

I feel so happy and proud to join Pen Congress 88 in Uppsala, Sweden. It is a great opportunity for representatives of Pen Centers around the world to come together to share their stories from their own countries and societies. I am interested in the human right situation of each region in Africa, Asia, and Europe, especially the war between Russia with Ukraine. Besides, the situation of human rights in Myanmar, Afghanistan, Iran, and so on is worse. Through reports and sharing sessions, I learn that the world is facing the big challenge of the human right situation. In addition, we have shared our works and activities of our centers and our future planning. Importantly, we have a chance to listen to poems read by many writers and I have also a chance read my poem Hook, and played the Cambodian musical instrument Tro Sau. It is a great event for me to meet people from different countries and learn from each other. This event was organized very well in the beautiful, romantic city Uppsala. Therefore, Pen International plays a very important role in promoting freedom of expression and provides the stage for people to speak out their stories, building a great community of writers for the world.