities can enhance reflective thinking and open-mindedness, because when participants vividly experience that the same happening can be presented and interpreted differently, they can truly aware of alternative perspectives, as well as alternative solutions to problems. This project has developed a service model based on a narrative-based approach. The project has been well received by schools, NGOs, and the media. At present, the website continues to evolve and attract new funding resources, and it is increasingly supported by a wide range of community partners.

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