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What's New

Asia-Pacific Office welcomes Dr Chao Shou-Po

Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee (RSC) Chairman Dr Chao Shou-Po met with executives of the World Scout Bureau/APR in Makati City on 28th - 29th January, together with RSC member Mr Wendel Avisado.

It was Dr Chao's first visit to the APR office and being new to the position, he wanted to understand the operations and current status of the region and considers meeting with the APR staff very useful and informative.

Major part of the discussions include the region's organizational structure and responsibilities of the Regional Committee, sub-committees, and key executives of APR, Messengers of Peace initiative, Ticket to Life update, CNV and NSO consultancy follow-up, upcoming events, APR Plan 2012-2015, global issues and other operational matters.

Dr Chao had a brief meeting with immediate past Regional Chairman Jejomar C Binay at his vice-presidential office in Manila. The meeting came after his brief stay at the Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) where he met with key BSP leaders. Joining him were Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed and Scouts of China International Director Chang Wen-Shing.

APR Plan 2012-2015 launched

APR office circulated to all National Scout Organizations, regional committee and sub-committee members the APR Plan 2012-2015 that was unanimously adopted at the 24th APR Scout Conference in Dhaka. The new version is the first triennial plan that supports the region's Vision 2020 that envisage Scouting in the Asia-Pacific Region as the "preferred and leading educational movement by the year 2020".

Two and a half years was the time it took to develop the APR Plan for 2012-2015 using a systematic process involving a large number of key NSO leaders, regional volunteers and professional staff. To achieve the Vision, the plan has five strategic priorities: Young People, Adults, Management, Finance, and Scouting Profile.

The conference adopted the plan with the inclusion of changes proposed by a conference breakout group. The underlying goal is for NSOs to give their full cooperation and ownership of the plan and its implementation at national or local level.

APR specialists appointed

In mid January, a total of 38 individuals from seven National Scout Organizations within the region were appointed to comprise the APR Specialists Panel. This panel will support the Regional Scout Committee in providing consultancy to different NSOs.

In early 2011, the Asia Pacific Region introduced a new approach to provide direct services to NSOs through consultancy. This form of service is tailor-made to address the actual, vital and critical needs of NSOs. Such transition from a regional approach to a direct customized approach is no longer the exclusive turf of the Regional Committee but would engage experts in various disciplines.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2013

15th International Adventure Programme
16-25 February
India

MoP NSO Coordinators Gathering
23-26 February
Philippines

Regional Scout Committee Meeting
23-24 March
Indonesia

World Scout Committee Meeting
23-24 March
Indonesia

International Scout Peace Camp
25-31 March
Indonesia

Course for Leader Trainers
29 March - 2 April
Australia

Course for Leader Trainers (in Chinese)
2-7 April
Taiwan

49th APR Basic Management Course
4-14 April
Malaysia

Suncheon Scout Centre Board Meeting
19-21 April
Korea

Advanced Unit Leaders Training Course
20-26 May
Afghanistan

Consultancy Visit
20-25 April
Fiji

Nine areas of specialization have been identified and the 38 panelists are appointed to one or two of the following areas: Youth Programme (14 panelists), Adults in Scouting (13), Communications & Marketing (5), Consulting & Needs Analysis (2), Events Management (6), Fundraising (3), Governance & Strategy (3), IT (5) and Management (12). The panelists will be tapped to support any NSO whenever the needs arise.

Hong Kong prepares for World Scout Education Congress in November

The Scout Association of Hong Kong kicks off the momentum for the 1st World Scout Education Congress on 22-24 November 2013 with a planning meeting with World Scout Bureau executives in early February.

The aim of the congress is to reinforce that education is the core business of World Scouting, and to inspire and strengthen NSOs in the field of education by bringing expertise from inside and outside Scouting. Under the theme "Education for Life", there will be three main topics - Education, Life, and Impact of Scouting on Education and Life.

This congress will be a worldwide collaborative effort as a contribution to the Educational Methods of Scouting and National Scout Organizations are encouraged to support this endeavor by sending participants. The congress is expecting 200-300 participants on site and another 1,000 are expected to join through an online feed. Youth Program Commissioners (including section commissioners), National Training Commissioners and other people that NSOs feel can contribute to the event, are invited to join.

The first Bulletin will be sent to NSOs by mid-February while the congress website www.worldscouteducationcongress.org will be launched by the end of February 2013.

MoP Projects gearing up in 2013

A total of 18 projects under the Messengers of Peace (MoP) were approved in 2012 benefitting 11 National Scout Organizations and the Asia-Pacific Regional office.

Projects were categorized into three themes: 1) Support Peace Projects, 2) Support youth in hot conflict, and 3) Capacity strengthening. Three NSOs were granted funds for peace projects, such as the "Operation One Region" in Sri Lanka, an integration peace camp in Pakistan, and programme-training development in Singapore.

Mongolia initiated a project to promote unity between two cultures and Bangladesh opted for emergency response during natural disasters.

A large part of project grants poured into capacity strengthening for NSOs in Australia, Philippines, Bhutan, New Zealand, Nepal, Maldives and Bangladesh. APR office had four regional projects in 2012, that includes the Ticket to Life, WOSM consulting skills training, capacity building for NSOs, and expansion of Scouting in the South Pacific. Total project grant adds up to over US\$257,000.

APR office is inviting new project proposals from all NSOs for 2013.

APR Scout Foundation ties up with World Scout Foundation

In November 2012, the APR Scout Foundation Management Committee (FMC) endorsed the proposal for the APR Scout Foundation capital fund to be invested along with the World Scout Foundation (WSF) investment on the basis of a loan.

With the Regional Scout Committee's approval, Regional Chairman Chao Shou-Po and John Geoghegan, Director of the World Scout Foundation, co-signed the agreement. The amount of US \$1.7 million will be transferred to

APR Workshop on Environment Education in Scouting
3-6 June
Taiwan

APR Management Committee Meeting
13-14 June
Philippines

30th APR Scout Jamboree
1-7 August
Japan

ASEAN Jamboree
8-12 July
Thailand

APR Sub-Regional Workshop on National Training Schemes Review
20-26 July
Thailand

30th APR Scout Jamboree
1-7 August
Japan

9th APR Air/Internet Jamboree
3-4 August
India

14th World Scout Moot
8-18 August
Canada

World Scout Committee Meeting
September
Argentina

Regional Scout Committee Meeting
5-6 October
Taiwan

56th JOTA/17th JOTI
19-20 October
Worldwide

World Scout Education Congress
21-24 November
Hong Kong

20th New Zealand Scout Jamboree
28 December – 6 January
2014

WSF in February 2013 that will enable the WSF to get the loan agreement operational by March 2013. This agreement is foreseen to bring better interest earnings for the APR Scout Foundation.

Amazing Australian Jamboree

The 23rd Australian Scout Jamboree (AJ2013) provided a brilliant opportunity in showcasing Scouting to the Australian and international communities from 2nd to 12th January 2013 in Maryborough, Queensland. More than 11,000 Scouts and leaders from Australia were joined with more than 250 international guests from 14 countries including large contingents from the Asia Pacific Region.

Chief Commissioner of Scouts Queensland and AJ2013 Camp Chief Kirsty Brown shared "this Jamboree has been a success in so many ways and if it weren't for those that gave up their time to be with all those tremendous kids this would never happen. Three years of planning all comes down to two weeks of amazing fun and joy. If every Scout and Leader goes home with at least two magical moments then our job as leaders and organisers have been achieved."

Chief Director Pieter Van Der Kamp said AJ2013 was filled with excitement, challenges and the fun of meeting new friends. Though the days were long but all in all there was a smile on everyone's face everyday.

Part of the overseas Scouts and leaders who had a great time at the Jamboree were the Indonesian contingent, the seven Scouts and one leader from Timor Leste and two Scouts from Papua New Guinea.

The closing ceremony went off with a bang as Justice Crew, fire dancers and the Brisbane Gang Show wowed the crowd with their performances. Mayor of Fraser Coast Regional Council Gerrard O'Connell declared AJ2013 closed with a beautiful display of fireworks.

The next 24th Australian Scout Jamboree will be in 2016 in Sydney.

Indonesian Scouts help flood victims

Scouts and leaders of Gerakan Pramuka (GP) partnered with the Indonesian government in mobilizing rescue and relief operations for the people in Jakarta affected by the flooding caused by days of continuous heavy rains since the 18th of January.

During the initial days of flooding, GP set up Scout Care Crisis Centres in Kalibata in south Jakarta, Kampung Melayu in east Jakarta and other heavily affected areas. Scouts distributed mineral water, noodles, diapers, milk, biscuits, clothes and blankets. Scout centres made it easy for affected communities to access relief goods and emergency aid.

Aside from food, clothing and medicine, GP also sent rubber boats, life jackets and water pumps to assist in the evacuation efforts in South Bekasi. Mr Adi Pamungkas, volunteer of National Scout Movement of Devotion Society and Disaster Preparedness, headed the Scout team.

Dina Dasucianawati, Public Relations, Gerakan Pramuka

Indonesian Minister ask Scouts to help prevent drugs

Indonesia's new Minister of Youth and Sports, Roy Suryo, chose Gerakan Pramuka as an advocate for drug prevention among youth.

The minister said during an official meeting with President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono that Scouting activities will later be synergized with the Ministry of Education and Culture and the National Narcotics Agency so that Scouts can help as vanguards for drug prevention.

The Minister agreed to support Scouting activities in Indonesia, while he also asked the Scouts to adapt to modernization that includes recognizing the dangers of drugs. "I think Scouts have to adjust with the times," he said, stressing his expectation for an all-out support to a drug-free youth movement. • *Berthold Sinaulan, APR Honorary Correspondent/WOSM Correspondent*

Afghan and US Scouts partner to deliver warm clothes to refugees

On 29th January, a Scout troop under the PARSA in Afghanistan distributed winter clothes to some 150 poor families living in caves in Bamyan Province located in eastern Afghanistan. Approximately 400 families of Bamyan's 400,000 population live in caves. The families are refugees and poor people who do not have shelter or housing.

Boy Scouts of America Troop 463 collected around 1200 kg of warm clothing from mid-August through 15 September 2012 from five schools, two churches, a nursing home and a retail store. The US military shipped the clothes to Afghanistan. PARSA's Scout program has 1,063 active boys and girls in six provinces.

Nepal Scouts sets target for 2015

Nepal Scouts aspires to intensify its membership goal to reach 60,000 by 2020, a goal shared by 49 participants of the recent National Strategic Plan Review.

Hon. Member of National Planning Commission Dr. Abdul Rahim Mikarani opened the workshop on 16 January, with the Secretary of Youth and Sports Ministry, Mr. Hari Prasad. Chief Commissioner Shree Ram Lamichhane gave an overview of the achievements of Nepal Scouts in the past three years.

The planning review revealed a significant progress in Nepal Scouts, the most notable are the increase in membership and the government grant of 2.5 million Rupees for the current year. In addition, the Sports Ministry included in its budget the construction of one to two training centers and the renovation of two to three existing headquarter buildings in Kathmandu. More visibility is virtually apparent with the regular publications and uploading of bulletins and events on the website, and the improved on-line communication exchanges amongst 30 districts. This includes the outflow of information for upcoming events. With this move, positive results are seen with the success of recent events such as the Youth Forum and various training.

Regional Director Abdullah Rasheed commended Nepal Scouts for the membership increase, which was recognized at the recent Conference in Dhaka. WAGGGS Vice Chairman Ms. Normala Binti Baharudin reminded the participants to keep track of their objectives to sustain their progress. APR Director Prassanna Shrivastava facilitated the workshop.

India organizes National integration camp

A National Integration camp was organized at the National Youth Complex, Gadpuri from 26th November to 2nd December, 2012 with the participation of 332 Scouts and Guides along with their leaders. An Integration camp is a festive occasion for young people to display elements of their cultures and practices with other Scouts from all over the country.

The National Youth Complex of the Bharat Scouts & Guides is situated at Village Gadpuri in Delhi, having an equi-distance between Palwal District and Ballabgarh. Pawal is a district headquarters, an emerging industrial and agricultural estate, which is relatively new since its creation as a district in 2008.

What's On-going

15th International Adventure Programme

Who: Scouts and non-Scouts
When: 16-25 February
Where: Pachmarhi, Madhya Pradesh, India

MoP NSO Coordinators Gathering

Who: MoP Country Coordinators
When: 23-26 February
Where: Mt Makiling, Laguna Province, Philippines

What's Upcoming

Regional Scout Committee Meeting

Who: Regional Scout Committee members and sub-committee chairmen
When: 23-24 March
Where: Jakarta, Indonesia

World Scout Committee Meeting

Who: World Scout Committee members
When: 23-24 March
Where: Jakarta, Indonesia

International Scout Peace Camp

Who: Rover Scouts aged 18 to 25 years old from Africa, Arab, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, Europe, Inter-america
When: 25-31 March
Where: Cibubur Scout Camp, Jakarta, Indonesia

Course for Leader Trainers

Who: Assistant Leader Trainers
When: 29 March – 2 April
Where: Gilwell Park, Melbourne, Australia

Be Prepared

30th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree 2013

Who: Young people between 12-17 years old
When: 1 – 7 August 2013. Participants are requested to arrive 31 July and may leave 8 August 2013
Where: Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi City, Japan

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